



GATOR NEWS WEEKLY February 1, 2024



February is the month of LOVE. This month GATORS will be talking about LOVE and KINDNESS. In particular, how to love yourself and show loving kindness to peers and others in the world. We celebrated some amazing learning at North Glenmore this week. We welcomed Kutapira from the Lower Mainland. Kutapira are a percussionist band featuring beats and sounds with Zimbabwean, Marimba, Afro-Cuban, West African, Reggae, Samba, Afrobeat, Funk, Jazz, Disco and Hip Hop rhythms combined! Clearly an upbeat show with lots of clapping and dancing. We host 3 Cultural Performances each year. Thank you parents for making sure your Cultural Fees are paid each year through your child's school cash online account.

Math Challenges: As part of our focus on numeracy this year, we continue our biweekly school wide math challenge. In the coming weeks students will be showing all the ways to count to 100. It is one accomplishment to be able to count to 100, but **understanding** what 100 **represents** is another deeper understanding. We invite families to find collections of 100 things and to challenge your children to identify different ways we can show 100. We know that math is everywhere all the time... how many cars do you see on the way to school? How many windows in your home? How many cheerios in the bowl? Where else do you see math in your home? Make counting a priority and make it fun in your homes. Thanks for doing your part to support our numeracy goal!

Counting Collection Items needed: Another way you can support our numeracy focus this year is to start collecting items we can use in classrooms for counting. We are asking for donations of **sorted** items such as a bag of buttons, a bag of old keys, milk jug lids, bread tabs, coffee stir sticks, q-tips, pennies, jigsaw puzzles (with missing pieces), bottle tabs, or corks. If you have collections of items, please send them to the school sorted in bags. The office will collect these items for use in classrooms to help support counting collection lessons.

Student-Led Conferences: next week, GATORS will be dismissed at 12:30 on both Thursday and Friday (February 8 & 9). Parents should have received an invitation to sign up for a time to visit your child's classroom from teachers yesterday. We know our GATORS are looking forward to showing off all of the amazing growth and learning they have been doing so far in term 2. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not yet signed up for a conference time. We ask that you please send a FULL lunch on conference days. Our students are used to eating between 11 & 12.

Did you know that February is **Black History Month:** Here is a link to some resources: <https://bcblackhistory.ca/> February also includes National Inclusive Education Month, Human Rights Month and **Pink Shirt** Day which our District will honour on **February 28.**

School Bus Applications for next year: If you live more than 3 kms from North Glenmore, your child(ren) is eligible to ride a school bus. For more information and for



registration, please visit the following link: <https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca/application?year=2024>

SD23 2024/2025 Budget Presentation: A reminder that the public presentation explaining how the District's budget is established will take place at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on **Monday, February 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm by Zoom**. Please request the zoom link from the COPAC President (copac.president@sd23.bc.ca)

Pizza lunch - parents please remember that the grade 6 pizza lunch dates are not EVERY Friday. Many students are coming to school without lunch on the days that pizza is not served. We only have pizza served on the following Fridays: **Feb 2, Feb 23, & March 8**. If you have ordered pizza lunch, please send lunch on Fridays except on those 3 days.

NORTH GLENMORE ELEMENTARY PAC
VALENTINE'S DAY RAFFLE
WIN A \$500 DATE NIGHT!

FIRST PRIZE	SECOND PRIZE
PARENT DATE NIGHT \$200 GC TO ROMA NORD BISTRO \$150 GC TO PLAYTIME CASINO \$100 CASH FOR BABYSITTER \$50 GC FOR AN UBER PRIZE VALUE \$500	FAMILY DATE NIGHT \$150 GC TO BOSTON PIZZA \$100 GC TO SCANDIA PRIZE VALUE \$250

order now! **DRAW DATE FEBRUARY 14** (MUST BE 19+ TO PLAY) **1 TICKET FOR \$10** **4 TICKETS FOR \$25**

RAFFLEBOX.CA/RAFFLE/NGEPAAC_VALENTINESDAY

PAC Fundraising: Please support the PACs Valentine's Date Night Raffle at

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ngepac_valentinesday.

First prize (\$500 Value): Parent Date Night Extravaganza - \$200 for dinner at Roma Nord, \$150 to playtime casino, \$100 cash for a babysitter and \$50 for Uber

Second prize (\$250 value): Family Night Out - \$150 at Boston Pizza & \$100 at Scandia.

Your participation directly contributes to supporting educational initiatives and enriching the learning journey for the students at North Glenmore Elementary. For any inquiries or further information, feel free to reach out to us at nge.fundraising@gmail.com.

Follow NGE PAC on Facebook facebook.com/ngePAC!

Upcoming Important School Dates:

- Friday, February 2 - grade 6 pizza lunch
- February 8 & 9 - Parent Conferences **12:30 dismissal both days**
- February 8 - Grade 6 CAMP parent info session 6 pm (gym)
- Friday, February 16 - Professional Day (no school for students)
- Monday, February 19 - Family Day Stat (Schools Closed)
- February 22 - Grade 6 Dr. Knox Parent Information Night
- February 28 - **PINK SHIRT** day

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