

North Glenmore Elementary

"Home of the Gators"

February
2021



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Registration of New Students for September 2021

Please Note: If your child is currently attending North Glenmore, they will automatically roll over to the next grade in September and Gr. 6 students will automatically roll over to Dr. Knox.

School Registration is online. Registration begins on **Monday, February 1st at 7:00 am**, and runs until **Friday, March 12th, 2021.**

**See District Registration information - page 4*

If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood who has a kindergarten-aged child, please let them know they should register as soon as possible.

See the NGE website for more info

Important Dates:

Pro-D Day - Friday, February 12th
Family Day - Monday, February 15th
Harmony Day - Wednesday, February 17th
Pink Shirt Day - Wednesday, February 24th

Grade 6 Families...

If your child will be going to grade 7 next year, please note the following dates:

Mon. Feb. 22 Zoom Course Selection- Exploratory Information

9:00am-10:00am (students will be joining with their teachers from school)

Zoom follow-up set up with individual schools

Thurs. Feb. 25 Zoom Grade 6 Parent Information Night 6:30pm-7:00pm

Mon. Mar 1 Course Selections Due – Feeder Schools



Home / School Conferences

Thank you for participating in our conferences on **Wednesday, February 3rd** and **Thursday, February 4th**. We always appreciate the opportunity to share our students' progress with their families and enjoy the many smiling faces visiting our school!

Early Dismissal: 12:30pm on both days.
Busses will run accordingly.



Parking at NGE

As a school community that is growing, we are all experiencing the difficulties that come with a lack of parking spaces in the morning. This is just a reminder that **the school parking lot is for NGE staff only.**

If you are not able to use the Drop Zone and must park to drop-off or pick-up, **parking is available on either side of Snowsell Street.**

In addition to Snowsell parking the **Okanagan Jewish Community Centre**, across the street from the school, has graciously offered to let NGE families use all but 3 of their available parking spots during the busy before and after school times. Please be sure to **avoid the 3 parking spots clearly marked with "Day Care Clients Only. Violators will be towed"**. In addition, there is no parking in the area designated as a fire lane which will soon have signage reading **"Legally Required Emergency Fire Lane. NO Parking. Violators Will Be Towed."**

Drop Zone Program

We are now entering our sixth year of our Drop Zone. This system has provided safer traffic conditions and improved traffic flow during the peak periods of school entry (i.e. from 8:10-8:30am).

Reminders for those new to the system:

- Cones are placed along the outside of the drop-off zone (to ensure that vehicles only enter and exit at the ends of the lane)
- Vehicles must pull up as **far forward as possible** when entering the drop-off zone in order not to back up traffic on Snowsell St.
- **Parents must stay in their vehicles** (if you need to get out, please use a parking spot along Snowsell St.)
- Children **must** exit out of the **right side** of the vehicle to avoid unsafe parking lot traffic

In order to continue our success with this program, we need of more parent volunteers. Even helping out once every 2 weeks makes a huge difference! If you can help our team out, please contact the school and let us know.



Traffic Concerns

The City, School District #23, and the RCMP continue to consult on the traffic concerns around our school. Of particular concern is the intersection of Snowsell and Union, which is especially tricky during winter weather. If you have a concern about a driver's actions, **please take down the license plate and contact the RCMP or the City's Traffic Bylaw Officer.** Our District Safety Officer will continue to support our school with visits.

Grounds Clean Up



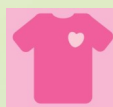
To help keep our school grounds looking great, classes will be pitching in to clean up around our site using safety tongs. We want our school grounds to be a place we can all be proud of. Thank you to all members of our community for "pitching in" to avoid litter on our grounds.

Parents of Grade 4 & Grade 5 Students

Grade 4 students will once again be participating in the Provincial Foundation Skills Assessment in the month ahead. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns about the FSA assessment. Also in the month ahead, our grade 5 students will be participating in the Middle Years Development Instrument Survey. Grade 5 parents are also encouraged to speak with their child's teacher or contact the office if you have any questions. These tools are designed to give our school important data to help our students thrive. Thank you for supporting this important work.



Pink Shirt Day - Bully Awareness Day Wednesday February 24



Students are invited (not mandatory) to wear a pink shirt to school that day. The School, classroom teachers and students will be learning more about bully awareness, what it means to be a bystander and how we all have to work together to put an end to bullying

Harmony Day



Harmony Day recognizes that citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world. It provides a yearly opportunity for the community of Central Okanagan Public Schools to celebrate our culturally diverse society and commit ourselves to mutual respect. NGE school, staff and students will be talking about what it means to live in HARMONY this day and every day.

"How can there be peace without people understanding each other and how can this be if they do not know each other?"
- Lester B. Pearson



Courtesy Bus Rides

At times, families will ask for a special favour for a child to ride the bus to a friend's house. The bus drivers are happy to accommodate this, but require a written note from the parent with the following information included: The date of request, first and last name of courtesy student, first and last name of regular rider, reason for courtesy ride, parent signature and contact number in case of any questions or concerns.



Winter Walking Safety Tips



Since the start of the new year there has been a rash of injuries caused by slipping on ice. Check out the top ten tips for staying upright during the winter season. Tip #7 *Appropriate Footwear* requires a bit more explanation. Not all winter footwear comes with anti-slip soles. As a result many are under a false sense of security when they don their winter footwear.

What can you do to check if a shoe has slip resistant soles? Here are some ways to check:

- Is the treaded design fine? Or are there larger lugs? Usually, the smaller the lugs, the better the slip resistance.
- Feel the sole. Is it soft and pliable? Usually, the softer the sole, the better the grip.
- Soles are made with various compounds such as rubber, PVC, polyurethane, etc. Rubber has the best slip resistant qualities.
- A large footprint is better

Canadian Curling Association recommends a sole made of "a pebbled type of rubber or those made of a soft crepe-like rubber". If it's good enough for the Canadian Curling Association...

Some recognizable brands include jstep and CrewGuard. Icy conditions are a fact of life in Canada. Ensuring your footwear matches the environmental conditions will help you from falling victim to slippery conditions.

Dave Cavezza

District Health & Safety Supervisor, School District #23

PAC News



PAC Open House

Do you ever wonder who the Parent

Council is and what we do? Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 18th at 7pm via Zoom to learn more about the work we do behind the scenes to raise money and secure funding in order to purchase gym equipment, educational software, iPads, laptops, bussing and admission fees for field trips, and special school events. At this meeting we will also be discussing plans for the new playground and ways we can raise money to support the playground build. A Zoom address will be sent to families closer to the date.



Let's Sprout Into Spring with The Greenery

The PAC has teamed up with local plant nursery The Greenery to sell gift cards to support our NEW playground fund! \$5.00 per card will be donated to us. Hurry! There are only 100 available, help us reach our \$500.00 goal!

How to Order:

Go to nge.hotlunches.net
Click on "Click Here to Register"
Enter Access Code NGHL
Complete the registration form
Add your child
Click on "Orders"
Support our cause!

Details:

G.C sent home February 26th
No pick-ups
\$25.00 / each
No expiry on the cards
Local North Glenmore business

To keep up-to-date with the latest NGE PAC news, please follow us on Facebook!
North Glenmore Elementary PAC: https://www.facebook.com/ngelPAC/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel





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ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2021 - 2022 School Year (for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Online applications begin on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 am,

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.

Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 12, 2021

HOW TO APPLY

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school and they will assist you with the online application.

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.*

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by Friday, March 12, 2021.

1. Birth certificate or other government issued proof of age and citizenship
2. Proof of B.C. Residency
 - a. BC driver's license of parent/legal guardian AND
 - b. BC CARE card of parent/legal guardian OR
 - c. Other supporting documentation - <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/schoolenrollment/>
3. Proof of Student's Living Address
 - a. Property ownership, lease or rental agreement OR recent utility bill

AFTER Thursday, September 2, 2021

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2021 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2021. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.



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January 22, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The calendar committee is comprised of representatives of the partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), Central Okanagan Principals and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee has met to draft a proposed school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2021/2022 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, February 19, 2021 by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

<https://ca.research.net/r/2021-2022SchoolCalendarSurvey>

We anticipate that the finalized 2021/2022 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents early this spring. A copy will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen
Executive Director of Human Resources

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Attachments



CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021-2022 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2021/2022
Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days August 30 - September 1)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 7
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 8
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 11
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Thursday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 20 – Monday, January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February, 18
Family Day	Monday, February 21
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 21 – Friday, April 1
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 4
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 15
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 18
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 23
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Thursday, June 30

The Calendar for 2021-2022 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

- Kindergarten 853 hours (based on 290 minutes X 182)
- Grade 1-6 878 hours (based on 290 minutes X 182)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 314 minutes X 182)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group