



GATOR NEWS WEEKLY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Smooth Sailing at the SWAMP! What a wonderful school start up we have had this fall. Our current student enrollment is 627 students in 27 classrooms. This year we will be working to build our growth mindsets particularly around Numeracy and Social Emotional Learning. Together we are aiming to create a WONDERful year of learning for each of our students at NGE.

Kiss & Drop Reminders: Thank you parents for helping our Kiss & Drop run smoothly each morning by pulling as far forward as possible before inviting your child to exit the car quickly. The Kiss & Drop is designed for a quick farewell - please DO NOT exit your vehicle at any time in the Kiss & Drop. Thank you also for remembering that our upper loop in the parking lot is for STAFF PARKING ONLY. Do not use the upper loop as a shortcut through the parking lot.

Visiting the School? Please check in at the office if you need to come into the building at any time. We ask that parents who are picking their child up from school to please remain on the school grounds. All visitors in the building should wear a VISITOR badge so our students and staff know they are guests in the building. If you are not wearing a VISITOR badge, you will be asked to go to the office to sign in.

Terry Fox Run: Our school will be proudly taking part in the 2023 Terry Fox School Run, scheduled to take place on Friday, September 22nd. This event will support cancer research while also building incredible school spirit for our students. Let's all show the great strength and resiliency of our school community with your support of one of our greatest Canadian heroes, Terry Fox. Here are two of the ways you can support your child for this year's Terry Fox event:

1. Donate online at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/NorthGlenmoreElementary>.
2. Have your child bring a 'Toonie For Terry' on the day of the run.

We are very excited to be a part of this year's Terry Fox event. Thank you in advance for your support.



Volleyball: Grade 6 Volleyball starts next week. Practices will be Mondays and Thursdays from 2:45 - 3:30. Games begin in October with boys on Tuesdays and girls on Wednesdays.

PAC Updates: PAC MEETING. WE NEED YOU! The first PAC meeting of the school year is this **Tuesday, September 19th at 6pm in the Library.** Refreshments and treats will be provided. We are looking to fulfill multiple positions on the PAC. Without your help and involvement, this year will look much different for the PAC! The small handful of people we have currently, can not do it alone! Make 2023/2024 the year you get involved. Come be a part of

your child's future at North Glenmore Elementary! Multiple roles such as Fundraising coordinator, Hot Lunch coordinator, Special Events coordinator, and more are needing to be filled.

Current and upcoming PAC fundraisers:

Bottle Returns: please consider collecting and donating your returnable pop and juice bottles.

1. Simply place your empty beverage containers securely into a "Blue" or transparent bag.
2. Visit either Kent Rd. or Dease Rd. locations in Kelowna, BC and use the school's phone number, (250) 870-5128, to access the account.
3. Select how many bags you have. Once you're finished, the kiosk will print off labels for you to stick on each bag. It's very important that each bag receives its own sticker.
4. Please note they have a 6 bag limit per day per person and there is a maximum of 12 glass bottles per bag.
5. Place your bags into the Express Kiosk drop off and you are done! They will sort and count and then the money will be given to our PAC. It's that simple!

Created by Kids School Fundraiser: The Christmas present grandparents and family love! Personalized with your child's art. Keep an eye out for a flier coming home soon.

Upcoming Important School Dates

- Terry Fox Run: Friday, September 22
- Individual Photo Day: Tuesday, September 26
- In lieu of National Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation: Mon October 2 - Schools Closed
- Student Led Conferences: 12:30 dismissal Wednesday, Oct. 4 & Thursday Oct. 5
- Implementation Day: Friday, October 6 - No School for Students
- Thanksgiving Day: Monday, October 9 - Schools Closed

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 GATOR NEWS WEEKLY



Welcome to a new school year! We are so excited to start the 2023/2024 school year with familiar faces, new students and new staff members. We were happy to be able to move our students to their new classes on Wednesday this week! This year our school district will focus on creating a sense of WONDER for our students and staff as we welcome 83

Kindergarten students, and 35 new students in grades 1-6. Thank you for helping us welcome our new GATOR families to the swamp. Our aim is to send out weekly GATOR NEWS updates to families to help keep you up to date with all that is going on at our busy Swamp. We are here to help each of our students have a successful school year so please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Welcome New Staff: We have several new staff members including a New Vice Principal Mr. Steve Cann. Our former VP, Mrs. Voros moved to Bankhead Elementary school this summer. Welcome to new classroom teachers; Mrs. Henry (kindergarten), Mrs. Hokazono (grade 2/3), Mrs. Bouwman (grade 6), Mrs. Ziegler (counsellor) Mrs. Matthews (SEL teacher). Also welcome to our new Indigenous Advocate Naomi Ehlers and to Certified Education Assistants; Madison Dean, Mackenzie Molina and Jasmeen Puri. We will be hiring a few more support staff in the coming weeks as well. We are all here to support your children for an amazing year of growing and learning.

Code of Conduct - the updated NGE code of conduct can be found on our website under the parent communication section. Here is the link: http://www.nge.sd23.bc.ca/about_our_school/code_of_conduct/Pages/default.aspx#/= . Classroom communities have reviewed this information as well as developed their own behaviour expectations for their classrooms. In general, at North Glenmore we follow the "3 Rs"

- RESPECT FOR SELF
- RESPECT FOR OTHERS
- RESPECT FOR THIS PLACE (THE SWAMP)

Thank you parents & guardians for talking about school behaviour expectations with your children and supporting this learning through the year.



PICTURE DAY! This year ARTONA will be taking the student individual photos. Photo day will be: **September 26** and Retakes will be October 18.

Reporting Absences - Parents please remember to download and use the School Messenger app to report your child's absences. Here is the link: <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/schoolmessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

BC Demographic Survey – June 16 to Sept 29: Everyone in B.C. is encouraged to take the [BC Demographic Survey](#) to help address systemic racism and improve public services. Our school district is working to help make B.C. more equitable and inclusive for everyone. For more

information about the survey and other work happening under the Anti-Racism Data Act, please visit: <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/>.

Student Verification Forms

Verification forms are being delivered to students next week on YELLOW paper. Thank you parents for reading these carefully, making any edits/changes and returning them to your child's teachers as soon as possible. These forms must be filled out at the beginning of **each year** for every child in order to confirm or provide new contact information. If this information should change throughout the school year, please contact the office to update. It is imperative that we are able to reach a trusted adult in case of an emergency at school. Please send the forms back as soon as you can.

Here is the list of our CLASSROOM TEACHERS 2023-2024

Div	Gr	Teacher	Div	Gr	Teacher
1	K	Wright	15	3	Martin
2	K	Henry	16	3	Hamilton-Smith
3	K	Renner	17	3/4	Hanson
4	K	Bell	18	4	Moffatt
5	K/1	Jansons	19	4	Hayes
6	1	Palahniuk	20	4	Murch
7	1	Ringguth	21	5	Reid
8	1/2	Gervais	22	5	Harms
9	1/2	Cross	23	5	Smith
10	2	Kohlen	24	5/6	Davies
11	2	Bassett-Smith	25	5/6	Bowen
12	2	Nye	26	6	Bouwman
13	2/3	Hokazono	27	6	Winford
14	3	Burton			

Together we aim to support each child to have a WONDERful year!



NGE PARKING LOT: Our parking lot is for **STAFF PARKING ONLY!** Parents are only permitted to use the Kiss and Drop loop in the mornings (you can NOT exit your vehicle on school grounds unless you have a handicap permit). If you want to walk your child to

class, please park in the community and walk to the classroom. We have about 80 staff members, some of whom arrive near the bell so all parking stalls are needed.

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN... Accident Insurance: Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness.

To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, click [HERE](#).

Appeals Procedures: The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process

Board Policy 460 – Appeals states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student". For a complete description of the Appeals Policy, along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage (www.sd23.bc.ca).

Upcoming dates to note:

Schools Closed - Mon, October 2 - IN lieu of National Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation

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Student PHOTOS - Tuesday, September 26

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