

North Glenmore Elementary

"Home of the Gators"



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2020



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NGE is pleased to present ... *Holiday Magic 2020*

Unfortunately we are unable to follow our regular winter concert program this year due to the Pandemic. However, we are planning to be able to share some holiday magic prepared by each class...



Holidays are coming! Students are busy preparing for some Holiday Magic. We are so excited to share with you what we have been working on this month. Each class will be sharing a special performance with parents/guardians. A link will be forwarded to you by Mr. Birkeland on the last week of school. Please watch for this email, and feel free to share this link with extended family and friends.



We wish all of you a safe and happy holiday filled with magic!

The NGE Gator Staff



Classroom Celebrations of the last day before Winter Holidays!

During the pandemic we will have to forego the traditional movie and treats provided by our PAC. Instead, students are encouraged to bring a special (but healthy!) snack to have during a **classroom celebration** on December 18th.

Our COVID safety plan does not allow students to share food items at this time, so students will be asked to bring snacks for themselves only. Popcorn, seasonal oranges, or a holiday treat are some suggestions.



First Term Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, December 17th. Parents may keep the report card inserts. Please sign the envelope and return it to the classroom by Friday, January 8th.

Should you have concerns or questions related to your child's progress, please email or call your child's teacher at 250-870-5128



Kelowna Food Bank

Classrooms will be collecting non-perishable food and personal care, to be donated to our local foodbank.

The Most Needed Items Right Now Are:

- Boost
- Canned Fish/Meats (e.g. tuna, ham, turkey)
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned or Dry Soups
- Mac & Cheese
- Meals in a Can (e.g. Pork n' Beans or Stew)
- Pasta Sauces
- Pasta/Rice
- Baby Basics – Formula, Baby Food, Diapers & Wipes



Donations will be collected by classrooms between Dec. 7th and 11th. Thank you for supporting the less fortunate this holiday season!



Happy Holidays to All! From NGE Staff

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday
See you on Monday, Jan. 4th, 2021

Off the Shelf



Happy December!

Thank you to all of our families who searched and found their children's lost and overdue books! Remember that if you have paid for a lost book and it is later returned to the library, we will reimburse you for the amount you have paid.

Battle of the Books will be starting up in January, so if your children would like to participate, they should make sure to start signing out battle books before Christmas. We have a bookmark for each grade that lists all nine of the books that students will be asked about. Once meetings start in January, students will need to wear a **mask** to participate in the lunch time meetings. This is because we will have students from different cohorts and we cannot guarantee that there will be 2m between students at all times. Thank you for your cooperation with this!



Students will be able to sign out 2 books over Christmas, but please take extra care if your library books are going on a holiday adventure with you! Every year, we end up with a few books that spend some "extra" time at Big White after the holidays are



Parking Lot Reminder



A reminder to you that our lower parking lot is for staff and bus access only. Kindly avoid this area at drop off and pick up times as we are seeing an increased amount of congestion in the area. Find detailed information about Parking Lot procedures, please see the following link:
http://www.nge.sd23.bc.ca/about_our_school/parking_dropoff/Pages/default.aspx

Thanks for helping us keep your children safe!

PAC Meeting



There is no PAC meeting in December; we want our parent community to enjoy this festive and busy season. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 19th at 7pm via Zoom. To request the link in order to join the meeting, please email the PAC at: nge.pac@sd23.bc.ca. All parents and guardians are welcome! Please join us and learn about plans for our school.



Winter Reminders

- ☆ Supervision is provided only after 8:10 in the morning, and until 2:45 in the afternoon. Students should not be on the playground outside those times without parents.
- ☆ Students need to dress warmly for their daily outdoor play breaks. Students are expected to be outside during all non-instructional times unless the weather is extremely inclement. **Snowpants are required for sliding on the hills** and students must have a **pair of dry shoes for indoor wear**. Winter boots should not be worn in the classroom.
- ☆ It's a good idea to keep an **extra set of dry clothes** at school... just in case.
- ☆ **Throwing snow**, kicking slush and "face washing" are prohibited on the school grounds, walk routes and bus routes. Parents, please take the time to help your child(ren) understand that following this rule will make our community a safer place. Consequences for Code of Conduct violations range from letters of warning to suspension from school. No snowball rule applies while at school and travelling to and from school.
- ☆ For safety reasons **only soft sliders** are allowed at school. Crazy carpets have proven to be too brittle in the cold, often cracking and cutting students. Snowboards, saucers, sleds, skis and skates are not permitted. Please ensure that your son/daughter is properly dressed for sliding. Snowpants, a warm winter jacket, gloves or mitts, winter boots and a hat or toque are required.
- ☆ Students are reminded that sliding is **only allowed on the center back field**. Unfortunately, due to the construction of the new Glenmore Bypass, we now have minimal hills that are safe to slide on. The center back field has a gentle slope, but the children seem to enjoy sliding on it just the same!
- ☆ **Tunneling** into snow drifts is not allowed due to the danger of collapsing.
- ☆ There is no strict policy about "In-Days", however we monitor the weather conditions every day. Generally speaking, when the temperature gets to -20 C, we consider keeping the students indoors, especially if there is high wind and/or precipitation. On many cold occasions, we will shorten the play time during the lunch hour to allow the students some activity time in the fresh air. Staff is always considerate of individual students who are not prepared to be outdoors on some days and will offer an inside activity.

Thank you parents for your continued support!

The "NO" Snowball Rule Cosequences:

1. One warning
2. In-school consequences/school service - with parent notification
3. In-school suspension - office recorded
4. Out of school suspension

