

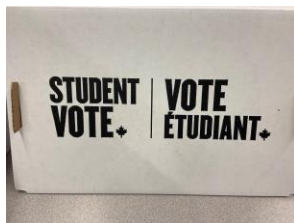


North Glenmore Elementary Gator NewsOctober 2022

Building a Caring Community



Implementation Day: On October 7, the NGE staff came together to do some learning activities focused on Truth & Reconciliation as well as on our school learning priorities and goals in the domains of Socio-Emotional Learning and Assessment. We are working hard to align our practices to build the best possible learning environments and experiences possible for our learners.



Student VOTE: This past week, Grade 6 students from Ms. Hildebrant's and Ms. Winford's classes participated in a student vote. In preparation for the vote, students brainstormed a list of issues in the community that they thought were relevant and then researched local candidates and their platforms. After careful consideration and class discussions, students cast their votes. The results were tallied, announced and discussed. Students will be comparing the results of their vote to the Municipal election results this past weekend.

School Fees - parents should have received notification of the school and cultural fees which are now due. With the recent announcement from the Ministry of Education, there are district funds to help offset the costs for families in need. Please speak to the

office if you require financial support for school and cultural fees.



World Class Hoop Dancer Dallas Arcand performs at NGE for our 1st Cultural Performance of the year.

Book Fair - Thank you to Mrs. Horning who was able to bring the Scholastic Book Fair back to the Swamp this year. Our school's final total sales topped **\$11,000!!!** Thank you to all of our Gator Families for supporting this fundraising event. A large percentage of the profits has been used to purchase books for classrooms as well as



help to replenish our NGE library inventory.

FSA - Our Grade 4 learners have been participating in the Ministry of Education Foundational Skills (Literacy and Numeracy) Assessment this month. This assessment is important to help our school learn more about how our learners are doing to support future growth. Thank you to our teaching and student support team for supporting our students through this learning. Individual summation reports for those learners that participated will be sent home in the coming weeks.



Photo retakes: October 24th will be retake day at NGE. The photographers will be back on site to take photos for those that were absent or are new to NGE. If you want a re-take for your child, please communicate with your child's teacher.



Kelowna Fire & Rescues Visited NGE Kindergarten students. This was a great learning experience for our youngest Gators. Thank you to Firefighter Colten Macdonald, who is also a parent at our school, for bringing this learning experience to The Swamp.



Volleyball team: Thank you to Mr. Reid and Ms. V. for coaching the gr 06 Volleyball team this year. The players have been developing some great new skills and enjoying learning about this team sport.

Field Studies: Thank you for your support with our Field studies programs. Learners have been out in the community participating with many on the land opportunities as well as cultural events. Again if you would like to be a parent participant on a field trip please complete the necessary Criminal Record Check (CRC) documentation which can be picked up at the main office. CRCs are valid in our district for 4 years.

Earthquake drill: October 20th our school will hold an Earthquake awareness drill and we will be practicing safety protocols. We will be directing the drill over our P/A system.

Parent Conferences: Thank you to our NGE parent community for joining us with our 1st term Parent/Student/Teacher learning conversations. As always; if you have any questions regarding the progress of your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to their teacher or teaching team.

Kelowna Childcare Building: You will have noticed that the construction of the childcare centre is well underway. Thank you for your patience and cooperation with our on site project. Our understanding is that the project completion estimate is late spring with a September opening.

Halloween Safety, Costumes & Candy: On Halloween day, dressing in costumes is optional... students may prefer to wear orange and black clothing. All students will participate in a halloween safety assembly. A few reminders about costumes at school:

- i) Please leave all PROPS at home so they are not lost or broken.
- ii) We ask that all costumes are age and school appropriate (please no costumes that are scary, gory or characters from Horror movies)...we have some very young learners at NGE that may be easily frightened.
- iii) Please do not apply face paint but save it for Halloween evening.

- iv) If your child's costume includes a mask, they will be asked to remove it for learning activities during the day.
- v) In keeping with our Healthy Schools Initiative, please leave Halloween candy at home and only send your child to school with healthy snacks.

Signing students out for the day - If you must take your child out of school for an appointment, please email the teacher a day in advance (as teachers do not always look at their email during the school day) and use the school messenger app to inform the school office team.



PAC NEWS: The new members of the PAC executive committee are excited to be a part of the school's community and are already hard at work for our children. We are planning for a fun and successful year for our students while supporting our school. Please feel free to join in for a PAC meeting, every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the School's Library. Child care is available for the meeting. There will be a zoom-in option for the October 18th meeting.

Special Events:

NGE Holiday Market Saturday, November 19th from 11:00-3:00pm, 50 Local businesses, artisans and crafters... Something for everyone!

Free Entry

We are still accepting Vendor applications! This is a great opportunity to market your business within our community. 6ft tables @ \$40.00 each.