

North Glenmore

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"Home of the Gators"



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REPORT CARDS

Second term report cards will be sent home Thursday, March 10th. These reports will include second term progress marks and individual student comments. Since our Home/School conferences are held mid-term between reporting periods, formal conferences will not be scheduled at this time. Parents are welcome to contact their student's teacher if there are specific questions about their child's progress or if they would like to book an additional conference.



CLASS PHOTOS



Wednesday,
April 5th

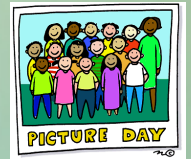
Bring your smiles!



Annual Photos - Now Online!

Thanks to our incredible PAC Photographer, Teri Loney, we now have annual class pictures on our website from 1983/84 to the present day!

This project took many hours and is yet another example of the many talents that we have in our parent community that we can access to add value to our school. Thank you, Teri!



You can find and view these annual class photos under the **EVENT PICS** tab on our NGE website (or simply [CLICK HERE](#)).

Student Absenteeism

Regular attendance is an important part of each student's success at school. We recognize that students who are ill need to be at home, however, we encourage parents to make arrangements for special appointments or family activities outside of school hours whenever possible.



In the case where parents plan holidays during the school year, please note that teachers may not be able to prepare materials ahead of time to accommodate student absences. Whenever possible, student work will be collected during an extended absence and the students will be expected to "catch-up" after their return. It is important to note that some learning activities cannot be "caught up" and may affect a student's overall standing.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

To all parent/guardians for phoning in to the office each day that your child is absent or going to be late. This saves so much time out of our day and we greatly appreciate the calls that come directly to the office. Emailing the teacher is great also, but doesn't replace that call in to the school, as the teacher may be absent, or not able to check their email until the school day is over.



2016/2017 New Registrations

The deadline to register new students, including Kindergarten, for the upcoming school year ends **March 4th**.

*Reminder to Parents: You must complete the online application process and provide the necessary information to the school to officially "hold" your timestamp from your online registration, by **Friday, March 4th, 2016**. *An email will be sent to Families with incomplete applications.*

Kindergarten Orientation: This event is coming up on May 5th (please sign-up at the office for either the 9am or 12:15pm session).

K-6 students currently attending NGE will automatically be rolled into next year's grade unless the school is notified otherwise.

Please call the school if you have any questions. Thank you!

Post-Summit Updates

The initiatives we identified as a school community continue to grow and flourish!

(1) Whole School Kindness Missions

- ⇒ Our current Kindness Mission is to "Include Others" and our students and staff have been taking the mission head on. We've had over 200 stories shared on our school website for this current mission and we are observing many students being included outside during lunch/recess. We'll be sending home information for families on our next mission coming up in March!

(2) Parent/Community Resource Bank

- ⇒ Thank you to all parents/guardians that completed and returned the Parent/Guardian Community Survey. Our next steps will be to compile all this information so we as a school can tap into all the expertise and skillsets in our parent community. If you ever have a unique way that you believe you can contribute at our school, please let us know!

(3) Easily Accessible Community Services

- ⇒ Our partners at CMHA have provided us with a variety of useful resources for families. We will be highlighting one resource every month in the newsletter (see our first one below: Wellness Article of the Month). We have also been fortunate to have our interim school counsellor, Susan Smith, provide us with a wealth of resources and information for parents. You can find these on the board across from the office or you can access them online on our website: [CLICK HERE - FAMILY SUPPORTS!](#)

(4) Welcoming School Environment

- ⇒ Our Kindness Tree in our front foyer (built by NGE Parent, Josh Milner) continues to be used as a great reflection tool for the entire school. Most recently, inspired by Harmony Day and our "Including Others" Kindness Mission, every student made a human-shaped sticky note to share what Harmony means to them. Like Harmony Day, we had each grade's reflection colour-coded to make a beautiful rainbow around our tree.



We'll continue to share updates with everyone and we welcome and invite all of you to be involved in any of our post-Summit initiatives!

Wellness Article of the Month

Parenting is more complex than ever before. To support our families (and our school goal of **Parents as Partners**), we will be highlighting one article each month with useful information around mental wellness for children and for families.

Our article this month focuses on **ANXIETY DISORDERS: [CLICK HERE](#)**

**from the Here-to-Help website in partnership with CMHA (Canadian Mental Health Association).*



Upcoming iPLAN Session

We have already had ~50 parents register for our upcoming iPLAN (**P**arents **L**earning **A**bout the **N**et) session, **Social Media Crash Course**. The session will be hosted in partnership with UBC-Okanagan. In this session, we will focus on learning the ins and outs of popular social media sites that teenagers are using today.

WHEN: Thursday,
Mar. 31st (6:30-8:00pm)

WHERE: NGE Gym

HOW TO SIGN-UP:
[CLICK HERE](#)

**if you have yet to register for this event.*

**As always, free child-minding will be available.*



Off the Shelf



Our Scholastic Book Fair last month was a tremendous success! Overall, we did more than \$5300 in total sales. This meant \$1150 cash and nearly \$1150 worth of Scholastic books for our classrooms! We were able to purchase books for every classroom to add to their class libraries. Ask your children about the new books in their classrooms!!

We will be using some of the money raised from the book fair to pay for the Education Week author presentation sponsored by the Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarians Association. On March 3, our grade five and six students will be travelling to the Mission Creek Alliance Church to hear presentations from author Robert Budd and artist Roy Henry Vickers. Robert Budd is the co-author of the *North-west Coast Legends* series and the author of *Voices of British Columbia*. Roy Henry Vickers is best known around the world for his limited edition prints. He is also an accomplished carver and a recognized leader in the First Nations community.

Our fall/winter reading club is finished for this year, but we will have another reading promotion after spring break. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

We will be continuing our weekly meetings for the Battle of the Books this month. We will have our school level battles during the week of April 11 - 15. Our Zone Battle is scheduled for April 21 at Davidson Road Elementary.



Our birthday book draw winner for February was Sydney M. Remember to enter the draw this month if your birthday is in March.

Grade 6 S.O.A.R. Program

In partnership with the RCMP our Grade 6 students have completed a District Substance Awareness program in which they learn about the dangers of substance abuse, and practice positive decision-making skills. The students will celebrate their commitment to a healthy life-style at a short assembly on Friday, March 11th. RCMP Constable Frank McConnell will be in attendance. Parents are invited to join, and Grade 5 students will attend to share in the learning.



Spring Fields

There are LOTS of muddy puddles on the fields.... We caution students to stay away from the puddles. You may want to send along extra pants or shorts just in case! Be sure to label with your child's name as many of these items end up in our lost & found.

Lost & Found Items are donated to charity on the last Friday of each month.



SPRING BREAK

School will be closed **March 14th - 28th**. We are looking forward to seeing all our Gators back for our final term!

***note: we return on TUESDAY, March 29th (as Monday, March 28 is Easter Monday)**



FLOOR HOCKEY AT NGE



Over 250 students took part in the NGE Intramural Floor Hockey program. This year, we continued with grade group teams and designated days of the week for each grade. The season wraps up during the first week of March with some exciting playoff final games in each grade league! The students have shown great sportsmanship and have had a lot of fun during the 8-week season.

Special thanks to all of the **grade 5/6 volunteers** and **staff supervisors** that helped to make this year's Floor Hockey program a **HUGE** success.

Way to go GATORS!

See you next season!"

Basketball



The **Grade 6 girls and boys basketball teams** have enjoyed a wonderful basketball season. Our **Gators** should be **extremely proud of the way they represented NGE**. They worked very hard together and played very well as a team over the past few months. Both Basketball teams will be participating in a season-end basketball tournament next week (more information to come). What a great way to wrap up such a fantastic basketball season!

Great job this season to all players!

Fruit & Veggie Program

On March 1st, the Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program will be delivering sugar snap peas to NGE students to enjoy! Sugar snap peas are relatively new, as it was developed in the 1960's by crossing a garden pea with a snow pea. Enjoy them fresh from the garden or cooked in a stir fry. They are crunchy, sweet, healthy and full of fibre and vitamin C.



Family Active Night

Our next Family Active Night will take place **Friday, March 4th** from **6:00 - 8:00 pm**



North Glenmore PAC News



PAC MEETING

There is no PAC meeting in March due to Spring Break. The next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm in the library.

All parents are encouraged to attend.
Free child minding!

Give From the Heart

A reminder that our "Give From the Heart" Campaign continues until spring break. If you wish to send in a donation, **please make your cheques payable to 'School District #23'**. The funds will go directly to North Glenmore Elementary. Donations of \$20.00 or more will be issued a tax receipt issued from SD#23. Any donation amount is welcome. All you need to do is simply fill out the special envelope, enclose your donation, and drop it in the **Give From the Heart box located in the main office**. The NGE PAC will confirm receipt of your contribution by signing and returning the envelope.



Yearbook Ordering Information

Orders will be available from **March 15th – May 1st** through the PAC Fun Lunch website. Watch your email for upcoming ordering details!

For further information about yearbooks - you can contact your yearbook committee through Patti.Ostrikoff@gmail.com

NGE PAC Free Family Fun Dance



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make our annual Family Dance a great success! We look forward to DJ Super Dave returning for our spring fair in May!



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

Happy Spring Break!!

Community News



Spring Break Camps

March 14th-24th

To register:

www.bumbershoottheatre.com



Spring Break Camps

For Information or Registration
call 250-469-8800

or

kelowna.ca/recreation



Sport Kelowna

Xplore SportZ
Spring Break Camps



March 14th - 24th

To Register: 250-469-8800

For more information:

www.pacificsportokanagan.com



Johnson Bentley Memorial Aquatic Centre

Spring Break Day Camps

For more information:

info@jbmac.ca

Facebook.com/yourJBMAC



Okanagan Regional Library

March Break Madness

March 13th – March 24th

Registration starts March 1st

250-762-2800 ext. 2823 or

Worldbeat Dance, Arts, Wellness Spring Break Camps for Kids!



To Register, or for more information:

778-215-7418 or

www.worldbeatdancearts.ca



CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL

Babysitting/Home Alone Courses

First Lutheran Church

4091 Lakeshore Road, Kelowna, BC

Home Alone - 10 yrs old & up

9am-12pm - \$45

Babysitters - 11 yrs old & up

9am-2pm - \$60

Mar 5, Apr 16, May 14, June 18,
July 9, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10

TO REGISTER:

250-317-2868

www.babysittingkelowna.com



SD#23 Junior Chess Tournament

Okanagan Mission Secondary

Saturday, March 5th

9am-1pm

\$15 at the door, includes: prizes, lunch and tournament fees.

Please pre-register: name & grade to:

Chris.laurie@sd23.bc.ca

Or

250-870-5127



BIG WHITE SKI PROGRAM

The two last days for the After School program hosted by Big White are
March 1st & 8th.