



North Glenmore Elementary Gator News March/April 2023

Building a Caring Community

NGE GATORS have been so busy these last couple of months. We celebrated the end of term two with our wonderful Learning Summaries which were sent home before spring break. Families should be proud of the growth in your child's learning so far this year. It is hard to believe that we are well into our third term; these last nine weeks will go by in a flash! A huge thank you to all the families that helped our students with the Walk to School Contest in the week leading up to EARTH DAY! We had a large decrease in our Kiss & Drop vehicles each morning thanks to the efforts of families to park and walk to school. Each morning, classes tallied the number of students that made an effort to walk. Congratulations to our two classes with the best participation rates for the week: Mrs. Bowen's grade 5-6 students and Mrs. Hamilton-Smith's grade 3's. Both classes will be treated to a free visit to the H2O water park in May. Thank you also to our many parent volunteers who have been helping with track & field, grade 6 camp, Chef's in the Classroom, the Hot Lunch program, and the many other learning experiences for our Gators. Volunteers help make much of this learning possible!



Our Grade 6 basketball teams are pictured here. Both teams had an amazing season this year! Thanks Coach VOROS!

CHEFS in the CLASSROOM - We are thrilled to welcome the Chefs in the classroom program to our grade 3 classes this year.

Students are

learning about how to grow, cook and eat local foods. Topics include planting a garden, nutrition, preparation of recipes, transplanting/compositing as well as connections to food we grow today and food that was grown in the past by our local Indigenous peoples. This program is made possible through our district's Health Promoting Schools initiative and is run by amazing volunteers in our community!



PI Day (3.14) Grade 6 Fundraiser - On March 14, Gators raised over \$1000 for PI Day! A huge thank you to our volunteer staff members who allowed students to "PI" them... and to local grocery stores Save on Foods and IGA who donated whipping cream near the end of its shelf life. We also had compostable paper plates. The grade 6 team raised enough money to send about 10 kids to camp while building **School Spirit at NGE!**

May 7th is National Child And Youth Mental Health Day. To

acknowledge the kids and families who are struggling, [FamilySmart](#) is very excited that Dr. Ross Greene will be their Main Event Speaker on Thursday, May 4th from 6pm to 8pm (PST). This is a free, live, online, national presentation that anyone can attend. Dr. Greene will speak about

Collaborative & Proactive Solutions, and to provide families, ways that can help us show our kids we care about them. You can register here: [Dr. Greene Registration](#)

Battle of the BOOKS - Congratulations to all the students who participated in our



Battle of the Books club this year. We had about 70 participants who each read 9 novels. Students were given the opportunity to show their knowledge of the books and the following students were chosen to represent NGE at the Zone Battle of the books Competition on April 27 at Davidson Road Elementary: Grade 5 team: Kaylee, Blayre, Oscar, Bria, and then we have our grade $\frac{3}{4}$ team pictured here with their BRONZE Medal: Sophia, Cameron L, Cameron S, and Chace, and finally our grade 6 team pictured with their GOLD medal: Avril, Jonathan, May May, & Linden. **CONGRATULATIONS BATTLERS!**



NGE ukuleles! Here is a look at the amazing new ukuleles at NGE hung on the wall near our music room. Thank you PAC for your support of our music program at NGE!



ARE YOU MOVING? A reminder for families that are planning a move... we need to know NOW if your child(ren) will NOT be attending NGE next year.

Please call the office or speak with your child's teacher if moving is even a possibility before September 2023. We are soon to begin placing students in classrooms for next school year. This will not be finalized until September due to families moving in and out of our neighbourhood over the summer. **We are not able to accept requests for specific teachers or for friends.** Teachers will do our best to place your child with other children that support their learning. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have any information to help with placement.

Parent Appreciation: Thursday, May 25 - Parents/Guardians, please mark your calendars for the morning of Thursday, May 25. Our staff will host an event to show you how much we appreciate your support. Staff will be offering a small gift to parents as you arrive on our school grounds that morning. More details to come!

PAC INFO:

Do you want to be more involved in your child's school? Please consider joining PAC. Our PAC executive has several positions that are available for September 2023. Positions becoming available: Treasurer (necessary to continue PAC!), Hot Lunch Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Secretary. If you are interested in any role please contact Chantelle at nge.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca. We welcome you to attend the next PAC meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 6pm as well to meet us and ask any questions!

Spring Fair: June 9th, 4:00-7:00 pm RAIN OR SHINE

- **4 Bounce Castles, Face Paint & Glitter Tattoos, Sand Art, Games and Activities, Prizes, Treat & Food trucks, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Cash Draw**
- **Pre Purchased tickets are required and more information can be found on the NGE Hotlunch order link.**
- **Contact your PAC executive for more information regarding the Spring Fair.**

Yearbooks: NGE yearbooks are now available on the Hot Lunch Website!

A beautiful 72-page spread featuring ALL grades! Purchase yours today using your hot lunch account!

\$30.00 for Softcover & \$35.00 for Hardcover. Yearbooks will be sent home at the end of June.

Did you know you can upload photos directly to our yearbook builder? Our coordinators welcome any content to use in the 2022/2023 book. All photos uploaded **MUST** be of NGE students only (no older or younger siblings outside of NGE enrollment) and have been taken at the school.

<https://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/>

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We do not need to know the student's name, so in the required field you can put any character to void that requirement. Please list the grade! That is helpful for us to determine the photo placement in the book.

Special Privilege Day PAC Fundraiser - Thanks to everyone who participated. We were able to raise a total amount of \$3640.56!! Students had fun as all classes earned at least one special privilege for the day! Mrs. Bassett-Smith's grade 1 class earned the most and were gifted with a popsicle party on Friday, March 17... Luck of the Irish 🍀

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 31st annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, **FUN!** Uniquely designed to offer a soccer focus in the morning and a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoons to all children aged 5 to 13, the program operates during all weeks in July and August. For more information or to register, visit



royalsoccerclub.com or call 1-800-427-0536.

Mark Your Calendars:

Gardom Lake - grade 6 camp May 15-17

Monday, May 22 - Victoria Day long weekend

Wednesday, May 24 - Apple Bowl for NGE Intermediate (gr 04-06) students
(hot lunch will be waiting for students back at NGE at end of day)

Thursday, May 25 - Parent Appreciation morning

May 29 - June 2 - Gymnastix instruction

Thursday, June 8 - District Track & Field meet for qualifying intermediate students

Friday, June 9 - PAC Spring FAIR 4-7 pm

Tuesday, June 13 - New to NGE Kindergarten Orientation (A-L)
Wednesday, June 14 - New to NGE Kindergarten Orientation (M-Z)
Monday, June 26 - Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony (1 - 2:30)
June 27 & 28 - Show yer Stuff - NGE Talent Assemblies- more details to follow
Thursday, June 29 - Last day of school for students

Confronting the White Elephant
Exploring Anti-Racism

Anti-Racism Community Forum
Anthony McLean
Canadian Filmmaker & Antiracism Advocate

May 12, 2023 | 8:15am - 5:00pm

To register, please visit:

www.sokics.ca/anti-racism/white-elephant

"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything."
- Albert Einstein

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Historically, a gift of a white elephant from the king was a sacred blessing that could not be refused - but in that blessing lay a hidden curse. The upkeep for the elephant was so costly that it would eventually bankrupt its owner.

Like a White Elephant, racism and doctrines of white supremacy are extremely costly to our society. The longer we hold on to these concepts, the longer we wait to confront the White Elephant of racism and white supremacy in our communities, the more we all stand to lose.

Confront the White Elephant. Join us for conversations about racism and actions we can take to become an anti-racism community.



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