

North Glenmore Elementary

September
2020

"Home of the Gators"



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Welcome Back

We are so pleased to see our North Glenmore families back at school! A special welcome to those of you who are new to our community. We hope you enjoyed a happy, healthy summer. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere *****Special Thanks** to our staff who dedicated many extra hours preparing the school for a new year under a pandemic and what can only be described as extraordinary circumstances! We're off to a great start!

Jared Birkeland & Jill Voros
Principal Vice-Principal

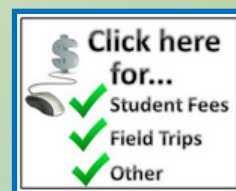
SCHOOL FEES (PAY ONLINE)

Student fees are now available for payment. Outstanding fee statements will be sent home by the end of the month.

Supplies = \$35.00

To pay for fees, please go to our main website page and click on the 'Online Payments' button.

Thank you!



Student Verification Forms



Verification forms will be coming home soon. They 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.

Student Absences



Please use the School Messenger app or call the school, if your child will be late or absent on a given day.

Medical Alert Students



All students with potentially life-threatening medical conditions and those who require medication at school should update their 2020-2021 documents on file at the school office as soon as possible.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME



These should be for emergencies only.
Helpful Hints:

- Family designated meeting spot (in case you are late for pick-up) . Students are supervised until 2:45pm. After this time, students who have not been picked up should come to the office to call home.
- Review after school arrangements before school starts. Play dates must be made from home before school begins. Please do not have the office arrange play dates for you.
- Student Agendas are a great tool for clear communication.

Thank you to our families that have already established a routine for after school. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

NUT ALLERGIES



We have an increasing number of students with severe allergies to peanuts and nut products. We have several students with this life-threatening health issue. In some cases, even a tiny amount of accidental exposure to nuts can result in an anaphylactic response. Peanut and other nut butters pose a particular threat since they are sticky and traces can be transferred outside the classroom to common areas such as the library, the computer lab and the playground. In the interest of the health and safety of these children, we ask all families to avoid sending foods containing nuts to school. We also have some students with other life-threatening allergies (e.g. dairy, eggs). Special letters may be sent home for these classes.

Staff List for 2020-2021

Name	Assignment	Room
Mrs. Nye	K	4
Mrs. Wright	K	1
Mrs. Schulz	K	2
Mrs. Sandvold	K	3
Mrs. Pazio	K/1	5
Mrs. Palahniuk	1	6
Ms. Ringguth	1	8
Mrs. Bassett-Smith	1	10
Mrs. Krupka*	1/2	9
Mrs. Kohlen	2	12
Ms. Romano	2	16
Mrs. Matichuk	2	14
Mrs. Cross	2	17
Ms. Burton*	2/3	18
Mrs. Siddon	3	11
Mrs. Hanson	3	15
Mrs. Murch*	3/4	Port. 210
Mrs. Letkeman	4	21
Mrs. Mundie	4	19
Mrs. Moffatt	4	20
Mr. Smith	4/5	Mod. 23
Mrs. Harms	5	Mod. 22
Mr. Woodhurst	5	Port. 207
Ms. Winford*	6	Port. 209
Mrs. Bowen	6	Port. 208
Mrs. Davies	6	Port. 206

Mr. Rantucci	Evening Custodian
Mr. Armstrong	Evening Custodian



Name	Assignment
Mr. Birkeland	Principal
Mrs. Voros	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Yost*	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. D'Orazio	Office/Library Assistant

Name	Assignment
Mrs. Horning	Teacher/Librarian
Mrs. Lesiuk	Learning Assistant Teach.
Mrs. Gatti	Learning Improvement Support
Mrs. Wong	Music/Drama/PE Teacher
Mrs. Weststrate	Music/Drama Teacher
Mrs. Brown*	Resource Teacher
Mrs. Cookson	Resource Teacher
Mary Louise Minkus	Speech/Language Path.
Ms. Brett	ADST
Ms. Laskowski*	Counsellor

Certified Educational Assistants	
Mrs. Labrecque	Mrs. Bomford
Mrs. Vos	Mrs. Dranchuk
Mrs. McLeod	Mrs. Hawthorne
Mrs. Whitham	Mrs. Roberts
Mrs. Brown	Mrs. Briggs
Mrs. Tonn	Ms. Ribalkin
Ms. Audy*	Mrs. Ikesaka
Miss Devries*	Ms. Parnes
Ms. Birch	Ms. MacFarlane

Noon-Hour Supervisors	
Mrs. Hayes	Mr. Ikesaka
Mrs. Langford	Mrs. Lozinski
Mrs. Bondaroff	Mrs. Jenn
Mrs. Zecchel	Mrs. Coakley
Mrs. Sawatzky	

****Welcome to our new Gator Staff!***

Volunteer & Criminal Record Checks



If you are planning to participate in activities in your child's classroom or help with fieldtrips, a Criminal Record Check must be completed. This is mandatory for all volunteers, and is paid for by the district. Note: volunteer record checks are only valid if completed within the last 5 years

Record checks completed by other organizations are not accepted. We strongly recommend you complete one right away, as the process can take a few weeks before it is finalized

Please note: we cannot permit volunteers in the school or on field trips until we have received the verified RCMP record check, that was mailed to you, at the office.

You can pick up your forms at the school office.



Noon Hour Supervisor Applications

Parents often ask about the process to apply for a Noon Hour Supervisor position. If you are interested in becoming a spare supervisor in the future, when openings arise, please ask at our school office for an application form.

Please note that this is a CUPE Union position. Applicants must provide references and go through an interview and selection process.

Reminder: Upper & Lower Parking Lots = "Staff Only"

A reminder that both the upper and lower parking lots are for staff parking only. Parents can use the morning Drop Zone or park along Snowsell St. North.



Litterless Lunch

At North Glenmore we proudly take on the environmental challenge of implementing our own **Litterless Lunch Recycling Program**. We ask that whatever comes in your child's lunch bag goes home in their lunch bag, including empty juice boxes and food wrappers. In this way, we will create far less garbage at school and you will have a better idea of what your child is finishing for lunch. Our students are excited about highlighting one of our school respect rules, Respecting Your Environment, by contributing to a Green School each and every day.

Maximum Learning Time

From time to time we all forget things. Should you find the need to drop off forgotten items for your child such as lunches, books, etc., please drop them in at the office rather than going to the classroom. We will page into the classroom at the next non-instructional break. Fewer interruptions mean maximum learning.

Student 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 from KIDS PLUS accident insurance. For complete plan details and application forms, please visit kidsplus.ca.

Cell Phones & Electronic Devices



Students are asked to NOT bring electronic devices, games, iPods, cell phones to school - they are known to be the cause of great distraction, and there is always the concern that such costly items may go missing or get used in inappropriate ways creating FOIPA issues. If parents feel their children need a cell phone at school, our policy is that these items must be turned off, stay in backpacks, and only come out for emergency reasons. The school cannot take responsibility for the safety of these items or any inappropriate actions that may occur with their use. If your family has a special reason that your child must have a phone available, please contact Mr. Birkeland or Mrs. Voros.

The Central Okanagan School District's Appeals Process

The School District Appeals Policy states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in School District No. 23 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's homepage www.sd23.bc.ca.

The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause

Within School District Policy 425—Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". This clause in the policy provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual student and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay.

Please contact the school principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

SCHOOL SECURITY

We would like to remind our parents of a number of security precautions in place at North Glenmore Elementary during the COVID pandemic to ensure the safety of our students and staff:

- Our school building will remain **closed** to parents, guardians, and visitors.
- Doors will remain locked throughout the day
- Parents, guardians, and visitors are **only allowed to enter the building if invited by the school administration** and if safety protocols are followed
- **Visitors with an appointment are asked to:**
 - Wear a mask
 - Use sanitizer upon entry
 - Move to the hand-washing station to wash hands
 - Report to the office, sign in and wear a visitor's badge.
- All outside doors remain locked during the day. If students are arriving late to school the office should be contacted and an adult will come to let them into the building.
- The courtyard door remains locked during the day and is opened only before school, after school, recess and lunch to allow for student access. Parents must enter and exit through our main front door..
- School ground supervision takes place in the morning (8:15 - 8:30), at morning recess (10:00—10:15), at lunch (11:00 - 12:00), at afternoon recess (1:30 - 1:45) and after school (2:30 - 2:45).
- We ask that community members, parents & children not be on our playground before 8:15 and after school until 3:00 pm. During school hours, adults on the playground will be approached by our Noon Hour Supervisors and asked to leave or call into the office.
- Students waiting for parent pick-up during the day will wait inside the school. Parents can call the office upon arrival. Students will sign in and out from the office.



NGE Battery Recycling Program

Several pounds of batteries have been recycled this year through the North Glenmore Battery Recycling program. Way to go Gators!! It is important to recycle batteries so the toxic metal used in them does not end up contaminating our environment. Please bring your used batteries in the drop box in the office and they will be taken to the Battery Doctor for recycling and disposal. *(No car batteries please).*

Liability

The school does not assume responsibility for loss or damage to personal property brought to school. Valuable items such as collectors, electronics or specialty clothes and jewelry should be left at home. Bicycles should be securely locked. **Please label student belongings.** This helps us to return lost items to rightful owners. Iron-on labels are recommended for clothing. These can be purchased at most fabric stores.



Gators in the News!

If your child has accomplished a special achievement or participated in a special event outside of school (e.g. winning a tournament, a special dance performance) please let us know! We are happy to celebrate with your family by sharing your Gator News on our daily announcements!



2020/2021 NORTH GLENMORE ELEMENTARY School Calendar

Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
Fall Home/School Conferences for NGE (12:30pm dismissal)	TBA
Administrative Implementation Day (schools closed)	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 12
Teacher Professional Day (schools closed)	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Wednesday, November 11
Last school day before Winter vacation begins	Friday, December 18
Winter Vacation (schools closed)	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
Schools re-opens after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Spring Home/School Conferences for NGE (12:30pm dismissal)	TBA
Teacher Professional Day (schools closed)	Friday, February 12
Family Day (schools closed)	Monday, February 15
Last day before Spring vacation	Friday, March 12
Spring Vacation (school closed)	Monday, March 15 – Friday, March 26
Schools reopen after Spring Vacation	Monday, March 29
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 2
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 5
Victoria Day (school closed)	Monday, May 24
Last day of school for students	Tuesday, June 29
Administration Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30
School Closed	Wednesday, June 30

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HOURS OF OPERATION FOR 2020/2021

Morning Supervision Begins	8:15 am
Welcome Bell	8:25 am
Morning Classes Begin	8:30 am
Morning Recess Begins (Gr. K–3)	10:00–10:15 am
Lunch Recess Begins (Gr. 4–6)	11:00–11:25 am
Lunch Recess Begins (Gr. K–3)	11:30–11:55 am
Afternoon Classes Begin	11:55 am
Afternoon Recess Begins (Gr. 4–6)	1:30–1:45 pm
School Dismissal	2:30 pm