

# GLENMERRY ELEMENTARY



OCTOBER 2018

HOME OF THE GRIZZLIES

## Important Dates

October 2 -5 <sup>th</sup>	Play Ground Install
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	ProD (no School)
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hot Lunch
November 7&8	Early Dismissal
November 12 <sup>th</sup>	No School (Remembrance Day)

## PICTURE DAY!!



Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is Picture Day.  
Remember not to wear green!!

## Early Dismissal Days

Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten – Grade 7 students will be dismissed at 11:45 am to allow for parent interviews to take place. Busses will be running early this afternoon to accommodate the early dismissal. A letter will be sent home for the time of your interview.

## The Six Cedar Trees BEAR

*Bear is a great protector. He represents Personal Awareness and Responsibility. Through Bear, we can learn to nurture our own personal well-being by valuing ourselves and our accomplishments; understanding our feelings and making good choices that demonstrate respect for ourselves and others.*



**Our students are learning to be reflective like Bear by:**

- Celebrating when I've done something I am proud of
- Listening to my feelings no matter how I am feeling
- Using calm down strategies to help me when I am upset

## HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Glenmerry Elementary School participates in the **BC School Fruit & Vegetable Nutritional Program** which, delivers healthy fruit and vegetable snacks to children across the province. We usually receive two shipments per month that are distributed to our students. For more information about this program please visit their website: [www.sfvnp.ca](http://www.sfvnp.ca)

If you do not want your child to participate in the program please contact the school.

### From the Office

We are still busy collecting school fees. Please send your school fees to the office as soon as possible. Also please ensure we have the verification forms that were sent home in September back for our records as soon as possible. It is very important that we have current information at the office. Should any information on this form change over the course of the year please let Mrs. Bella know.



## Technology at School

At GES, we encourage students to use their own technology at school in a responsible manner to enhance their learning BUT we expect that they will use it responsibly and respectfully, and in accordance with the School District's Acceptable Use of Technology Policy.

We do not allow students to use personal devices during recess and lunchtime when we are unable to supervise their use.

If your child needs to contact you during the school day we ask that they use the school phone. Likewise if you need to contact your child we would appreciate this being done through the office. *Texting your child during instructional time can be very disruptive to the learning environment.*

Students bringing electronic devices to school do so at their own risk as the school is unable to assume responsibility for lost or damaged devices.



## PAC NEWS – Next PAC Meeting October 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!



### BUILDING GLENMERRY'S NEW PLAYGROUND

DATE: OCTOBER 2-5 START: 9:00AM

The new playground is being installed the week of October 2-5. **We need volunteers to help build the playground.** Contact the PAC if you are willing and able to help on **any of the listed days**, for **any amount of time**. We need as many volunteers as we can get!

Thank you,

**The Glenmerry PAC**

glenmerrypac@gmail.com

**HALLOWEEN  
FAMILY DANCE**

October 18th, 2018 ~ 6:00-8:00

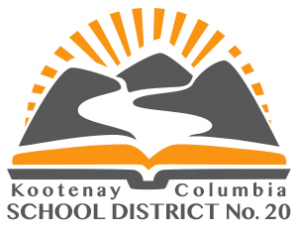
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for best costume
- Snacks and beverages (non-alcoholic)
- Parents, siblings and children of Glenmerry School invited
- Costumes welcome
- Raffles
- 50/50
- Doors open at 5:30

INDIVIDUAL \$3.99  
FAMILY \$9.99  
12 AND UNDER

### HOT LUNCH FORMS

Dear Parents,

We are so happy to be able to offer your child hot lunch options through the year. As you can imagine this takes a fair amount of effort to coordinate. We kindly ask that when completing your child's order form you pay close attention to adding their name, their teacher, and providing correct payment. Also, having a phone number has been extremely helpful if we have questions regarding an order.



## School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)

### Transportation Department

101 – 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Castlegar, B.C. V1N 4C4

Phone (250) 364-2224 / (250) 365-8331

Fax (250) 365-2179

## School District Bussing

### Notes to All Parents Regarding Bussing:

- i. **Students must be registered for transportation and prior to taking a school bus. EVEN IF THEY WERE REGISTERED LAST YEAR, THEY MUST BE REGISTERED AGAIN THIS YEAR.** Bussing students must present a bus pass each time they board and depart the bus. **Registration is only available online.**
  - o Students taking the bus one or more days a week MUST be registered with Transportation Department (and have a pass).
  - o Courtesy riders (ie birthday party, daycare changes, etc.) MUST present a note signed by their guardians to their school office and request a *Courtesy Bus Pass*. Students will not be allowed on the bus without this. *This should not be a regular occurrence.*
- ii. They are to use only their assigned bus and regular bus stop, unless they are a courtesy rider with the necessary documentation.
- iii. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to check bus pick up and drop off times in August prior to the new school year. The information can be found under the transportation tab on the Kootenay-Columbia School District's website (Castlegar area: <http://www.sd20.bc.ca/bus-schedule/articles/bus-schedule.html> / Trail area: <http://www.sd20.bc.ca/trail-area-bus-schedule---morning-runs.html>) or check with your school.
- iv. **After school, all K-12 students will be dropped at their scheduled stop. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to meet their children at the bus stop if they feel it is necessary. If you do not want your child to walk home alone, please be at the stop 5 minutes ahead of drop off time to ensure the connection and to avoid having your child standing alone at the stop.**
- v. Children should know their bus route numbers. It is also a good idea for your child to know your phone number and address.
- vi. **In the morning, students should be at their bus stop 5 minutes ahead of the scheduled departure time. Buses do not wait for tardy students.**
- vii. Under no circumstances should children run to catch the bus.
- viii. Provide the necessary safety precautions for your children when going to and from the bus stop.
- ix. Make certain that your children are properly dressed, in case of emergencies during cold or wet weather.
- x. Encourage children to obey all traffic rules and school bus regulations.
- xi. Children are expected to proceed directly from the bus stop to their destination.
- xii. For your child's safety, a video surveillance system which includes audio recording may be installed on the school bus.

### Student Conduct

#### STUDENTS MUST:

- a) Follow the driver's directions the FIRST time they are given.
- b) Keep their hands, feet and objects to themselves.
- c) Stay in their seat unless directed to do otherwise.
- d) Talk quietly, using only appropriate language.
- e) Be at the bus stop 5 minutes before scheduled leave time.
- f) Not eat or drink on the bus.
- g) Not bully or intimidate others.
- h) Not smoke, vape, take drugs or alcohol on the bus and/or at the bus stop.

*A student whose behavior contravenes these values or whose actions distract the driver; cause to have the potential to cause harm or discomfort to self or others, is subject to disciplinary action, which may include the following:*

1. Verbal warning from the bus driver (initially in routine situations).
2. Issue of a School Bus Incident Report:

- a) Written warning.
- b) Suspension of bus privileges.

*Some examples of actions that could result in suspension for an undetermined length of time are as follows: issued for repeated offences or for striking another person; fighting; vandalism; spitting; throwing objects out bus windows; lighting matches or other flammable objects; possession/use of laser pointer; possession/use of weapons; unauthorized use of emergency equipment; unauthorized exit through rear emergency door; and other serious contraventions of the bus rules.*



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Schools in SD 20 are recognizing Orange Shirt Day throughout the week. A big thank you to all the Indigenous Support Workers and others who are helping organize these events! September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, **in recognition of the impact of the residential school system on children's sense of self and wellbeing, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.**

***Learn more at [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org):***

***Background:*** Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis's account of losing her pretty new orange shirt on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because children are back in school and because it's an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and community agencies to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations to come

**Other Orange Shirt Day Events happening in the area: September 27<sup>th</sup> at Selkirk College**

**from 4pm to 7pm: Screening of Indian Horse movie.**

We will have popcorn and light refreshments available. Orange Shirts will be available to purchase (limited numbers available) for \$20.00. All proceeds will go to our Selkirk College Elder's Program.

<http://selkirk.ca/event/indian-horse-screening-honour-orange-shirt-day>