

GLENMERRY ELEMENTARY



December 2018

HOME OF THE GRIZZLIES

Important Dates

December 6 th	First Term Report Cards
December 12 th	Hot Lunch
December 18 th	Christmas Concert
December 19 th	Christmas Concert
December 21 st	GES to the Movies!!
December 21 st	Last Day of Classes
December 22 nd – January 7 th	Winter Break
January 7 th	Welcome Back!!
January 9 th	Winter Luncheon for Students

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Staff and students at GES are excited to be preparing for our Christmas Concert this year. We will be performing for parents on the afternoons of December 18th and 19th at 12:45pm. We will be sending home tickets the week prior and we ask parents to please attend on the date that the ticket issued states. If you need to request a specific date we ask that you let our office know in advance of tickets going home and we will do our best to accommodate your requests. Extra tickets **may** be available at the office on December 14th. This is a **fun** opportunity for our students to perform and we look forward to celebrating the Christmas spirit of joy and thoughtfulness with our families! We ask that families plan to stay for the entire concert as leaving part way through is disruptive and our students have worked hard to perform for you! **We will be collecting non-perishable food donations at the door!**

The Six Cedar Trees

Wolf

Wolf is a great communicator. He represents the *Communication Competency*. Through Wolf, we can learn to connect and engage with others; gather and share information; and cooperate with others by listening to and respecting each other.



I can share my thinking like wolf by:

- Talking about the things I have learned
- Working together and playing with others cooperatively
- Listening and thinking about what others say about my ideas

MOVIE FIELD-TRIP

On Friday, December 21st our K-7 students and staff will be travelling by bus to the Royal Theatre to watch a movie. We ask students to wear their PJs on this day so we can enjoy the movie in comfort!!! Permission forms will be coming home soon.

Report Cards: The Family Portal

School District No. 20 launched the MyEducation BC Family Portal last year. MyEd BC is the system used across the province for managing student information such as attendance and report cards. The family portal allows parents to have access to the MyEdBC system where you can view report cards, attendance, demographics, and progress towards graduation.

Benefits of the MyEdBC Family Portal:

- Parents can easily access their child's report card
- Increases the security and privacy of student information. With the Family Portal, report cards are stored and accessed on a secure web server as opposed to sent out via email or on paper.
- Parents can view up-to-date attendance information on the same day it is entered.
- Parents can view demographic information and contact the school should updates/changes need to be made

For families that are new to "The Family Portal" or would like a refresher, information and a video can be found on the District website:

<https://www.sd20.bc.ca/family-portal/>

First term report cards will be ready for viewing at the end of the day on Thursday, December 6th.

Please watch for emails in the next few days with further information.

If you have forgotten your password or need assistance please contact Mrs. Bella and she can help you.



Volleyball

The boys' and girls' volleyball teams had a great season and enjoyed the District play day on Thursday, November 29th. Many thanks to their dedicated coaches Ms. Hemstreet, Mr. Gale, and Mrs. Smyth. Finally, a big thank-you to Mrs. Kanda for organizing the District Tournament and WKTEP students for volunteering to be refs.

Winter Health/Safety Tips

Hand washing is the simplest, most effective way to stay healthy! Germs can be spread by contact with virtually any surface, from doorknobs to railings to money. Once you get germs on your hands, they are easily spread, even by simply rubbing your nose or your eyes. As the flu season continues, hand washing can help you stay healthy.

We ask that parents keep their children home when they are sick to prevent others from becoming sick. Your support in this matter is critical to maintaining a healthy school during the winter months!

Please report all infectious illnesses to the office as we have staff and students with compromised immune systems.

