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NEWSLETTER #4
WE ARE NUT AND SCENT AWARE!



Newsletters are sent via email and posted on our school website ([https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/gisc/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/gisc/Pages/default.aspx#/=)). Please contact the office @ (250) 568-2204 to have your email added to our contact list!



Monday, Nov. 30
Primary Report
Writing Day
No school for K-3's

*Note: this date was
moved from Nov. 2 to
Nov. 30

Dec. 14
Communicating
Student Learning (CSL)
to go home

Dec. 14 – 18
Holiday Cooking & Craft
Activity Week

Dec. 21 – Jan. 3
Winter Holidays

Monday, Jan. 4
First Day of School in
2021



PRINCIPAL / VICE PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

As we progress through November many changes continue to be completed behind the scenes at Giscome and the rest of schools across British Columbia to ensure that schools are safe for students and staff alike. For example, high touch areas are cleaned several times per day while the students are outside at recess (i.e., desks, chairs, door knobs etc.) Masks continue to be optional for students and staff alike. We are fortunate that the entire school is one learning bubble and that students can interact and participate in all activities at the same time (i.e., recess).

Also, I am very delighted that we have been granted \$500 from the School District and the Giscome PAC matched the \$500 to support our Breakfast Program at Giscome this academic year. Some changes have had to be put into place due to COVID-19 – including the enhanced training and certification of our EA's who have their BC Food Safe certification. On any given day students have the option of participating in the program and are offered pre-packaged snacks, hot cereal and every second Thursday we make pancakes for the students. We are also very appreciative to the Indigenous Education Department at School District 57 for donating many other foods we can offer our students throughout the day (i.e., fruit cups, soups, crackers)

Due to rising COVID-19 concerns, staff are looking forward to offering an alternative to the traditional Christmas Concert this year by working with students on cooking and art activities which will be brought home and shared with families during the week before holidays (December 14 – 18). More information will be made available leading up to this fun week with the students!

I'm pleased to recognize the following who received the STUDENT OF THE MONTH award for November:

Primary: Kacey Neary, Grade 3
Intermediate: Logan Bamber, Grade 7

CSL Reports will be coming home on December 14 – please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you would like to have a parent-teacher meeting or require further information. Alternatively, teachers may reach out to parents to encourage dialogue and set some academic goals with their child during a student-led conference.

We hope that the upcoming winter break will provide lots of quality family time, rest and rejuvenation needed as we navigate through the next part of the school year!

Yours truly,
Sarah J. Petrisor , Principal
Jason Schwartz, Vice Principal

Changes with bus protocol / discipline

Bus drivers will now be writing up any issues that are taking place on the bus and our principal Mrs. Petrisor / Mr. Schwartz will deal with the discipline part here at the school.



LOST & FOUND – NEW LOCATION

Lost and found items will now be located along the hallway on the boot rack.

Please remind your children to take a moment to look for items belonging to them.



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<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/gisc>

Newsletters are sent home via email and the website!

Need to Knows:

Animals on School Property

With the start of another school year, it is important for us to review our guidelines and procedures that support safe learning environments.

Please remember that under the School District 57's Administrative Procedures and Guidelines and Bylaw 2, animals in our school or on our property are not permitted without the pre-approved permission of the school Principal or designate and only for educational purposes. This approval does not supersede the regulations set under the city Bylaws. We appreciate your cooperation as we work together to support safe spaces at school.

Medical Alerts

Please inform the school of any emergent medical issues regarding your child **ASAP**.

Safe Start

If your child is going to be **late or absent**, please call the school and leave a message, complete with your child's full name, grade, and teacher. Office staff make calls home for those students not in attendance to ensure their safety and whereabouts.

PAC Elections

Current executive members for this year are the following:

Chair- Michelle Dunphy
Vice Chair- Pirie MacDonald
Treasurer – Autumn Ford
Secretary – Keisha McMaster

**Check us out on Facebook
Giscome Elementary School PAC
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Upcoming Fundraisers for the school:

1. Purdy's (October / November)
2. Pointsettia (December)
3. Hunniford's (January / February)

Reminder:

Please ensure your child is prepared to participate in all parts of the school day (including recess) by sending them to school with a winter coat, snow pants, boots, hat, scarf and gloves. Sending in an extra pair of socks or gloves to be kept in your child's backpack is always a great idea. ☺ Thank you!



School District 57 Policies:

Please take some time to review the following important policies. The links are provided to review the entire policies. These links can also be found on the School District 57 website.

Policy 5131: District Code of Student Conduct

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/5131%20District%20Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf>

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School District No. 57 (Prince George) believes that schools and school-related activities must provide a safe, caring and orderly environment for learning and working.

The District Code of Student Conduct formalizes the expectations for student behavior that provide the best possible learning environment. Individual school codes of conduct are developed within this framework in a collaborative process that includes administration, staff, students and parent/guardian(s).

Students have the responsibility for conducting themselves in accordance with the codes of conduct established by the school district and by their schools.

Policy 6179: Acceptable Use of Networks

www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/6179.pdf

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Access to electronic resources, including computer equipment, communications equipment, software, e-mail and the Internet provided by the district is a privilege, not a right. Students, employees, volunteers and others must use these resources appropriately and responsibly, and only for purposes that support the goals, objectives and activities prescribed by the school district.

Policy 3541.35: Winter Weather

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3541.35%20Winter%20Weather.pdf>

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School operational procedures and expectations regarding staff and student attendance during severe winter weather must be clarified.

Policy 3542.3: Healthy Food Choices in Schools

www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3542.3%20Healthy%20Food%20Choices%20in%20Schools.pdf

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This policy reflects the Board's belief in the role that schools have to play in ensuring that students are offered food choices that are healthy and nutritious. This belief has evolved in light of research concerning the long-term impact of diet on children's health and well-being.

Good nutrition can promote brain development, increase immune function, raise self-esteem, reduce anxiety, depression and hyperactivity, increase attendance, increase cognitive development and reduce the risk of health problems such as those associated with obesity.

The policy outlines steps that must be taken in order to provide such healthy choices.

Policy 5101: Financial Hardship

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/5101%20Financial%20Hardship.pdf>

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Section 82 (3) of the *School Act* authorizes a board of education to levy fees for goods and services provided by the board. This authorization is subject to Section 82 (4) of the Act, which requires a board to have "established policies and procedures to facilitate participation by students of school age ordinarily resident in British Columbia who would otherwise be excluded from the course, class or program because of financial hardship."