



GISCOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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February 14, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Depending on which groundhog prediction you follow it seems that most suggested it will be an early Spring (my fingers are crossed)!

We have all been busy in our classrooms with so much great learning in literacy and numeracy this past month and I want to recognize the motivation and engagement our students and staff have shown each day.

This month we have had two full school trips to Blackburn: (1) NASA Planetarium (to learn about our solar system) and (2) Hip Hop Hoop Dancing (cultural indigenous event). Both excursions were met with curiosity and a sincere open mindedness by students and staff alike to learn from these experiences. Later this Spring we will continue to have more full school opportunities to engage in these cultural and academic events.

A reminder to parents that the winter weather is still unpredictable at times and sending an extra pair of mittens and socks in for your child to keep in their backpack or cubby will help support them if they get wet from their outdoor play in the snow.

Thank you to parents who have donated food and supplies to our morning Breakfast Program. If you would like to contribute, please send non-perishable foods (i.e., Cereal, Granola Bars etc.) to the school anytime. Most students are coming in off the busses and enjoying this positive start to their day! And, a thank you to PAC for their financial contribution to continue the program until the end of June.

Yours truly,
Jason Schwartz, Vice Principal &
Sarah Petrisor, Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day (Dance and Activity Afternoon)
Feb 17 – Family Day – NO SCHOOL
Feb 24 – Primary CSL Writing Day – NO SCHOOL FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS ONLY (K-3)
Feb 25 – PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Feb 26 – Pink Shirt Day
March 10 – CSL Sent Home
March 16 – 27 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
April 7 – Student of the Month Assembly
April 10 – Good Friday (School Closed)
April 13 – Easter Monday (School Closed)
April 20-23 – Earth Week, school clean-up
April 23 – Bohemia Dance Production Fieldtrip
April 24 – Non-Instructional Day - NO SCHOOL

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized at our February assembly for being great SOARING EAGLE members at Giscome:

Primary Class: Myla & Emma Lee
Intermediate Class: Emma & Karis

Congratulations to these hard working and motivated students that were recognized by their teachers.

PRIMARY CSL WRITING DAY

Monday, February 24th - there will be no school for primary students for staff to complete "**Communicating Student Learning (CSL) Reports**".

PAC FUNDRAISERS

PAC is currently running their Spring Fundraiser: Hunniford Garden Plants. An order form went home with each student last week (if you require another form, please contact the school or download it from the Giscome website). Plant orders and money are due into the school by March 5. Thank you for your support in supporting PAC and the school!

ONLINE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2020 –2021 Kindergarten Registration is now open- Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2020 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2020.

Registration should be completed through the online form at <https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Parents/StudentReg/KindReg>. This site will link to all forms required for registration. Please deliver completed forms to our school with your child's birth certificate

ONLINE STUDENT TRANSFERS

This application provides a way for parents to request registration for their student at a school other than their catchment school for the next school year. The online student transfer application process is now open until **3:00 pm March 5, 2020**. The application link will be provided online shortly: <https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Parents/StudentReg/Pages/default.aspx#/=>



PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt day is February 26th a day to focus on anti-bullying. The school will NOT be doing a bulk order of pink shirts. However, shirts are available at various retail stores around town as well as online.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please notify us if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Giscome has a Safe Start program and you will be called if your child is away without explanation. Please call the school at 250-568-2204 and leave a message on the school answering machine or by sending a note with a sibling.

SUPERVISION

Students are **not supervised** on the playground before 7:45 a.m. or after 2:15 p.m. Students should not be dropped off before this time. Any bus students staying after 2:15 p.m. must have a note of permission from their parent, with the understanding that there is no supervision for their child after 2:15 p.m.

GISCOME SOARING EAGLES EXPECTATIONS

I will show Safety and Respect in the: CLASSROOM

By:

- *Inside voice.*
- *Active listening.*
- *Kind words.*
- *Best effort.*
- *Prepared.*
- *Inside shoes.*
- *Hands and feet to self.*
- *Chairs in.*
- *4 on the floor.*
- *Help others.*



Winter Weather Reminders and News for Bus Families

As we all settle back into school routines after the break, it's a good time to remind everyone about our winter weather policies. Schools will continue to stay open during winter weather events, but on occasion bus service may have to be cancelled for the day if roads are considered too dangerous to travel due to snow or icy conditions. Announcements regarding bus delays or cancellations are made via local radio stations on the affected day. You can subscribe to **My School Bus Monitor** at www.diversifiedbus.ca to receive notification of delays on your route. Thank you for ensuring children are dressed for the weather and for reminding them not to play on roadside snow piles. We ask that students are at their stops 5 minutes before the scheduled arrival time, but they are not expected to wait more than 15 minutes beyond the regular pick up time. Safety is always our first priority.

Over the next number of months, Diversified will be installing video recording equipment on the bus fleet. This technology will serve as another tool to support the safety and well-being of everyone on board our buses. Bus drivers are especially thankful for students who ride safely by sitting in their seats, by keeping the volume of conversations at a low setting, and by showing respect for others as well as the bus and its equipment. In turn, we are thankful for our drivers who have the important responsibility in our district of safely transporting nearly 4000 students each day!