



# GISCOME ELEMENTARY NEWS

Safety/Ownership/Accountability/Respect

SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2022

NEWSLETTER #1  
WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>

Labour Day – no school

### Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>

First Day of School (60 min for K, 90 min for all others)

### Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>

NID – Indigenous day of learning – no school for students

### Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

First full day of school for Kindergarteners

### Friday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

Day of Truth and Reconciliation – No school

## WATER BOTTLES

Just a friendly reminder for your child to bring a water bottle to school.



**Hadih (Hello) Giscome Families!**

Welcome back to the start of another brilliant year of learning at Giscome. My name is Sara Heppner and I am the new Intermediate teacher and Vice Principal at Giscome. I am new to the role of Vice Principal, but have taught in a grade 4-7 classroom in the past and am looking forward to the opportunity to do so again!

**Bell Schedule:** The bell schedule will remain the same as last year's – you can find the schedule on the next page

**Staff:** I would like to welcome Laura Wiebe as the new Library, Inclusive Education, English Language Learner, Learning Assistant, Prep, and Thursday Intermediate teacher. Both Laura and I are new to Giscome Elementary and we are both looking forward to getting to know and work with the community.

**School Supplies:** You can find the school supply list on the Giscome website (it remains the same as last year). Our district is also receiving some funding from the Ministry of Education to help families purchase supplies for school, please reach out if there is anything your child requires.

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/school/gisc/About/Materials/Pages/default.aspx#/>

**Allergies:** It appears that there is no one with a nut allergy at Giscome. We will continue to be "nut aware" but you can send nut products with your child at this time.

**COVID Protocols:** It is with great joy that we are opening this school year mask free with most COVID protocols being lifted, however, we will continue to wash & sanitize our hands as this is good practice. Our space is open again to visitors; please do remember to sign in when you enter the school, a sign in book will be located by the main entrance next to the hand sanitizing station.

**Open House:** In the next few weeks keep your eyes out for an invitation to the schools open house. In the meantime, feel free to stop by, call, or email if you have any questions. I can be reached at [sheppner@sd57.bc.ca](mailto:sheppner@sd57.bc.ca), or 250-568-2204

We are looking forward to what the year will bring!

Mussicho (Thank you very much),



**Contact Giscome Elementary at**  
Phone: 250-568-2204

**Website:**

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

**Newsletters are sent home via email and can be found on the website!**

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## Giscome PAC

Pirie MacDonald  
Autumn Ford  
Stephanie Stewart

**Check us out on Facebook Giscome Elementary School PAC PG**

### 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.

## Need to Knows:



**7:45 Supervision begins**  
7:55 Warning Bell  
8:00 Instruction begins  
**9:45 – 10:00 Recess**  
9:55 Classroom Instruction  
**11:30 – 11:45 Lunch**  
11:45 – 12:10 Outside recess  
12:10 Warning Bell  
12:15 Afternoon instruction  
**1:57 Dismissal**  
2:00 Supervision ends

## Important SD57 Policies to Review:

- o [Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct](#)
- o [Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks](#)
- o [Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather](#)
- o [Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools](#)
- o [Policy 5101 Financial Hardship](#)

If computer access is an issue, please let the school know and we will provide a printed copy of these for you to review.

## Indigenous Corner

*Birch Tapping and Drumming*



**SD57 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee**  
2022-2023



### SEEKING

#### Parent & Student Representatives

The SD57 Indigenous Education Advisory Committee is recruiting members for the 2022-2023 school year.

We are seeking letters of interest to fill the following positions:

- Two student representatives
- Two parent / guardian representatives of self-identified Indigenous students

The committee meets monthly to help advise the district on how we can best meet the needs of Indigenous learners in our district.

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For more information or to submit a letter of interest, contact Jen



