



GISCOME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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November 28, 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of November is here. We are busy at Giscome Elementary planning for the upcoming School Christmas Concert, and teachers are in the midst of preparing written reports to communicate your child's learning with you.

PAC is busy with wrapping up the Norwex and Purdy's fundraisers as well as organizing the annual free pizza lunch day on December 20 for students.

We have several upcoming dates that will affect you. We have a Non-Instructional Day Nov. 29, 2019 and our annual Christmas Concert is Dec. 20, 2019 beginning at 12:30 pm. We hope that all parent(s) will be able to attend this special event.

Yours truly,

Sarah J. Petrisor, Principal
& Jason Schwartz, Vice Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 29 – NID – No School for Students
Dec 2 – PAC Hot Lunch Day
Dec 3 – Student of the Month Assembly
Dec 13 – School Wide Reward – Dance from 1 – 2 pm
Dec 16 – CSL Reports Sent Home
Dec 18 – White Elephant Sale – PAC - Gym
Dec 20 – Christmas Concert: 12:30 pm
Dec 20 – Free Pizza for Students – THANK YOU, PAC!
Dec 23 – Jan 3 – Winter Break
Jan 6 – First Day Back after Break
Jan 27 – NID – No School for Students

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us in the Giscome gymnasium on Friday December 20 at 12:30 pm. Your children (both classes) will be showcasing their singing and dramatic arts talents as they demonstrate their understanding of what "Christmas Spirit" represents! Your children will be bringing home sheet music in which they are practicing at school and at home prior to the concert. A big thank you to Mr. Hooker and the rest of staff for organizing this seasonal event!

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS - Nov 29 & Jan 27

Friday, Nov 29th & Friday January 27th are Non-Instructional days, there will be no school for students on these days. Check out the link below from City of Prince George for a variety of activities for students on that day: www.princegeorge.ca/schoolbreaks

LOST & FOUND – NEW LOCATION

Lost and found items will now be located in the main hall on the boot rack (in bins). They are getting full! Please take a moment to look for items belonging to your child when you are in the school next. Thank you.

SCHOOL VISITS

When visiting the school or dropping off items for your child, **please use the front entrance and check in with a staff member** when you arrive. If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day please park in the parking lot and come meet your child at the front door.

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 or call Mrs. Nicholl, Senior Secretary at Blackburn /Giscome (250) 963-7060 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. Students should leave the school grounds after dismissal. Any bus students staying after 2:15 pm must have a note of permission from their parent, with the understanding that there is no supervision for their child after 2:15 pm.

Newsletters will be emailed to each family who have an email on file by Ms. Pastor (the newest addition in staff to Blackburn/Giscome who will be supporting Mrs. Nicholl in the office)!

For those families who prefer a paper copy one will be sent home with the youngest child in each family. Please let the office know if you want to make any changes to this plan or if your email needs to be updated.

SCHOOL BUSES – WINTER WEATHER

1. Students shall not be expected to wait for a school bus more than fifteen minutes past the scheduled pickup time. If the bus has not arrived by that time, students should return to their homes or another prearranged place of shelter.
2. Parents are encouraged to arrange for someone to accompany small children to and from bus stops during extremely cold weather. Kindergarten students must be accompanied to and from their stop by a designated adult at ALL TIMES.
3. Parents are urged to develop emergency procedures with their children should they become stranded in cold weather. Please ensure that children have access to locked homes or other designated safe locations in case of a bus delay or other emergency.

4. Student baggage on school buses per Motor Vehicle Regulations 26/58, 35.14 (1) (c) (d) and (e):
Equipment such as skis, poles, toboggans, crazy carpets, sleds, skateboards, etc., are not allowed on regular school buses. If a school program requires this type of equipment, other arrangements must be made to bring it to school. Skates must have skate guards or be carried in a gear bag. If an item including band instruments and equipment bags cannot be held on a student's lap, it cannot be brought on the bus.
5. Students are reminded to keep a safe distance away from all moving vehicles and not to "hitch bumper rides" on buses or any other vehicles.
6. Snow plows: The Ministry of Transportation and Highways warns students of the danger of playing near moving snow plows, particularly when the plows are throwing snow. The snow is thrown a considerable distance with great force and contains gravel and other particles that could inflict serious injury.

