



# GISCOMÉ ELEMENTARY NEWS

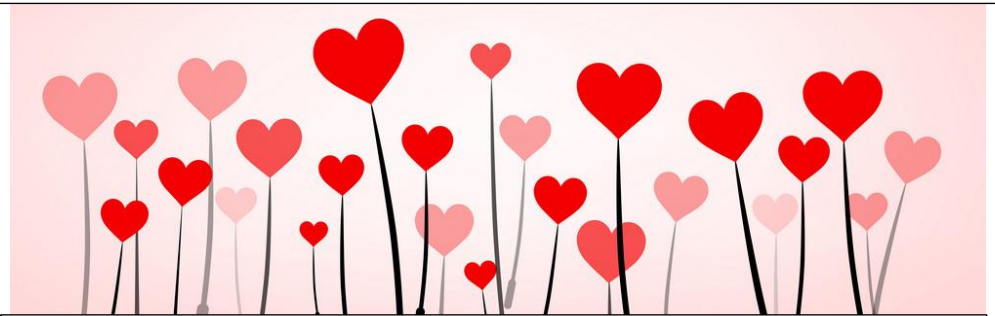
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FEBRUARY, 26, 2021

MARCH NEWSLETTER  
WE ARE NUT AND SCENT AWARE!



Newsletters are provided to the eldest student in the school, 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) 963-7060 to have your email added to our contact list!



**Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Early Dismissal  
12:52 pm

**Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

Early Dismissal  
12:52 pm

**Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

CSL Point of Progress  
Reports  
to go home

**Spring Break,  
Good Friday and  
Easter Monday**

Monday, March 21 –  
Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Hadih (Hello) Giscome Families!

February was a month of kindness, love, and friendship! Here are some of the highlights

- Every Friday morning before school starts, the students participate in a "Walk and Talk". During this time, the students have a chance to talk to their peers, teachers, and students from the other classroom.
- Our Valentine's Day celebration was led by our Leadership students! It was a day filled with a Valentine Exchange, popcorn, and a movie. Leadership students made decorations, organized the seating for the movie, and cleaned up after the event. The Leadership students showed problem solving skills, kindness to all students, and initiative to make the day a success!
- Just recently, the students participated in a schoolwide Bingo game! It was really nice to see the Intermediate students offer support and encouragement to the Primary students.
- If the weather cooperates, our next schoolwide activity will be Winter Kickball.

We experienced our first week of in-days when the temperatures dipped to a very cold – 37. Thank you to everyone for making sure our students were safe arriving and leaving the school. The Giscome staff and students took the cold weather in stride and participated in activities to pass the time. A **BIG** thank you to Mr. MacLise for facilitating dodgeball games in the gym and to Mrs. MacDonald for creating a craft station.

Reminder to parents to return your Health Curriculum Permission Forms. If you need another form, please contact Ms. Helfrich or Mr. MacLise and we can send another copy home.

The soup and sandwich hot lunch was a big success! **Thank you** to the PAC parents who participated. It was the perfect meal to have during the cold snap! Remember, Hunniford's Plant order is due March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help out during a hot lunch or wish to be part of the PAC monthly meetings, please contact **Michelle Dunphy**.

Mussicho (Thank you very much),

Kristen Helfrich, Vice Principal  
Sarah J. Petrisor, 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 Ms. Helfrich will deal with the discipline part here at the school.



**WATER BOTTLES**

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



**Blackburn Elementary Office Hours:**

7:45 am – 3:00 pm  
Monday-Friday  
(250) 963-7060

Note: all queries regarding student registration and enrollment should be directed to this Office

**Contact us at Giscome Elementary:**

Phone: 250-568-2204

Note: There is no secretary on site at Giscome, please call when possible during non-instructional hours

**Website:**

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

**Newsletters are sent home via students, email and the website!**

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**Need to Knows:**

**Mr. Forster's Library Corner**

Mr. Forster went on a shopping spree and bought some new books for the Library! Check in with Mr. Forster and check out some new books!

**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.

**Communicating Student Learning**

There has been a change this year in how we communicate student learning to a more personalized, timely and responsive format.

- a. There will be 5 points of progress per year.
- b. Three points of progress are at the teacher's discretion and must include literacy and numeracy progress. It is the teacher's discretion how and when they wish to present this information to parents i.e. phone calls, video conferencing, in person meetings, Class Dojo or paper reports to home.
- c. A mid term report (Giscome staff completed prior to Xmas break). This report covers all subject areas
- d. The June summative report will cover all subject areas.
- e. Only the mid term report and the summative report go in your child's permanent file.

**Giscome PAC**

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

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

**Upcoming Fundraisers for Giscome:**

**Hunniford's - Due March 10th**

**Reporting Directions**

Less	More
Prescriptive reporting guidelines/limited ability to respond to the needs of a diverse student population	Personalized/flexible with more options to meet the needs of a wider variety of learners and parents
Reporting as an event	Ongoing, timely and responsive communication
Limited student ownership of the process	Students with increased ownership for their learning and achievement
Communication is one way (teacher to parent)	Communication is interactive involving student, parent and teacher. Parents are more actively involved in the process
Reporting is not a process and the purpose is to make a judgement (not designed to promote further learning)	Reporting process is designed to support and promote further learning