



September 2018

School Website: <http://www.gre.sd23.bc.ca>

Staying Connected...what you need to do

A monthly Grizzly Gazette newsletter will be sent home via email early in each month. There will also be a “Family Bulletin” emailed home each week— it will include a calendar of the week’s activities. Please make sure your most current email address is on file with the school office so that you are included. ***This year newsletters and calendar information will be by email and on our website.***

Financial Hardship Clause

Within School District Policy 425 – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated that “a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship”. This clause in the policy provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay.

Please contact the Mrs. Middleton if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

GRE's All Star Teaching Staff...

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| S. Kirillo | Kindergarten |
| C. Strobel | Kindergarten |
| K. Lehmann | Grade 1/2 |
| M.Munro (nee Bouchard) | Grade 1/2 |
| S. Rigby | Grade 2/3 |
| C. Green | Grade 2/3 |
| J. Fryatt | Grade 3/4 |
| B. Manders | Grade 4/5 |
| M. Lee | Grade 4/5 |
| S. Hyslop | Library |
| G. Koop | Music |
| K. Scott | Learning Assistance |
| K. John | Resource Teacher |
| M. O'Donnell | Speech |
| S. Paquet | Aboriginal Student Advocate |

September Special Events

Families are encouraged to check the school website’s calendar for the most up-to-date list of what’s happening @ GRE. Here are a few September activities for your info:

- Crosswalk Safety Patrol Training – September 7
- Student Photos– September 13
- Terry Fox Walk/Run– September 21st
- Early Dismissal at 12:30 on September 27 & 28 for Conferences

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME...Perfect Punctuality - a few changes

We know that children thrive when they can count on routines and predictability, for that reason we encourage you to have your children to school on time, as we know that this will help them be successful. We also know that events can happen that are out of our control and definitely out of our children's control, and we prefer to deal with punctuality on a case by case basis, with the hopes that as a team we can help make sure that the students have the consistency they need to be successful. Because of these reasons, we will no longer be running the Perfect Punctuality program at GRE and instead will be communicating with parents and working together on punctuality concerns.

Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so
much.

- Helen Keller



GRE PAC - WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Our new PAC Executive for 2018/19 is as follows:

President: open

Vice-President: Danica Dollman

Secretary: Autumn Gossen

Treasurer: Tanya Normandale

Fundraising: open

Public Relations: open

Fun Lunch/Milk: Danica Dollman

COPAC Rep: Cindy Strinholm

Parent/Staff Liaison: open



FRIDAY FUN LUNCH



If you are able to assist with this very popular lunch program, please contact our Fun Lunch Coordinator - **Danica Dollman**. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute the food to the classrooms during the play portion of the lunchtime. This commitment will take approximately half an hour from 10:50-11:20 am. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated whether you are able to help only once, every time or anything in between. Thank you all in advance for your help to assist with this great service to our families! Fun Lunch at GRE will start in October.

Note: There will be no Hot Dog Day on Sept. 11 and Nov. 13

PAC FACEBOOK PAGE

Please check out our GRE PAC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GlenrosaElementaryPac> and don't forget to let us know if you 'Like' it!



SCHOOL FEES:

In total, fees are \$40.00 for the year, which includes \$30 for year-long Student Supplies + \$10 Cultural Fees. For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. School related expenses are again available online for you to make payment. You can also pay by credit card online. Please take 5 minutes to register (it's *Convenient, Safe & Secure*):

Here's how:

Go to: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com>

The first PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. At this meeting there will be elections for the vacant positions. **Please consider running as the PAC is an important partner in building a successful school!** All parents are welcome to attend. Child minding is available during this time.

All parents in the school are members of the PAC - we look forward to seeing many families represented at our upcoming meetings!



Our Promise to You

We believe in the power of schools and families to work together to build the very best learning community for our students. This means that we invite your input into what you think is best for your child. We are looking forward to a great year working together.

Sincerely,

Tamalee Middleton (Principal)

Our first parent teacher conferences are scheduled to take place over two days, September 27th and 28th. Remember early dismissal at 12:30 will be in place on both of those days. Parents, please remember to pack an extra-large recess snack for your child as we do not break for lunch on these early dismissal days. Students will have a fifteen minute morning recess break only.

As a one-on-one meeting is not always necessary for every child, these dates may look like conferences or as open-house times in which parents can meet their child's teacher, tour the classroom and receive information about the upcoming year's academic programming. Your child will be bringing home a further details about this event later in September.

Please note that our kindergarten options may look different as their program is quite different from the other grades

Please be sure to mark your calendar and drop by during the PAC sponsored Welcome Back Barbeque scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 26st, 2018 at 5:30-7:00 p.m. Keep an eye out for more information that will be coming home soon about what to bring (your own plates and cutlery and side dish or dessert)! Hope to see you there!

Student Accident Insurance

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance at a reasonable cost.

Application forms for a program underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (KIDS PLUS™ Accident Insurance) was sent home with students earlier this month.

GROWTH MINDSET...AN IMPORTANT KEY TO SUCCESS!

A Parent's Guide to
ENCOURAGING A GROWTH MINDSET

What is a growth mindset?
Growth mindset is a concept developed by Carol Dweck, a Professor of Psychology at Stanford University. It is the belief that a person's abilities and intelligence can be developed through practice, hard work, dedication, and motivation.

What is a fixed mindset?
A fixed mindset is the notion that intelligence and talent alone will lead to success. People with a fixed mindset believe that these things are "fixed" and cannot be developed or improved upon. They believe that you are either born with it or not, and nothing can change that.


Why is having a growth mindset important?

Research has shown that children who have a fixed mindset are more likely to:

- Fear failure
- Give up on tasks they feel are too difficult
- Ignore feedback
- Avoid challenges
- Feel threatened by the success of others

Children who have a growth mindset are more likely to:

- Learn from their mistakes
- Be motivated to succeed
- Put forth more effort
- Take challenges head on
- Take risks
- Seek feedback
- Learn more
- Learn faster



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