



Nicholson Elementary News

"Home of the Nicholson Nighthawks"

School District No. 6 Rocky Mountain

May , 2023

Principal's Perspective

Nicholson Elementary is a welcoming, happy place to be.

We are a community of life-long learners who connect, synergize, and positively influence each other and the world around us.

We strive for success today and prepare for success tomorrow.

Dear Nicholson Elementary School Community,

We have entered the second last month of school, and how we have learned together during this time.

Please take a look at the newsletter to see all of the events taking place and added information, such as swimming, Welcome to Kindergarten, Grade 7 Celebration and tick season has arrived.

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An interim report will be coming home at the end of the first week of May. This gives a general overview of what learning is taking place and how your child is growing in different areas of the curriculum. If you have any questions about the interim report, please email your child's teacher or give the school a call to set up an appointment.

Sincerely,
Ms. Margo Reinders
Principal

Victoria Day
Monday May 22
No School for Students

NEXT PAC MEETING
MAY 15TH at 1PM

HOT LUNCH



SOFT TACO
May 15

You Are Invited!
Community Engagement
Session
May 11th 6:00-8:00
Golden Secondary School

SPRING FLING
FRIDAY MAY 12
4-7PM
CASH ONLY PLEASE
CONCESSION AND

Our governmentally funded AFFORDABILITY FUND has been used successfully in a few applications this year:

- **Daily fruit and vegetable bowls in the classroom**
- **Snack and Milk Fridays**
- **As well as it has provided the school with a monthly 'LUNCH ON US' Students have been able to enjoy SUBWAY sandwiches and TURNING POINT pizza.**

This month 'LUNCH ON US' will be Monday May 29th, we will keep you updated on the details.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Tuesday May 23, 2023

9:15 - 10:30am

Children will meet the teacher (s) and play with fellow Kindergarteners, while parents will have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Reinders and review important Kindergarten start up items.

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If you are interested in attending the public engagement session, need childcare at the event please [RSVP here](#) If you would like further information, please contact Margo Reinders at Nicholson Elementary.

If you can't make it to our public engagement session, we will also be doing an online survey. Check out our [website](#) after the engagement session for the link to the survey.

BEAR AWARE

Spring has arrived and the bears are coming out of hibernation. Please be safe and make sure that your child is not walking alone.



It's Tick Season



Here are some helpful hints!



1. Know where to expect ticks. Many areas in the good ground cover and diverse wildlife (such as squirrels, hedgehogs, birds and deer) can pose a potential risk as wildlife feeds any ticks and allows their population to increase. Animals also transport ticks to new areas.
2. Use a repellent, reading the instructions carefully. There is currently no vaccine to defend against Lyme disease so prevention is key.
3. Tuck your trouser legs into your socks. This helps to deter ticks from crawling inside your pant legs, down into shoes and through most socks. Wearing gaiters will also help to prevent this.
4. Check your body carefully for ticks after being outdoors taking special care to check all over the body. Ticks prefer warm, moist, dark areas of the body.
5. Don't bring ticks home. Check clothing and pets for ticks to avoid bringing them inside.
6. If you do find a tick, carefully remove it by using a specialist tick-removal tool or fine-tipped tweezers.

**Grade 7 Celebration
Friday June 23th
From 11:00—12:00PM**

This will be a whole school assembly and all parents are welcome to come and watch.

If your child is in grade 7, we would love to have them in our Grade 7/8 Band next school year.

Band instruments can be rented, or limited school instruments are available free of charge.
Grade 7/8 Band meets throughout the school year on
Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 - 5:00PM

Please contact david.mcperson@sd6.bc.ca with questions or to sign up.

SPRING/ SUMMER FOOTWEAR

THE BEAUTIFUL WEATHER CREATES OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE TEACHERS TAKE STUDENTS OUTSIDE FOR GYM, AND STUDENTS NEED PROPER RUNNING SHOES TO DO SO.



**PLEASE DON'T SEND
YOUR CHILDREN IN FLIP
FLOPS.**

**NICHOLSON
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

**STUDENT
ART SHOW**

**FRIDAY
MAY 26
10AM—12PM**

**PARENTS AND
FRIENDS WELCOME**



Planning for the 2023-2024 School Year

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending Nicholson Elementary School in the fall. We are already starting to plan for next year.



**Families with
Children
aged 0-5**

Ready Set Learn Event

May 24th 4-6pm

Nicholson Elementary School Field

**FREE
EVENT**

Join other families with children aged 0-5 years of age for a FREE Ministry of Education and Child Care funded family oriented event. Receive information about FREE local early learning programming and services available for you and your child!

Swimming Program

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 will participate in 4- 30 minute lessons.

Grade 5 to Grade 7 students will participate in two fun swims.

Swimming Times (Tentative Schedule)

May 25	1:00 - 3:00pm	Grade 5 -7 Fun Swim
June 1	1:00 - 3:00pm	Grade 5 -7 Fun Swim
June 5	12:30 - 3:00pm	Kindergarten to Grade 4- 30 minute lesson
June 12	12:30- 3:00pm	Kindergarten to Grade 4- 30 minute lesson
June 19	12:30 - 2:30pm	Kindergarten to Grade 4- 30 minute lesson
June 26	12:30 - 2:30pm	Kindergarten to Grade 4- 30 minute lesson



We will notify parent of any time or date changes.

SHARED COMMUNITY GAZEBO

PROGRESS UPDATE

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, WE HAVE EMBARKED ON AN ADVENTURE,
NAVIGATED BY A GROUP OF FINE INDIVIDUALS:

**Ms. Hunt,
Ms. Reinders
Mrs. Mckenzie
Mrs. Harris**

and our parent volunteer Juniper Kelly

THIS GROUP HAS WORKED HARD ON GETTING GRANTS WRITTEN, PLANS ORGANIZED AND DATES CONFIRMED.
MAKE SURE TO THANK THEM WHEN YOU SEE THEM.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS

**KICKING HORSE MNT. RESORT
SUMMIT FUND
\$1100.00**

**COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT
\$2000.00**

**NICHOLSON SCHOOL PAC
\$6000.00**

**COLUMBIA VALLEY CREDIT UNION
\$5000.00**

**GOLDEN AND DISTRICT
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
\$5000.00**

**REDI-GRANT
\$37, 675.00**

THANK YOU TO THE COMPANIES WHO HAVE DONATED PRODUCT AND SERVICES

SHAMROCK MOUNTAIN BUILDING

Donation of time and employees to
prepare the pad and for the assistance
in the foundation concrete pour

GOLDEN CONCRETE

Donation of delivery and concrete for
the foundation pour

THANK YOU TO

INTERNATIONAL TIMBERFRAMES

Thank you for taking on this project
we look forward to using this gazebo
for an outdoor learning classroom this
fall and and for many years to come.

PLANS TO BREAK GROUND IN JULY

MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 TIM HORTONS CAMP GRADE 7	2 TIM HORTONS CAMP GRADE 7	3 TIM HORTONS CAMP GRADE 7	4 TIM HORTONS CAMP GRADE 7	5 INTERM REPORT SENT HOME	6
7	8	9 CLASS PHOTO'S TAKEN, WEAR BLUE OR SPIRIT WEAR	10	11 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GSS 6-8PM	12 SPRING FLING 4-7PM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	13
14	15 HOT LUNCH SOFT TACO'S	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL	23 WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN 9:15-10:30AM	24 READY SET LEARN 4-6PM NES PLAYGROUND	25 GRADE 5-7 SWIMMING 1:00-3:00PM	26 NICHOLSON ART SHOW 10-12PM FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WELCOME	27
28	29 LUNCH ON US	30	31 GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION 10:45-12:00PM			