

GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

April 2018

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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Best wishes to our Giant's Head families as we head into the final term of the school year. We look forward to a successful three months ahead. Thanks to all our families who help by ensuring that students get a good night's sleep, start their day with a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time, prepared for the day. On that note, attendance at school is vitally important to student success. As an adult, I know how it makes me uncomfortable to be late for an appointment or to arrive after a workshop is underway. Students who frequently miss school feel "out of the loop" and never receive the full scope of instructions, the same amount of time for questions, nor time to complete work at a comfortable pace. Lessons build on previous lessons and knowledge is internalized through experiences.

Having said that, if a child is unwell, it is best they are kept home. A student who is under the weather will not be in a state to learn and may cause the spread of illness. If your child will not be at school because they are home sick, please let us know by calling 250-770-7671 or email cbird@summer.com

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kirsten Odian

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday April 3	Pizza Day
Tuesday April 10	Pizza Day
	Ready Set Learn 1:15-2:15
Monday April 16	Pro D Day —no school for students
Tuesday April 17	Pizza Day
Sunday April 22	Earth Day
Tuesday April 24	Pizza Day
Monday April 25	Axis Theatre
Saturday April 22	Earth Day

PAC NEWS

First, I would like to thank those who attended the meetings in March. Topics were discussed at length and a final decision to re-invest was carried. The topic of sharing the goings on within the PAC was raised and we now have a half of a bulletin board (thanks to Mr. Dunbar) next to the main office that we will be posting information on as we go. We will also be posting more detailed minutes and upcoming events to the PAC Facebook page and blurbs like this one in the newsletter. Should you have a fundraising idea, question or would like to find out more about how you can help at our school, please feel free to e-mail GHESPAC@yahoo.ca or come to the next PAC meeting on April 9th, 2018 @ 6:45pm. Hope to see you there!

Your GHES PAC.

READY, SET, LEARN **SWIM PROGRAM**

Tuesday April 10 1:15pm-2:15pm



Giant’s Head School will be hosting the Ready, Set, Learn Program supported by the Ministry of Education on Tuesday, April 7th from 1:15—2:15pm in the gym. If you have a child who is 3, 4, or 5 years of age, come join us and a variety of community partners presenting valuable information. Children will participate in activities throughout the session.

To register, please call the school at (250) 770-7671 or email cbird@summer.com.

Our students are participating in swimming at the Summerland Community Centre.

Please see the attached calendar and ensure children are prepared for the sessions indicated.

A BIG thank you to Giant’s Head PAC for supporting this important program. We appreciate it!



SUCCESSFUL LEARNER TRAITS

We are continuing our focus on personal awareness and social responsibility using a common approach and common language throughout the school. This is prevalent in our classrooms, hallways, playgrounds, assemblies and daily announcements. We are pleased to note growth in various settings and the support of parents who have embraced this approach.

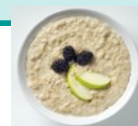
It can begin with discussions at home with your children simply focusing on the word of the week. These words are strategically chosen to tie in with target behaviours and expectations of our students. Understanding their meaning and seeing them first hand in action brings strength and awareness to our common mission— working together to create a respectful, safe place to learn.

Here are the words for April —

April 3rd—April 6th	Dependability
April 9th—April 13th	Fairness
April 16th—April 20th	Trustworthiness
April 23rd—April 27th	Tolerance



BREAKFAST CLUB TUESDAY—FRIDAY 7:45AM—8:40AM



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. We are open Tuesday through Friday from 7:45 AM to 8:40 AM. If, for whatever reason, your child has not eaten breakfast, please send them to the program. Everyone is welcome, and it's free!

We encourage parents to contribute to the nutritional program by sharing ethnic or traditional foods or meals which may be unfamiliar to many of the children. We display a positive attitude about food and enthusiasm for trying new things. In a group setting, the children are more likely to overcome personal biases. We make it adventurous and have fun! Each child is welcomed with smiles.

It is volunteer week at the end of April. We want to thank our Breakfast for Learning volunteers for their amazing efforts and commitment to ensure our children eat a nutritious meal each morning.

Nesters Market has offered the opportunity for people to donate their grocery points towards Breakfast for Learning. We are able to use these points to buy food items for the program. If you wish to donate your points please tell the cashier at the time of checkout. The points' program allows shoppers to participate, creating a community interest and a sense of supporting our local children.

Thank-you to Back Yard Beans, Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Patenaude for your donations; they are very much appreciated.

If you would like to make a contribution, a cheque can be made to Giant's Head Breakfast for Learning and presented to Valerie Wright (Coordinator) and a receipt will be given by Cheryl Bird (school secretary).

Your participation helps to create community interest and a sense of ownership in the program. Thank - you for caring about today's children.

Program Coordinator

Valerie Wright

BOOK FAIR—FEBRUARY 2018

Mrs. Beckingham would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and students who helped make our Scholastic Book Fair such a success again this year. During the fair, we sold \$5866.75 in books and products. Amazing—this was our best year yet! We get 60% of our total in books! We have either taken books from the book fair or will order \$3273.64 worth of books for our library and/or classrooms this year! Thank you so much to everyone for supporting our fundraiser. I'm sure our students will enjoy these books for a long time to come!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children born in 2013 are eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2018. Parents who feel their child is not yet ready for kindergarten, may defer enrollment for one year. Please contact Wendy Hyer (250-770-7700) at the School Board Office for information about this.



Placement in your neighborhood school kindergarten is based on your address and registration date. The earlier you register, the more likely your child will attend a school close to your home.

TRANSFER REQUESTS 2018/ 2019 SCHOOL YEAR



The window for students requesting transfers from their catchment / current school to another school in School District No. 67 for the September 2018 / 2019 school year is **8:00am, February 1, 2018 to 4:00pm, April 15, 2018**. Transfer requests received prior to February 1 will be date / time stamped as “February 1, 2018, 8:00am” and transfer requests received after April 15 may not be considered until September 2018. Decisions will likely not be approved until September 2018 due to boundaries review.

BASKETBALL



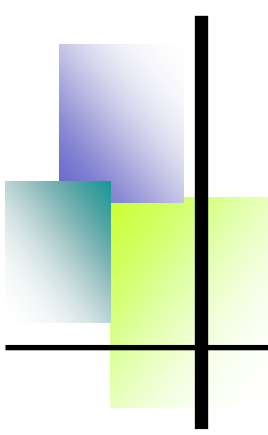
What an incredible group of grade 4/5 players!

Many thanks to coaches Ms. Fedorak, Ms. Persson and Mrs. Skinner and to the boys and girls who played basketball this term. Growth was evident in basic skill development and technique and lots of school spirit!

GRADE 5 INFORMATION MEETING—May 1



On **Tuesday, May 1st, at 7:00 pm**, SMS will hold a Parent Information Evening for parents of students (**French Immersion and English Track**) entering Grade 6 at Summerland Middle School in September 2018.



APRIL 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Easter Monday</i>	3 Swimming Brickenden 10-11 Stewart-Heal 1-2	4 Swimming Robertson 10-11 Tracy 1:15-2:15	5 Swimming Rolston 10-11 Balfour 11-12 Shanner 1-2	6 Swimming Fedorak 1:15-2:15 Fun Lunch Booster Juice/Grilled Cheese	7
8	9 Swimming Irvine 10-11 Barton 1-2	10 <i>Ready Set Learn 1:15-2:15</i> Swimming Brickenden 10-11 Stewart-Heal 1-2 Okanagan College Skinner/Barton	11 Swimming Robertson 10-11 Tracy 1:15-2:15	12 Swimming Rolston 10-11 Balfour 11-12 Shanner 1-2	13 Swimming Fedorak 1:15-2:15 Fun Lunch Quesadillas	14
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29	30 Swimming Irvine 10-11 Barton 1-2					