

# GIANT'S HEAD ELEMENTARY

February 2020

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Winter to everyone and a huge welcome to Mr. McIntosh who is our new Vice Principal.

We have had a great start to the second term. Our classes have quickly returned to our regular routines and are now fully immersed in their learning. Our Successful Learner Trait for February is "Thoughtful". In our Learner Traits we are focusing on being "thoughtful" in our thinking. Over the month, students will be learning how to be, "observant, curious, considerate, and how to question for further understanding". A great way to help your child(ren) with the "Thoughtful" learning trait is to point out to them when they have been deliberate in their "thoughtful" thinking.

We are very excited about our talent show on February 5th and welcome all our parents and extended family members.

Safety Concern— I wish that we could have a larger parking lot so parents could walk their children to the door of their classrooms, unfortunately we don't so it is imperative that parents drop off / pick up their child(ren) without getting out of the vehicle. If you would like to walk your child(ren) to the door please park on the road. Have a fabulous February.

Scott Edwards and Scott McIntosh

## DATES TO REMEMBER

February 3 —deadline for French Immersion Forms  
(12:00 noon at School Board Office)

February 3 — PAC Meeting (6:45 pm)

February 5—Talent Show

February 6—Strong Start Closed

February 7—Kindergarten Immunization Fair

February 14 — **Valentine's Day**

February 17 — **Family Day—no school**

February 18—20—Scholastic Book Fair

February 19-20—Early Dismissal 1:40 pm

February 21—**Pro-D Day—no school**

February 24—Strong Start Closed

February 26—Pink Shirt Day

March 2—PAC Meeting (6:45 pm)

March 4—Strong Start Closed

March 12—Term 2 Report Cards go home

March 13—Last day before Spring Break

March 30—Schools Reopen



## GHS PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Next PAC meeting February 3rd 6:45pm

**Please note that on March 3 we will be having a Hot Dog Tuesday instead of pizza. Hotdogs will be \$2 each and juice will be \$1 each.**

Please remember that you can sign up for online ordering of hot lunch Friday's and monthly coffee orders. The website address is [www.ghes.hotlunches.net](http://www.ghes.hotlunches.net) and the access code is GHFL. If you have an outstanding balance you can pay online or bring cash/cheque into the office payable to GHS PAC. All profits from these and other fundraisers are returned to the school and aid in costs of extracurricular activities and classroom enhancements. Thank you for your support!

Backyard Beans Coffee fundraiser order prices have increased by \$1 due to increase in supplier cost. Next order deadline is February 19th.

## PINK SHIRT DAY—FEB. 26

On Wednesday, February 26th students are asked to dress in pink to recognize Anti Bullying Day. This day is a great opportunity for families to discuss types of bullying behaviors and how together we can stop them.

Throughout the day classes may share their knowledge of bullying and how to confront or stop it.

**STOP**  
**cyberbullying**

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

The library is always in need of clean bags! If you have some around your house we will be happy to repurpose them. Students are also reminded to bring their library book bags back to school on library day.



## EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Wednesday, February 19th

*Show and Share* 2:00-3:00 pm & 4:00-6:00 pm

Thursday, February 20th

*Interviews by appointment*

Students will be dismissed at 1:40 pm, however, busses will run at the regular dismissal times. Supervision will be available for bus students.



## BASKETBALL



The Grade 4/5 girls and boys basketball teams have been practicing since the beginning of January. Students are learning key basic skills, team building and have participated in inter squad games with other district schools.

Thanks to all the coaches for helping; Ms. Hocking, Mrs. Caskey, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McIntosh and Mrs. Parke. Please see your child's schedule for all game and practice times! Go Tigers!!!

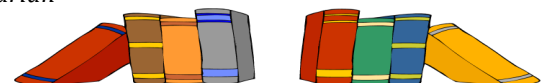
## FEBRUARY BOOK FAIR

We are excited to announce that our school will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** during early dismissal in February: Wednesday, February 19th and Thursday, February 20th. The book fair will be open one day early on **Tuesday, Feb. 18th** (from 8:45 am to 4:00 pm), as well as **Wednesday, Feb. 19th** (from 8:45am to 5:45pm) and **Thursday, Feb. 20th** (from 8:45 am to 4:00 pm). It will be located in the **Multi-purpose Room**.

Come browse the selection of books during your child's "Show and Share" or interview time! Books are always a great idea during these colder winter months! For every \$10 spent, \$6 comes back to the library in books. This is a great fundraiser for our library!

Lastly, Ms. Robertson is looking for a handful of parent volunteers to help during the Book Fair. Please email Mr. Scott McIntosh at [smcintosh@summer.com](mailto:smcintosh@summer.com) if you are able to volunteer, or pop into the library to sign up on the sheet provided. If you have any questions or would like to discuss volunteering for this event, email or drop into the library Monday-Thursday. Hope to see you there!

*Ms. Robertson, GHS Teacher-Librarian*



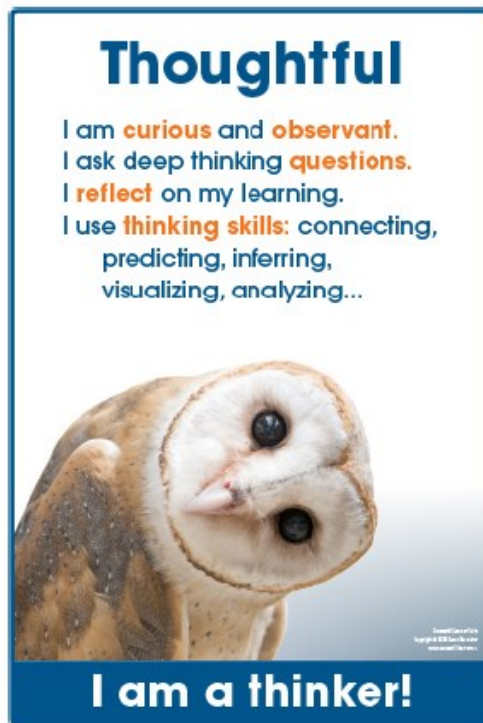
## SUCCESSFUL LEARNER TRAITS

There is no question that curiosity makes learning more enjoyable. Students who are curious ask questions, then seek out the answers. Research in education shows that curiosity is just as important as intelligence in determining how well students do in school. One recent study looked at what happens in the brain when participants felt particularly curious about an answer to a question. Here are the two most important findings:

1. Curiosity prepares the brain for learning—*curiosity puts the brain in a state that allows it to learn and retain any kind of information*
2. Curiosity makes subsequent learning more rewarding—*if curiosity is sparked, it increases activity in the region of the brain related to creating memories and the circuit relating to reward and pleasure.*

For more information about curiosity research, visit <https://edut.to/2ip0yBA>.

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Ask  
  
Curious



Reflect  
  
Use Think-

Our Successful Trait for February is **Thoughtful**. The Words of the Week are:

February 3-7	<b>Observant</b> – to pay a lot of attention to things
February 10-14	<b>Curious</b> –to be interested in something and want to know more about it
February 17-21	<b>Question</b> –to ask a lot of questions to understand and learn more
February 24-28	<b>Considerate</b> – to pay attention to the needs, wishes or feelings of other people

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children born in 2015 are eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2020. 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 on 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. Register at your neighborhood school during regular school hours. A birth certificate will be required as well as your child's BC Care Card, parental BC Care Card and proof of address.

## Late French Immersion Program

### FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM:

All applications for Grade 6 French Immersion must be submitted to the School Board Office by 12:00 noon on Monday, Feb. 3 2020.



## BREAKFAST CLUB Open Tuesday–Friday 7:45-8:40 am. Everyone Welcome!

The Breakfast Program for Learning ensures that every child has the opportunity to start the school day well-nourished and ready to learn. It is centered in a nurturing and caring environment in which all children can participate. This ensures they feel welcome, safe and comfortable.

In addition, children learn life skills. These life skills include both learning, showing respect, developing manners, courtesy and sharing with others. The children are also learning about personal hygiene and preventing the spread of germs. Those who attend the program learn about the food groups and the importance of each in our diet. The Breakfast Program also encourages recycling and composting: teaching the children about the importance of taking care of the environment.

One of the other great benefits of the program, besides the nutritional aspects, includes how the children are learning to interact with peers, teens and seniors. And most of all, the children have fun!

Nesters Market has offered the opportunity for people to donate their grocery points towards Breakfast for Learning, through which we are able to use the points to buy food items for the children. If you have reached 2,100 points and would like to donate your grocery points, please tell the cashier at the time of checkout. The points program allows shoppers to participate and creates a community interest and a sense of support of our children.

Thank-you Rebecca Heuser, Mrs. Sherman, Sarah Felke, Abby Miller, Canadian Tire, Laurie Zwyszig and Barb Doherty for your donations. They are very much appreciated.

If you would like to make a contribution, a cheque can be made out to Giant's Head School and the memo Breakfast Program. Please present to Valerie Wright (Coordinator) and a receipt will be given by Cheryl Bird (school secretary). I would like to thank all my volunteers, as they offer a nutritious breakfast, friendship and a friendly smile to ensure that children know they are cared for.



Thank you for caring about today's children and tomorrow's adults and its positive impact for the community of Summerland.

**Valerie Wright**

**Program Coordinator**

**Tropical Swim**  
**Saturday, March 7**  
**6:30-8:30pm**  
 Tickets available at the Aquatic Centre  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**\$5**  
per person

**TRANSFER REQUESTS 2020/2021**



The window for students requesting transfers from their catchment / current school to another school in School District No. 67 for the September 2020/2021 school year is **8:00am, February 3, 2020 to 4:00pm, April 15, 2020.** Transfer requests received prior to February 3 will be date/time stamped as “February 3, 2020, 8:00am” and transfer requests received after April 15 may not be considered until September 2020.

Approvals and denials for September 2020 will be determined at the School Board Office. Decisions could be made as late as the end of the third week of school in September 2020.

Also, registrations for all students outside the boundaries of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) who wish to attend a school within School District No. 67 must be forwarded to the School Board Office.



# FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please see the school website for skating schedule 	Please see the school website for swimming schedule 					1
2	3 <b>PAC Meeting 6:45 pm</b>	4 Pizza Day 	5 Talent Show	6 Strong Start Closed	7 Prima Chicken	8
9	10	11 	12	13	14 Quesadilla's 	15
16	17 Family Day Schools Closed	18 Book Fair 	19 Coffee Orders Due Book Fair Early Dismissal 1:40	20 Book Fair Early Dismissal 1:40	21 Pro-D No School	22
23	24 Strong Start Closed	25 	26 <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>	27	28 Sushi Gr. 4 X-Country Skiing	29

**SAFE ARRIVAL (250) 770-7671 Ext. 0 / [cbird@summer.com](mailto:cbird@summer.com)**

Thank you to all families for phoning or emailing the school if their child is going to be late or absent .