



## **GABRIOLA SCHOOL UPDATE**

**JANUARY 16, 2020**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**





#### **JANUARY:**

- 17: Division 6 Swimming at NAC
- 21: Grade Fours- Port Theatre for the Symphony
- 22: PAC Meeting 4:00PM in the library
- 28: SFU project Community Meeting with Elder Bill White 3:30-5:30 in the library
- 29: Grade 7 Parent Meeting 6:00PM Room 207

#### **FEBRUARY:**

- 3: Eye Exams- Grade 4 9:15-11:00AM and Grade 7 1:00-2:20PM
- 6: ArtStarts Theatre Production
- 7: Mid-Year Report Cards go home
- 14: Swim to Survive-Grade 3-Class Visit at GES  
Division 6 Swimming at NAC
- 17: BC Family Day- No School
- 21: Grade 3 Swim to Survive-NAC
- 24 & 25: PRO-D Days-No School



Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
When learners are emerging, they are in the process of building their readiness to learn.	When learners are developing, they are working to improve their skills and understanding through practice and with coaching.	When learners are proficient, they are able to demonstrate skills they have learned independently and with confidence.	When learners are extending, they explore the increasingly more complex applications and possibilities of their learning in a variety of different contexts.
			
When we are a new driver, before we get behind the wheel, we need to learn the basic rules of the road requiring significant support and supervision.	As a newly licenced driver, we can drive independently and more competently, but with some restrictions and further practice.	Drivers demonstrate proficiency by showing an accumulation of skills that allows them to drive with ease and confidence in a variety of contexts.	Some drivers use skills in a variety of increasingly more sophisticated contexts, with different vehicles, and possibly exploring different terrain and weather.

**Mid-year progress reports are being sent home on February 7<sup>th</sup>. This image explains the different levels of the proficiency scale in relation to real-life experiences.**

## FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada and held annually to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Celebrate this January 27 with a list of Canadian books that celebrate and encourage reading as a family activity. See their suggestions on the following web site: <http://bookcentre.ca/theme-guide-family-literacy-day#sthash.UFyu6SLO.dpuf>



**REMINDER:**

**Division Six is going swimming at the Nanaimo Aquatic Center Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> so please drop your child off at the ferry at 8:30 AM.**



## **ART STARTS THEATRE PRODUCTION: FEBRUARY 6TH**

### **1000 AND TWO NIGHTS**

1000 and Two Nights is a story of when East meets West. Iconic characters and creatures from Middle Eastern tales encounter their counterparts from Western European stories. At first, it seems as if they can never understand each other but as they get to know each other, they discover they have more in common than they first thought. Persian-Canadian playwright, creator, and performer Izad Etemadi has crafted an entertaining tale using music, movement, and magic exploring how we are more alike than we think. The story winds through adventures with wit and poetry.

FLASH LITERACY WORKSHOPS will follow the theatre production in each division. The actors will help the students at GES play with words, stretch their imaginations, and discover a love of oral storytelling and performance. These 20 minute in-class workshops are designed to encourage the playful use of language. Three teaching actors pop into the classroom, divide the students into small groups, and guide the students through storytelling word games leading to the telling of a group story. Finally, the story ideas that students create in the classroom are taken back to the stage for an end of day assembly, where students watch their own ideas shine as told to them by the ArtStarts Theatre troupe.



<https://artstarts.com/artists>



### **Thursday Afternoon Art Club (Grades 4-7)**

Through the generous support of the Gabriola Arts Council, two local artists who are donating their time and the GES staff who are providing supervision; we are pleased to offer a Thursday Afternoon Art Club opportunity for grade 4-7 students.

**Day/time:** Thursdays/2:35 to 3:45

**Location:** Gabriola Elementary School Art Room (room 116)

**Cost:** Free of charge for GES students!

**Participants:** Open to students in grades 4-7, limit of 15 students maximum for the Acrylics sessions and 17 for the Water Colours sessions

**Parent volunteers:** Parents volunteers are needed to assist with this program, helping with set-up, clean-up and accompanying the children during the art lessons/experiences.

#### **Schedule:**

**January 31<sup>st</sup> – deadline for registering**

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 2:35–3:45 Acrylics with Judith Madsen

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:35-3:45 Water Colours with Melinda Wilde





Parent Support Services  
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# Parent Support Circle Gabriola Island



We believe that every parent is the expert of their own family. Sometimes it just takes a bit of space to hear yourself and the voices of other parents to find your way through. Parent Support Circles provide a safe, supportive place to share ideas and information with others who are in a parenting role.

Starting Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

For information and to register call

**The Hope Centre** at 250-247-8020 or

email: [berniceathope@gmail.com](mailto:berniceathope@gmail.com)

Our Circles are free and confidential. Refreshments are provided.

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