



GRAY SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal

Spring has finally arrived! The weather may not have actually caught up the spring solstice yet, but I'm going with the fact that the daffodils are telling me it's spring.

Staff Announcements

As you will have heard in the news, the provincial government and the BC Teachers' Federation have reached agreement regarding the issues of class size and composition in schools. Prior to the final agreement, some funds were directed to school Districts through the Priority Measures Grant, to be used for enhanced staffing for the remainder of this school year. At Gray we received enough time to add two part time positions to enable teachers to work together in the classroom. We were fortunate enough to have two very talented teachers currently in part time roles on staff who were able to fill these positions. Mrs. Feenan and Ms. Johal have now taken on the roles of Enhancement Teachers, along with their previous assignments here at Gray.

The bad news for Gray is that, as a result of the Priority Measures Grant, two of our long time teachers were able to secure positions in the Districts in which they live, thus cutting their commute times substantially. Both these teachers have young families, so this will do wonders for the quality of their family life. We are extremely sorry to lose Ms. Sullivan to

Surrey and Mr. Lee to Coquitlam. I know for both these teachers, this was a very difficult decision to come to and they are both torn; happy be working closer to home, but extremely sad to be leaving a school that they both established their careers in and grew into the wonderful teachers that they are. They will be missed!

We Are Growing

The student population at Gray continues to grow, as more of the Sunstone Development is completed. We have had 11 new students begin classes since February. We are receiving Kindergarten registrations for a September on a weekly basis. The District has closed the school to all non-catchment and non-District registrations, and we can no longer guarantee that we will have sufficient space for every catchment registration we receive after June 2nd. If you know of any students living in our catchment, particularly those eligible for Kindergarten, please urge them to register now.

If you plan to move out of our catchment area prior to September 2017. It is important that our enrolment numbers be as accurate as possible so that we can have a smooth start to the 2017/18 school year. Notification in writing would be appreciated.

Gray Elementary

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Dates to Remember

- ☺ **April 13th**
Starting with Stories - 1:45 p.m.
- ☺ **April 14th**
Good Friday - School Closed
- ☺ **April 17th**
Easter Monday—School Closed
- ☺ **April 18th to 21st**
Earth Week
- ☺ **April 26th**
PAC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- ☺ **April 28th**
Spirit Day - Superhero Day
- ☺ **May 4th**
Jeans Day

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World Autism Day

Last year, the Delta School District promoted World Autism Awareness Day that falls each year on April 2nd. This day, called "**Light It Up Blue**" was adopted by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a bright light on autism as a growing global health priority. Every year on World Autism Awareness Day, Autism Speaks celebrates its international "**Light It Up Blue**" campaign as a means of educating others about the challenges of this disorder. Through increased understanding, we can build compassion and acceptance.

Autism affects roughly 1 in 68 individuals. This means that every school in our district will have students who are impacted by autism

Jeans Day 2017—May 5th

Jeans Day for Kids raises money to support BC Children's Hospital. Money raised through the campaign will go towards purchasing equipment, conducting research, and running programs at BC Children's Hospital.

Students and parents will be able to purchase a Jeans Day Button for \$5.00 or a lapel pin for \$20.00. Then, on Thursday May 4th we will all wear our jeans to

school along with our special buttons. Buttons and pins are available for purchase at the office .



Track and Field

Track season is now underway at Gray for all students in grades 4 - 7. Three in school sessions were held to introduce the students to all of the events relevant to their age category.

Starting April 10, all practices for track events (sprints, distance and relays), will take place in the morning (rain or shine) at 8 am sharp on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. These sessions are mandatory for students who would like to be in an event and to help represent our school at the Regional Track Meet on Thursday, May 11. Practices for field events (long jump, softball throw, and shot put) will begin this same week of April 10 at lunch or after school.

Those students who qualify in the Regional Meet will then go on to represent our school at the District Meet on Thursday, May 18.

We are Looking forward to another great season!!
Thank you parents for your support.

Running - Mon, Wed, Fri. 8 a.m. RAIN OR SHINE!!!

Gr. 4/5 Long Jump - Tues & Thurs at lunch

Gr. 4/5 Softball Throw - Tues & Thurs 3:00 p.m.

Gr. 6/7 Long Jump - Wed & Fri at lunch

Gr. 6/7 Shot Put - Tues & Thurs at lunch



Indigenous Education Survey

The Indigenous Education Department would like to hear the voices of the families with Indigenous ancestry to hear your thoughts for the future of Indigenous Education in the Delta School District. This survey has 16 questions and should take approximately 10 minutes of your time. Your comments will be used to help us develop the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA) for the next 5 years.

If you complete the survey, your name will be entered into a draw for a mini i-pad to be drawn at a community on May 31, 2017. More information on this will follow.

If you would prefer to answer the survey questions over the phone instead of electronically, we will be conducting phone surveys during the month of April after dinner. Someone from the Indigenous Advisory Committee will be calling for this purpose.

If you would prefer to get in touch with the Indigenous Education Department at a time that is more convenient to you, please call Diane Jubinville, District VP, Indigenous Education at 604-952-5058 or email: djubinville@deltasd.bc.ca.

Here is the link for the survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tA4cTiFLdKihHcVo1>

Me to We - We are Silent

The We team is holding a fundraiser for children in third world countries whose basic medical needs aren't met. We are bringing awareness to this cause by going silent and collecting donations. We are hoping to collect a minimum of \$1 from each participant to go towards the fundraiser. The fundraiser will be held on April 13th, and your child's teacher will determine the amount of time the class is being silent for. Thank you for supporting those children in need.



PAC News

PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Purdy's fundraiser! It was a huge success with over \$1,400 in profit!!

Special thank you to our wonderful parents who coordinated it - Amanda, Andrea, Jeanette, Jenn, Rash, and Sonja. We don't know what we would do without each and every one of you.

Looking forward to a Christmas fundraiser!



SPRING MARKET

Many of you asked for it, so here it is!! After the success of our Christmas Market, Gray is hosting our first ever Spring Market on Saturday April 29th (10 am - 3 pm).

You can expect 40 new and exciting hand-picked vendors, a Bake Sale, Concession, MANY door prizes and, best of all, FREE ADMISSION!!

Pick up some spring décor for your home, a gift, or do some shopping for Mother's Day.

Join our FB event page for all the latest info on this market: <https://www.facebook.com/events/123832811487646/>

ZUMBA NIGHT IS BACK WITH A TWIST!

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 5th! MANY wonderful door prizes to be won!!

Tickets are \$5 per student; \$10 for adults (\$25 Family Pack, which includes 2 adults & 2 students).

Get your pre-orders in by Friday April 28th and receive an EXTRA door prize ticket for each person!!



SPRING CARNIVAL

Mark your calendars! Our annual Spring Carnival is taking place on Friday, June 2nd!! Stay tuned for more details.

Many parent volunteers are needed to run this event, please contact Terri Burton at mkterriburton@gmail.com if you are able to help out with planning or lending a hand the day of the carnival.

M&M FOOD MARKET SCHOOL DAYS PROGRAM

THANK YOU SO MUCH, Gray families, for your continued support through our School Days Program! We received another 2 cheques totaling \$243! To date, we have raised \$533. Way to go, GRAY!!

Don't forget to check out their weekly specials online or in your local newspaper. They also have a new online ordering system so you can shop at home and pick up in-store (mention Gray at checkout in-store for the credit)! Stay on top of their latest deals & promotions in their FB group: <https://www.facebook.com/mmmeatshopsNorthDelta/>

Continue to mention "Gray Elementary" at checkout at the M&M @ 84th Ave and they will donate 15% of your purchase back to our school! Fundraising goes all year round!!



SPORTS DAY ORGANIZATION TEAM

Gray PAC is looking for a small team to help with the organization of Sports Day. If you'd like to donate some of your time to this fun-filled day, the students of Gray, who have such a fantastic time at this event each year, would be delighted to have your help! Volunteers can send an email to Amy @ aburden@dccnet.com for more information.

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISER

A Grade 7 fundraiser is being held Friday, April 21st at the Delta Lion pub, starting at 6:40 pm. There will be fantastic door prizes!!!! All parents are welcome to join us! Come out and let loose while supporting the Gray Elementary Grade 7s!



NEXT PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be held: Wednesday, April 26th, 7:00 p.m. in the Gray elementary library. We look forward to seeing parents there!

Thank You Bingo Sponsors!

Congratulations to all our Bingo winners!!

Thank you to our awesome Grade 7 volunteers (Mason, Garrett, Kylie, Julia, Sumreet, Tavis, Madison and Jaimie) and amazing PAC parents (Andrea, Elke, Paula, Ruby, Amanda, Amy, Alison, Jolene, Erica, Paula, Courtney & Sophie) who organized and executed another successful event!

A special thank you to all the parents who donated prizes as well as our local community merchants.

See you next year as we will be changing it up and playing more single & double lined games, resulting in more winners!!



Spektra Reflections of Home



Friday Night ZUMBA Dance Party!

Tickets available @ the door!
50/50 draw
Concession will be open!

Instructed by Nadi

A variety of music!
(Playlist available upon request)
Easy to follow dance steps!



A family friendly Friday night dance party!
Zumba is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that will have you dancing, sweating and smiling!

Friday, May 5th, 2017

Doors open at 6:30pm - Zumba from 7:00 - 8:00pm
Tickets - \$5.00 for Students / \$10.00 for Adults
Family Pack (2 Adults & 2 students) \$25.00

Pre-order tickets or buy them at the door!

Return Ticket Order by Friday, April 28th

Student Name: _____ **Div:** _____

_____ Student Tickets x \$5.00 = _____
_____ Adult Tickets x \$10.00 = _____
_____ Family Packs x \$25.00 = _____
Total \$ _____

Watershed Creek Fish Release

This annual event is a wonderful way to get in touch with nature! Enjoy activities, crafts and interactive presentations while releasing buckets of salmon fry into the creek. Learn how to reduce your family 'footprint' and enhance our environment.



Location: [Watershed Park](#)

Date: Sunday, April 23

Time: 12-2 pm

Enjoy a FREE TOUR starting at Pinewood Elementary at 11:30 am and ending at the fish release. Call 604-952-3000 to register.

A colorful advertisement for the Royal Soccer Club's 25th anniversary Soccer Camps 2017. The ad features a cartoon character kicking a soccer ball, a QR code, and a list of camp details. The background is a blue sky with a sun wearing sunglasses and a soccer field.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

PRESENTS

Royal Soccer Club

Soccer Camps 2017

Register by **June 1** for earlybird discounts.

Surrey:
2 locations

Richmond:
2 locations

Locations in other nearby cities.
(see website for details)

For more info, call:
1-800-427-0536
or register at:
royalsoccer.com

- July and August weeks
- Boys & girls aged 5 to 13
- Camp soccer ball, tshirt, medal
- Full days, mornings or afternoons
- Free early drop off/late pickup

DISCOVER which CAREER is right for you!



Delta Trades & Technical Career Fair

April 27, 2017 • Sungod Recreation Centre
9:00am – 8:00pm • **FREE** to attend

Mechanics

Hospitality & Tourism

Aviation

Technology Masonry

Policing

Plumbing

Hands on - interactive and much more!

Hair and esthetics



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