



GRAY SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal

Welcome back to a new school term! We hope that everyone had a lovely winter break. We certainly did not expect to return to the same winter wonderland that we left in December. The students love the opportunity to use our three hills for sledding. I have to commend them on their ability to have fun while remembering all the guidelines for safe snow behaviour; they have been terrific!

Communicating Student Learning

Parents have now had time to read the new student report card that Delta has developed. The District is now asking for your feedback as we work through this pilot year. [Click here](#) to go directly to the online survey to share your feedback.. Please take the time to send your thoughts to the District as we will be tweaking before finalizing the report for next year. The survey will be repeated later in the year. Your feedback is important to us.

We'd like to hear what you think about our pilot Report Card format.

Please visit this online survey to share your feedback:

www.bit.ly/deltareportcard



Lunar New Year Assembly

We will once again be having a special assembly for Lunar New Year. The assembly will take place on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. We are looking for a small committee of interested parents to help us plan this assembly. If you have a particular talent or area of interest, such as music, dance, or cooking, that you would be willing to teach or share with our students, we would love to have you involved. If you are interested, and are able to spend some time during the school day to work on this committee, please call the office and give us your name and contact information, or email me, zray@deltasd.bc.ca.

Gray Elementary

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Dates to Remember

- ☺ **Jan 20th**
Read all Day Event
- ☺ **January 25th**
PAC Meeting-9:15 a.m.
- ☺ **January 27th**
Chinese New Year Assembly—11:00 a.m.
- ☺ **January 30th**
Professional Day - Curriculum Implementation- Schools Closed
- ☺ **February 13th**
Family Day-School closed
- ☺ **Feb 16th**
Kindergarten Registration
9 am to Noon

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Read All Day Event

We are eagerly looking forward to a very special day coming up at Gray. On Friday, January 20th, we will be having our annual "Read the Day Away" Day. We will be focusing on literacy all day long. The activities and tasks may look different in each classroom. For example, the day's reading activities may be broken up with some Math word problems, students may become authors themselves, or comparisons may be made between printed texts and videos. For most classes, the day will involve a lot of reading. In addition, some classes will have at least one visitor in to read a story, to talk about their favourite books, or to talk about the importance of literacy. Guests will include current

and retired school district employees, School Trustees, and other community members.

What a great way to spend the day - reading - what could be better?



Battery Recycling



We are the Grade 7 We team. We will be holding a battery drive from January 3rd to January 20th to support those with Zinc deficiency. Zinc is a metal that is contained in most batteries, and is a necessity for human life. One Double A battery can save up to 6 people with zinc deficiency.

Make sure to bring in your used batteries this month and encourage your family and friends to do the same. There will be battery donation boxes in your child's classroom and in the school's front office. Encourage your friends and family and help us save lives.

School Safe Arrival Program



We have a dedicated group of parents who support the school through our Safe Arrival Program. These parents supervise the students who arrive late and follow up on those who are absent. They provide such a valuable service to our office, as, without them, it would take all morning to process the attendance. More importantly, these parents ensure that all our students are safely cared for. We would like to just like to take the time to thank them for their time and commitment.

Kindergarten 2015 Registration

Registration of Kindergarten students who are eligible for entry in September 2017 will take place at Gray in the Library on **Thursday, February 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** A child may be registered to attend Kindergarten in September 2017 if his or her fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31, 2012.

At the time of registration, **the following original documents must be provided:**

1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport) (**registration will not be accepted until proof of birth date is received**)
2. Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
3. Immunization record, Care Card, medical and emergency contact information
4. Proof of Residency showing address (property taxes - current receipt, purchase/rental agreement or rental receipt)

Parents should be aware that students may be required to attend a school outside of their usual attendance area if class enrolments are too high.

Due to the increased enrolment at Gray over the last few years the district has decided (in consultation with the Gray Parent Advisory Council) that Non-Catchment

and Non-District Applications will not be accepted for September 2016.

Families registering their child for Kindergarten who live out of the Gray catchment area and who have other children already attending Gray will still be accepted. However, **they must register at their catchment school** and submit a **Non Catchment Application Form** to their catchment school.

Families interested in registering their child for the Montessori Kindergarten at Devon Gardens should register here at Gray and indicate they wish to be placed in the Montessori program.

Students registering for Kindergarten who wish to attend a Traditional Elementary School should register at their catchment area school on the designated registration date, and indicate that they are requesting Traditional School. Gray catchment Traditional School is Heath Elementary. Students who wish to attend a Traditional School other than their designated Traditional School or who reside outside of Delta, must complete a Non-Catchment or Non-District application form on or after Monday, February 6, 2017.

Please pass on this information to any friends or neighbours who have children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2017.

Candy Cane Fundraiser

The Grade 3 students' Candy Cane and Raffle Sale was a huge success! This year, all the funds raised from our candy cane sale and raffle went towards the BC Guide Dog Services to sponsor an autism support dog, and we are thrilled to share that we raised \$1329.40 towards this amazing organization.

This is our fifth year hosting the Grade 3 Candy cane sale and it was a tremendous success thanks to generous donations such as yours. We greatly appreciate

your support in making this a meaningful experience for our students and helping to raise money for a great cause. It is such a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about social responsibility and that every person can make a difference regardless of their age.

Thank you to Mrs. Diotte, Mrs. Feenan, Mrs. Groom, Mrs. Sandham, and Mrs. Sullivan for organizing the campaign.

French Immersion

Application forms are available to any parents interested in having their child register for either of the following programs. Parents are to deliver the completed applications to the French Immersion School they want to attend by the deadlines listed below.

Early French Immersion (Kindergarten):

Friday, February 3rd (by 4:00 p.m.)

Late French Immersion (Gr. 6):

Friday, February 17th (by 4:00 p.m.)

Please note that there is a difference between the *application* process and the *registration* process. Submitting an application form does not guarantee that a child will be accepted in a French Immersion program. It shows a commitment to register a child in a French Immersion program, if accepted. Applications received after the deadline will be accepted and

will be considered, space permitting, in the order in which they were received.

For Parents interested in enrolling their children in a French Immersion program there will be information meetings held as follows:

Early French Immersion

Monday, January 23rd or Wednesday January 25th

6:30 p.m. at Burnsvie Secondary

Late French Immersion

Friday, February 8th

6:30 p.m. at Chalmers

French Immersion Application forms are available at the school office, at the information meetings or on the Delta School District website.

Canned Food Drive

The Gray annual Christmas Canned Food Drive was, again, a very successful event! This year our school collected a total of 1867 food items. Well done, Gray students and community!

Congratulations to Mrs. Diotte & Ms. Johal's grade 3/4 class for contributing the greatest total of donations from the primary divisions. Our intermediate division leader was Mrs. Matheson's grade 6/7 class. These classes will be enjoying a pizza party soon to celebrate their efforts.

The students in Mrs. Diotte's and Ms. Johal's class worked hard to create posters and make daily announcements to "advertise" this event. They also enthusiastically embraced the responsibilities of collecting, tallying, sorting and boxing the donations from each division every day. This was no small task! The hard work and leadership shown by the students of Division 10 is to be commended.

In addition, the "Me to We" committee participated in a community food drive event on the evening of December 8th. These students braved the cold and dark in order to help those less fortunate in our community.

Food Drive



Gray PAC News

GRAY CHRISTMAS MARKET

WOW!!! Such an incredible turnout we had!! Thank you to our awesome vendors for spending countless hours prepping and gearing up to bring super special items to our Market, and for their wonderful door prize donations; and a great, big thank you to all of our guests for taking time out of their Saturday to spend it with us and support our school as well as local businesses!

I can't forget our AH-MAZING parent volunteers (Marc Burton, Jeanette Gagnon, Rash Sangha, Amanda Berera, Alison Valcamp, Andrea Mori, Sonja Gustavsen, Kristin Unger, Ruby Jaswal, Amy Burden), Gr. 6 & Gr. 7 student & parent volunteers, Mrs. Braid, and Mrs. Ray for the prep and coordination to pull this off once again!!

All door prize winners have been contacted. See you next year!!



BINGO FAMILY NIGHT

Stay tuned - a Bingo Family Night will be coming soon!!!



GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Thank you, parents and teachers, for once again supporting our Gift Card fundraiser - with your help, we had \$21,385 in sales for a profit of \$926.90! Way to go, Gray!!

Gray PAC News

M&M FOOD MARKET SCHOOL DAYS PROGRAM

Thank you, Gray families, for supporting our School Days Program! To date, we have raised \$145!

Don't forget to mention "Gray Elementary" at checkout and M&M @ 84th Ave will donate 15% of your purchase back to our school. It's that simple and goes all year round!!



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT TASTY TUESDAY?

Tasty Tuesday is a popular PAC Fundraiser that's been running since 2011!

On Tuesdays after school, stop by the PAC kitchen in the gym for Tasty Treats! Selection varies from week to week and includes items such as cookies, donuts, cinnamon buns, chips, hot chocolate, juice, candy, and seasonal items like ice cream and other frozen treats. Everything is only \$1 each!

Please line up and enter from outside through the Northeast gym door.

HOT LUNCH

Here's a summary of what's in the works:

Thursday, January 12th - FUEL Sushi Day - Ordering closed

Thursday, January 19th - **Grade 6 Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser (ordering not available online) - Order forms due January 11th were sent through school**

Thursday, January 26th - Grade 5 Quiznos Fundraiser (ordering not available online) - Order forms will be sent through school

Tuesday, January 31st - Whitespot Day - Ordering opens January 15th

Thursday, February 9th - Foodie Kids Mexican Day - Ordering opens January 15th

Thursday, February 16th - Grade 5 Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser (ordering not available online) - Order forms will be sent through school

NEXT PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be held January 25, 2017, at 9:15 AM in the staff meeting room at Gray Elementary. We hope to see you there!

Emergency Childcare First Aid

FRIDAY, FEB. 24TH
8:30-4:30

GRAY
ELEMENTARY
10855 80TH AVE., DELTA

COST: \$90 PER
PERSON
(MAY VARY DEPENDING ON
NUMBERS)

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KWATSON@DELTASD.BC.CA
BY FEB. 10TH, 2017

TAUGHT BY:
VANCOUVER FIRST AID

Community News and Events

Red Cross Babysitting Course

So you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone? Babysitting with First Aid Hero emphasizes learning through real life scenarios. information covered includes: Exploring the business of babysitting, creating safe environments, safely caring for ages 0-12, and first aid skills.

Registration forms were sent home with Grade 6 and 7 students , you can also pick up a registration form at the office or [click here](#) to register on-line at save \$5.00

Red Cross Babysitting Course

Gray Elementary

January 30th, 2017, 8:30-3:30

Grade 6+

YMCA/Steve Nash Youth Basketball *Spring League*

North Delta Zone-practices are at North Delta Elementary Schools in the evenings (Tuesday or Wednesdays)

*Recreational basketball league (non-scoring, no-standings-kept) for boys and girls in grades 2-9

1 practice and 1 game (Friday nights) a week

April 11-June 18th 2017

To volunteer to coach, or to register a player: phone us 604-631-5525 or come into the Tong Louie YMCA Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm

\$129*/player until Feb 10th

\$145*/player Feb 11-March 10

*Financial Assistance available



Community News and Events

PLAY DAY

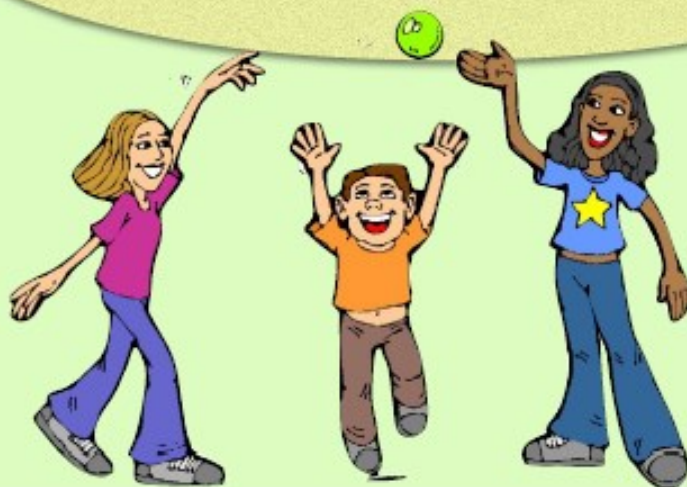
Monday, January 30th, 2017

9:00am - 3:00pm

Play Day is an all-day event consisting of arts and crafts, interactive games and open gym catered to all Elementary students in the North Delta School District.

Early Bird Price: \$15.00 January 3rd - January 19th

Regular Price: \$25.00 January 20th - 27th



REGISTER

1. Pick up your registration forms in the main office
2. Hand in forms and Fees to office Secretary by **January 27th.**

Location: North Delta Secondary School 11447 82 Ave
Delta, BC V4C 5J6

Contact Info: cspdelta@gmail.com OR Call Nisha Ram
@ (778)990-5539

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