



# GRAY SCHOOL NEWS

## From the Principal

Last year, Gray teachers were involved in the District pilot of a new document, Communicating Student Learning. We are referring to this document as CSL. The District requested feedback from parents and teachers following the pilot project and has made a decision to implement a revised version of CSL. This document will replace our old report card. It will look very similar to the one you received last year; however, we hope that the changes will improve the clarity of information that parents receive about their child's progress.

This year, the District gave schools permission to remove the reporting of grades on the final CSL document that goes home in June 2018, should they choose to do so. After consultation and deliberation, Gray has made the

educational decision to not have grades appear on the final report of the school year. The Provincial reporting guidelines allow for Districts to make this decision at a local level. However, the provision remains that teachers will provide grades should individual parents request them.

In an effort to assist parents in their understanding of the research about grading and our rationale behind this decision, we will be holding an information meeting on: Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the school library, prior to CSL being issued in December. In addition to Mr. Klassen and me, there will be a team of teachers and District leaders at this meeting. We hope to see you there.

## 40 Book Challenge

Gray is off to a fantastic start with our school's 40 Book Reading Challenge, and students are excited to try to read 40 books by the end of this school year! Throughout the year, we will be celebrating reading in many ways, including book talks, buddy reading, finding fun, new places to enjoy a book, watching presentations, and having book draws at our monthly assemblies. No matter what the students are reading (picture books, chapter books, magazines,

non fiction texts or graphic novels, etc.) they should be choosing books that they enjoy! The Random Acts of Kindness Leadership group has already surprised classes with book-marks and the whole school participated in a special Drop Everything and Read Day, organized by the Spirit Club. Keep up all the great reading Gray.

## Gray Elementary

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### Dates to Remember

- ☺ **November 10th**  
Remembrance Day  
Assembly @10:45 a.m.
- ☺ **November 13th**  
Day In Lieu of  
Remembrance Day - School  
Closed
- ☺ **November 17th**  
PAC Movie Night
- ☺ **November 22nd**  
PAC Meeting - 7 pm
- ☺ **November 24th**  
Pro- Day Day—School  
Closed
- ☺ **December 2nd**  
PAC Craft Fair

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# Christmas Concert - December 19th and 20th, 2017

Once again, we will be organizing a Fine Arts experience for our students at Christmas. The students will be practicing over the next couple of months and you will no doubt soon hear your children singing some of the songs at home.

This year we will again be having two different evening performances. **Tuesday, December 19th** will be the performance for the **Primary Students**. **Thursday, December 20th** will be the performance for the **Intermediate Students**.

There will a dress rehearsal performance on both days at 1:30 p.m. so the students will have a chance to watch the other group's performance. Parents are also welcome to attend the dress rehearsal performances.



## Choir



Mrs. Skinner has been working hard with the students in the choir preparing for their Christmas performance. The Gray Choir will be performing at Scottsdale Mall on December 6th at 12:30. They will be singing by the food court. Parents are encouraged to go out and support the choir.

## Grade 6 Bottle Drive

There is cash in your trash. Help the Grade 6 students raise money for their ski trip. Bottle Drives will be held on November 15th and December 10th.

Please start saving your bottles and cans. Spread the word to your family and friends.

You can drop off your donations on the day of the Bottle Drive at the school in the Intermediate Undercover Play area at the back of the school.



## Head Lice

Head lice are parasites that only infect human scalps. They are spread by head to head contact but do not cause disease. They do affect the health of our children through cost to families for treatment, frustration, unnecessary embarrassment and sometimes educational time lost.

- Lice love clean human hair - they are not a sign of poor hygiene
- Lice do not jump or fly, and their bites make the scalp itchy
- You can't get rid of nits by brushing, or with a hair dryer
- Head lice are common where children play or work closely together
- Lice do not cause disease... they just bug us!

You can find more information on head lice and how to prevent and/or treat it on the [Fraser Health Website](#).

# Library News

## BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting READING with your purchases at the Wild West Scholastic Book Fair. Approximately \$3900 worth of books were purchased and Scholastic rewarded all Gray Elementary' teachers with new books. The school's library was also rewarded with credit towards the purchase of new books.

We would like to thank all the dedicated student volunteers, the majority from Grade 6 and 7. They were important to making the book fair run smoothly.



## LATE FEES AND LOST BOOKS

We will not be collecting late fees. Your child will be reminded of books that are late through their accounts and teachers. They can renew their favorite books once, after which the late books will need to be checked in and then out.

Late books that are not renewed will be marked as LOST. LOST books need to be replaced and therefore a bill for the book will be emailed home.

## BOOK CARE

Please make sure your child has a large bag for their library books. The bag will help protect the covers and pages from any damage due to moisture. Books have been returned with pages stuck together from moisture. Please help your child to treat books with care. Books have been returned with covers folded over, torn or missing pages, due to carelessness. Students who do not have a book bag will be limited in the books they can take out.

# Remembrance Day Assembly

As is the custom in schools all over the District, and indeed, the country, we are getting ready for our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. Classes have been hard at work preparing their contribution to this very special, solemn occasion. Every class will be participating, either through a presentation or with the artwork that you will see around the gym. Parents are invited to join us on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. as we commemorate the contributions and sacrifices that the men and women of Canada have made over the decades in order to make Canada the great country that it is today. Given the news that we hear every day about violence, bullying, internet concerns, and a myriad of other things that drag us down, it is so easy to lose sight of the many things that make our country great, and have earned our reputation around the world as a

respectful, peace loving nation. This assembly always serves to remind us of who we are and from whence we have come; it keeps us grounded and gives us hope for the future. *As is traditional at a Remembrance Day assembly, students who are members of service organizations such as Guiding, Scouting, Cadets, and others, are invited to wear their uniforms to school.* Each student will receive a poppy to wear at this assembly and we will be collecting donations for the Poppy Fund in the classrooms and at the door. I hope that you are able to join us for this very special assembly.



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## PAC News

### Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Our Entertainment Book Fundraiser has wrapped up and, as usual, we surpassed our goal! We sold a total of 356 books for a profit of over \$4,000! Way to go, Gray families! Congratulations to our prize winners:

- Top Individual Sales - Lunch with their favorite teacher: Brayden (Div. 11) with 19 books sold!
- Random Draw for Prize Pack - Brent in (Div 7)
- Class with most books sold wins a field trip to Skyzone - Division 7 with 37 books sold!



Thank you, everyone, for your support! A special thank you to our organizing committee for the extra hours put in to make this fundraiser a success - Alison, Andrea, Cori, Jeanette, Jenn, Rash, Sonja and Terri! Thank you also to our parent volunteers who assisted with the turn-in days - Deborah, Rheanna, Rachael, Sarah, Aleshia, Jass, Shanel, Tracy & Colin.

### Halloween Dance



We had such a great turnout with all those wonderful costumes (adults included) and all the kids had a great time! Three full bins of food items were collected for Deltassist. A SUPER HUGE thank you to our AMAZING organizing committee (Andrea, Sonja, Antonella, Rash, Jenn, Rheanna, Cori & Terri) for putting together the best evening of fun, games & dancing - a lot of planning went into this event and the results show! Thank you to our Gray students, Sands students and parent volunteers for helping with set up, event activities and clean up, and also to Ms. Ray, Mr. Klassen and our custodial staff for their support. A final thank you to DJ Akl, Randy Mann Homes and West World Paper for their community support

### Movie Night

Free family movie night is back! Get comfy, cozy and mark your calendars - Friday Nov. 17! Students have voted and the tallies are coming in - Pre-order forms with movie selection will be sent home Monday Nov.6 (preorder deadline is Friday Nov. 10). Click [HERE](#) for movie night poster details





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### **Purdy's Holiday Fundraiser**

Parents have spoken, so we have brought back our Purdy's chocolate fundraiser for the holiday season! 25% from every purchase goes back to Gray! Order forms and catalogues will be sent home Nov. 3. Click [HERE](#) for deadline and delivery details. Late orders cannot be accommodated, so get your orders in!



### **Gift Card Fundraiser**

Our Gift Card Fundraiser is back for the holidays! Last year, we sold over \$21,000 in gift cards! Order forms will be sent home on Nov. 6. There will be two deadline and delivery dates to accommodate early orders. Click [HERE](#) for deadline and delivery details.

### **Gray Christmas Market**

Our Gray Christmas Market is back! It will be held on Saturday, December 2 (10am - 3pm) in our school gym.

There will be 41 hand-picked vendors, a bake sale, concession, many door prizes to be won & FREE admission!

We have about 15 vendor spots remaining if you or someone you know is interested - click [HERE](#) for event and vendor registration details. If you would like to help out for this event, donate something for the bake sale or register as a vendor, please email: [grayelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:grayelementarypac@gmail.com)



### **M&M Food Market School Days Program**

Stop and shop at our local M&M at 112 St. & 84<sup>th</sup> Ave - mention "Gray Elementary" at check out and they will continue to donate 15% of your purchase back to our school! It's that simple!

### **COBS Bread Dough Raiser Program**

Mention "Gray Elementary" at the Scott 72 Centre location (Scott Road & 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave) when making your purchase and they will donate 5% of it back to Gray!

### **Kaboom Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Fundraiser Program**

Kaboom Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu has a fantastic program for Gray students and a brand new open learning environment! Click [HERE](#) for more details.

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# PAC News

## Upcoming Gray PAC Events:

Christmas Market (Sat Dec 2)  
Family Bingo Night (end of Jan)  
Parent Paint Night (Feb)  
Zumba Party (TBD)  
Carnival (May/June)  
Staff/Teacher Appreciation Lunch (May/June)  
Sports Day (June)

## Upcoming Gray PAC Fundraisers:

Holiday Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser (Campaign Nov 3 - 20)  
Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser (Campaign Nov 6 - Dec 11)  
Easter Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser (Feb)

We are looking for more parents to help make our events and fundraisers successful!  
Please email [grayelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:grayelementarypac@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping or joining one of our amazing organizing committees - We would love to have you on board!

## Next PAC Meeting

The next Gray Elementary PAC meeting will be held Wednesday, November 22, at 7pm in the school library. It's the last PAC meeting for this year, and we hope to see you all there!

## Special Lunch Day - Ordering Online

The PAC will once again be working with BackPac Fundraising to provide our online ordering system for our PAC Special Lunch Program. Besides having the convenience of ordering and paying online, this also helps to ensure accuracy with the orders and makes the process as easy for everyone as possible.

**\*\*Even if you do not participate in the Special Lunch Program, signing up on this website will allow you access (once verified) to your child's class contact list (this may not be a complete list, as like the previous "Making Friends" lists, parents can choose not to include their child).\*\***

Ordering: The Hot Lunch online order system requires a small amount of setup time each school year at the beginning as you must register each child you have attending our school prior to ordering hot lunch. Once the initial setup process is complete, your lunch orders for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple.

Click [here](#) for [Instructions on setting up your account on BackPac Fundraising](#)

# Social Media Awareness + Parenting the Digital World



**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm  
Seaquam Secondary Theatre**

**For parents of School aged children.**

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more!

- **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- **Pick Your Battles!** – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- **Current Research** – Brain development & technology, violent video games
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – What will they find? What will they leave behind?
- **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**

**PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!**



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## Community News and Events



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP  
Awesome Afterschool Program!

### **Hip Hop Dance Club**

Registration and Medical  
Disclosure Form

Dancing is an exciting and interactive way for participants to stay active and improve coordination, agility, flexibility and confidence. Students will have the opportunity to learn easy to moderate level of dance routines by our skilled staff and volunteers.

The program will run for **5 sessions**, with **1 session per week**.

**LOCATION:** Gray Elementary School – Gymnasium

**Date/Time:** Every Wednesday starting November 15<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>  
3:10pm – 4:15pm

**COST:** \$30.00 for the entire program  
**(DEADLINE: Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017)**

Please make payment by Cheque.  
Exact fees payable to DELTA SCHOOL DISTRICT. Thank You.

***\*\*Detach and keep this page for your reference.\*\****

For more information please contact Nisha Ram.  
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[Click here to print off a Registration/Acknowledgement](#) of Consent and Risk form.

There are also hardcopy forms available at the office.

Payments are due to the Office by Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.