



# GRAY SCHOOL NEWS

## From the Principal

### Professional Learning

I'm sure parents wonder why we have professional development days and what we do when they occur. Education is a profession in which we continue to hone our craft. We have never learned all that there is to learn, as researchers and practicing educators discover the varied ways in which children learn best. Our professional development days are in place to allow us to continually refine our practice based on the best evidence available. Last school year, we focused our learning and teaching on formative assessment, a practice that includes students in the assessment process and uses the knowledge gained to plan for further learning. This is a multifaceted concept, and thus we will be continuing that journey this year.

This October we have two professional days on the schedule. Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> is the annual Provincial day where teachers and education assistants are able to attend conferences around the Lower Mainland related to their primary area of educational interest. Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> is a day that the Ministry of Education has dedicated to the implementation of the re-designed curriculum. We are now in the process of planning for that day. The District has a number of

workshops planned to assist staff in their learning which we may take part in, or we will plan something tailored to our specific need and work at the school.

### Family Photos

We are very excited to bring back Family Photo sessions. We have not offered this very popular service to families for a few years and are pleased to once again be able to do so. A flyer will be emailed to families within the next week or so describing packages that will be available for purchase. Families will then be able to sign up for a sitting. The entire sitting fee of \$20 (an incredible bargain), and a portion of the total orders, will be donated to the school. Sessions will take place on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. You can order your personalized cards and receive them in time for Christmas



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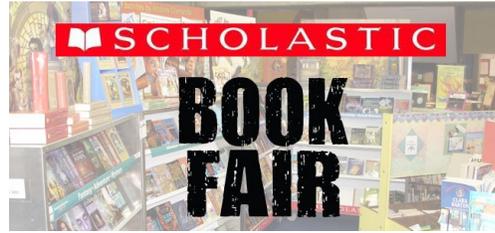
### Dates to Remember

- ☺ **October 9th**  
Thanksgiving Day - School Closed
- ☺ **Oct 11th - 13th**  
Scholastic Book Fair
- ☺ **October 17th**  
2 pm Dismissal  
P.T Conferences  
2:10—6:00 p.m.
- ☺ **October 18th**  
2 pm Dismissal  
P/T Conferences  
2:10—4:00 p.m.
- ☺ **Oct 20th - Pro-D Day—**  
School closed
- ☺ **Oct 21st- Pro-D Day—**  
School closed
- ☺ **Oct 25th - PAC Meeting**  
**9:15 am in the Staffroom**
- ☺ **Oct 27th**  
Photo Retakes

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# Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic BOOK FAIR is happening October 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. This BOOK FAIR's **Wild West** theme will be truly spectacular. The BOOK FAIR will be located in the Library. Stop by and browse through the hundreds of great NEW BOOKS by favourite authors for kids, and adults too! Hours will be

## Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>:

12:26-1:00 p.m., 3:10 pm - 5:00pm

## Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 - 9:00 a.m., 12:26-1:00 p.m., 3:10- 5:00 p.m.

## Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 - 9:00 a.m., 12:26-1:00 p.m., 3:10- 5:00 p.m.

Book prices range in price from \$5.50 - over \$20. Books for new readers range from about \$5.50 - \$10. Novels are between \$6.50 and \$10. Graphic novels, hardcover novels, and information books are \$12 to \$20. Forms of **Payment** accepted at the Scholastic BOOK FAIR will be debit, credit, cash, and cheque.

Be sure to get your **\$50 Family Event Door Prize ballot** when you visit the Scholastic BOOK FAIR. Each ballot is a chance to WIN \$25 in books for your home library and \$25 in books for your classroom library. A total of \$50 worth of books! Your purchases help us fill our school with new books and much-needed resources.

Look for the **Classroom Wish List** display. You can fill your child's classroom library with a book your child's teacher wishes for from the Scholastic BOOK FAIR. Purchase a Wish List book for your child's classroom library and a dedication sticker will tell who gifted the book.

If you have some time to give us, parent and grandparent volunteers would be very much appreciated. Please contact one of the Teacher Librarians if you are able to help us out.

# 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.



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Grade 1 to Grade 7 Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 18th from 2:10 to 6pm and on Wednesday October 19th from 2:10 to 4 p.m. Classes will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on both days. **Parent Connect will open for conference booking on Tuesday, Oct 10th at 8:30 a.m.** and will remain open until Tuesday, Oct 17th at 12:00 p.m. Stay tuned for the email on Tuesday morning and book your conference times a.s.a.p.

There will be no Parent Teacher conferences for Kindergarten students at this time. If you wish to book a conference time with your child's Learning Support Teacher or the PE Teacher please call the school to leave a message with them.



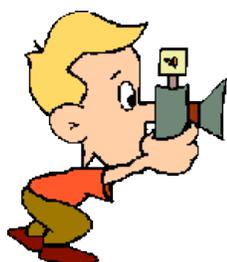
Instructions on how to book Parent Teacher Conferences are posted on the Parent Page on our website. Click [here](#) to view and/or print the instructions.

## Great BC Shakeout

October 19th is the official "Great BC Shakeout Day". In conjunction with this day, at Gray we will be having an Earthquake Drill, where students will practice the drop and cover procedure.



## Individual Photo Retakes - October 27th



Darby Photos will be here in the morning of October 27th for photo retakes and to take photos of students who were absent for the first photo day.

If you would like your child to have a retake please complete the student information section of the original photo order form and send it to school with your child (with the proof attached). If you can not find the original order form and proof, please write a

note including your child's name and division, indicating you have lost the proof and that you would like a retake photo.

Make sure you talk to your child to let them know that they need to have a retake done. For younger children, it might be a good idea to talk to your child's teacher or write a note in their planner indicating that they would like a retake.

## Volleyball Season

Volleyball practices have begun for interested students in Grades 6 and 7. In Delta, we field mixed boy/girl teams at each grade level. The coaches ensure equal playing time for all players who consistently attend practices and exhibit good sportsmanship. Skill level is not a factor as skills are in the developing stages in elementary school. The season will begin after Thanksgiving.

We will be looking for parents to support us by driving students to games that are held at other schools. We will be playing against teams from Gibson, Annieville, Brooke, Devon Gardens, Hellings, and Richardson. If your child has been coming to practices, they will receive the necessary information and schedule, when it becomes available.



# Gray PAC News

## Family BBQ - A Big Thank you

Thank you to all our Gray parent volunteers and Sands students for all their help coordinating and executing our Family BBQ! We had a fantastic turnout and couldn't have made this possible without all the wonderful helping hands.



## Entertainment Books

Just a friendly reminder our Entertainment Book fundraiser has now wrapped up. Please return any unsold books and final orders to the office **as soon as possible**. Thank you!



## Halloween SPOOKTACULAR



A SPOOKTACULAR event is coming to Gray!! We will once again be holding a Halloween dance party in our gym on Friday October 27! Click [HERE](#) for details.

## Family Movie Night

Free family movie night is back!! Get comfy, cozy and mark your calendars - Friday November 17! Once again, students will get to vote on the movie! Click [HERE](#) for details.



## 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!!

This year, we are offering pre-registrations to any Gray parents who are interested in becoming a vendor. Deadline for pre-registrations is Friday October 13. Regular vendor registrations will be opened up to the public starting Monday October 16.

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: [grayelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:grayelementarypac@gmail.com)

## M&M Food Market School

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!



# Gray PAC News

## 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.

## Upcoming GRAY PAC Events

- ◆ Halloween Dance Party (Fri Oct 27)
- ◆ Free Family Movie Night (Fri Nov 17)
- ◆ Christmas Market (Sat Dec 2)
- ◆ Family Bingo Night (end 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 Gift Card Fundraiser (mid Nov)
- ◆ Holiday Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser (mid Nov)

We are looking for more parents to join one of our organizing committees to help make them successful! Please email [grayelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:grayelementarypac@gmail.com) if you are interested. We would love to have you on board!

## Next PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting will be held Wednesday, October 25 at 9:15am in the school staff room. We hope to see everyone there! Come and have a say in your child's scholastic future!

# Emergency Preparedness

## DO'S AND DON'TS

### Please...

- **DO NOT** phone the school following an emergency or disaster event. Telephone lines may be needed for emergency communications. **DO** listen to the radio and check the Delta School District website [www.deltasd.bc.ca](http://www.deltasd.bc.ca) for information and updates.
- If you are at home, **DO** ensure your home is safe to return to with your son or daughter.
- **DO** walk to the school if possible - **DON'T** drive! Streets may be littered with debris. School access routes and street entrances must remain clear for emergency vehicles.



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## TALK TO YOUR KIDS

### About...

- The fact that their school has emergency plans in place to ensure student safety immediately following an emergency or disaster.
- The potential risk of gas leaks, downed “live” power lines, debris, etc. which may make streets and roads impassable and therefore not safe for your son or daughter to attempt to walk home, regardless of their age.
- The importance of remaining at the school until given instructions by authorized school staff and/or First Responders.
- The importance of the student release procedures at the school and that you and your son or daughter need to follow the school student release procedures.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN DELTA

**What if you just found out about an emergency or disaster that is affecting your child's school...?**



Your first response might be to phone the school or, if you couldn't reach anyone at the school, just get into your car and go... BUT, is that the right thing to do?



**Please read this bulletin and talk to your children to ensure both you and they respond appropriately and effectively to an emergency or disaster situation at the school.**

Your informed and measured response will help the school manage the emergency effectively and will assist the student release procedures that your school has put in place.

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## Emergency Preparedness



# FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

You need to be ready to care for your family and respond effectively after an emergency or disaster, whether at home, school or work. Preparing ahead can reduce the fear, anxiety and loss that can accompany an emergency event.

Check out our Resources Page on the DeltaPrepared website <http://maint.deltasd.bc.ca/ep/resources.html> for helpful guides and links to various agencies to assist in your family's emergency planning.

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The safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance in the Delta School District. For more information on our DeltaPrepared Program, please visit our website <http://maint.deltasd.bc.ca/ep>

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5:00 - 9:30pm

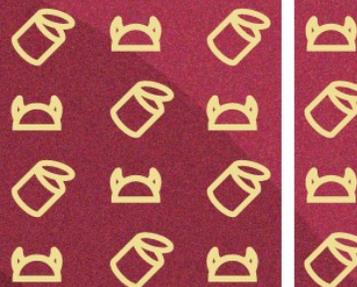
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# Community News



## Fire Prevention Week October 8-14, 2017



**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**  
OCTOBER 8-14, 2017  
[firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org)

### Kindergarten to Grade 3: - iPad Contest and Workbook

**FIRE SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!**  
GRADES K-3

**Enter to win an iPad!**

To be eligible, you must complete the questions on the reverse and fill out all areas below. Please print clearly!

Submit your entry to your classroom teacher by **October 16, 2017.**

Entry forms will be collected from the school office by the Delta Fire Department.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Testing Question: 5+5= \_\_\_\_\_

Fire & Life Safety web-based resources available at: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) or [www.deltafire.ca](http://www.deltafire.ca)  
Delta Fire, 5 Emergency Services  
604-546-6541

**ESCAPE PLAN**

**PLAN FOR TWO WAYS OUT.**

LOOK FOR A SECOND WAY OUT AS YOU ESCAPE. AND DON'T FORGET TO FLUTESE.

Program Supporters:

### Grades 4 to 7: - Chief for a Day Contest

**EVERY SECOND COUNTS**  
PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**  
OCTOBER 8-14, 2017

**2017**

**Fire & Life Safety Schools Program**  
For Delta students Grades 4 - 7

Become the Chief for a Day for an awesome, fun-filled day of adventure on November 3, 2017!

Complete the quiz and entry form for a chance to win!

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Complete both sides of this form.
- 2. Fill in the section name and have it ink to your district.
- 3. Form must be completed, signed, dated, and stamped by October 16.
- 4. Entry forms will be collected from the school office by the Delta Fire Department.

Every kindergarten should have a working smoke alarm.

Learn all about smoke alarm safety with this quiz. Be sure to share your results!

1. Every smoke alarm should...

- Check to see if there is a fire.
- Get outside and stay outside.
- Look for smoke.
- Open windows and stay inside.

2. A smoke alarm should be replaced when?

- in all children's bedrooms.
- in the master bedroom.
- in the guestroom.
- where ever someone sleeps.
- All of the above.

3. Smoke alarms should...

- be tested at least once a week.
- be tested once a month.
- be tested once a year.
- they don't need to be tested.

4. Smoke alarms should be replaced:

- Every Fire Prevention Week.
- After you paint the ceiling.
- Every 10 years or when damaged.
- Don't need replacement.

5. Every home needs what?

- Working smoke alarms.
- A smoke alarm on every level of the home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
- A home escape plan.
- All of the above.



# SMOKING CESSATION WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, October 25, 2:30 pm - 4 pm**

Nicotine from smoking is more addictive than heroin and cocaine. If you want to quit smoking, the hardest thing to do is to try and quit by yourself. If you are thinking of quitting, plan to attend the “Quit Now” workshop led by a trained health educator who will help you assess your readiness, make a plan and QUIT!

**Delta Libraries** in partnership with **Fraser Health** and **Quit Now** is hosting a free workshop on smoking cessation to help you become smoke free by this winter.

### Learn about:

Impact of smoking on your health ♦ Cessation strategies - how to start a quit attempt ♦ Nicotine Replacement Therapy - the different types and how to use them ♦ Resources for quitting, such as free coaching, and other programs ♦ Quitting smoking can be very challenging, but it CAN be done!

**Join us to find out more! Registration is required. Please contact your local library.**



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[Read. Learn. Play. | www.fvrl.ca](http://www.fvrl.ca)

