



GRAY SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal

Welcome back to a new school term! Is it really 2018 already?

Our Generous Gray Community

Traditionally, we think of the Christmas season as a time of giving, and at Gray, we have truly seen the reality of that sentiment. As happens every year, our Grade Four students organized a school-wide food drive, with the donations going to Deltassist. As well, at our two concerts, parents contributed more canned food donations that were sent to the Food Bank. The Grade Three students held their sixth annual candy cane sale, this year in aid of the Breakfast Program; you can read an account of their efforts in this newsletter. In addition, for the third year, a small group of our parents, as well as our staff, gathered donations, food, and gifts that went to support some families in our community. The contributions were amazing and unbelievably generous. I am so immensely proud to be the principal at this wonderful school!

Staff Announcement

On January 3rd Mrs. Bowers, our Kindergarten/Grade One teacher, gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

Congratulations to the Bowers family! As Mrs. Bowers is now on maternity leave, we welcome Mrs. Guloien to Division 20 for the remainder of the school year. Some parents may remember Mrs. Guloien from last year when she taught movement classes to our Primary students.

Gray Spirit Wear

The school will once again be offering Gray spirit wear for sale. It has been three years since the last time that spirit wear was available for sale, and I know that some families have been eagerly awaiting an opportunity to purchase a piece of school branded clothing. As in the past, a range of sizes will be available to try on before purchasing. Adult sizes will also be available for purchase. Please look for the flyer and order sheet that will be sent home, either through email or on paper, later this month.

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Dates to Remember

- ☺ **January 24**
PAC Meeting-9:15 a.m.
- ☺ **January 26**
Read all Day Event
- ☺ **February 12**
Family Day-School closed
- ☺ **February 16**
Kindergarten Registration
9 am to Noon
- ☺ **February 16**
Chinese New Year
Assembly

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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 26th, 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?



Candy Cane Fundraiser

The Grade 3 Annual Candy Cane Sale was a huge success! This year, all the funds raised from our candy cane sale and raffle went towards the Breakfast Club of BC to ensure children have access to a healthy morning meal before school. We are thrilled to share that we raised \$2327.05 for this amazing organization.

This is our sixth year hosting the Grade 3 Candy Cane Sale, and it was a tremendous effort thanks to the generous donations from our Gray community. We greatly appreciate your support in making this a meaningful experience for the students, and for helping us to raise money for a great cause. It is such a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn

about social responsibility and the difference every person can make, regardless of their age.

Thank you to Mrs. Diotte, Mrs. Feenan, Mrs. Groom, Ms. Randhawa, Mrs. Sandham, and Ms. Varshney for organizing the campaign.



Parent Education Satisfaction Survey

Attention parents with students in grade 4 and 7. The ministry has offered its annual Educational Satisfaction Survey, for you to reflect and share your input on today's current educational system.

If you are interested in completing this survey, it will be available until April 2018. All you need to do is e-mail Mr. Klassen (pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca) and he will provide you with a unique login. You can then sign into the site at: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

Kindergarten 2018 Registration

Registration of Kindergarten students who are eligible for entry in September 2018 will take place at Gray in the Library on **Friday, February 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** A child may be registered to attend Kindergarten in September 2018 if his or her fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31, 2013.

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

Library News

Help protect our library books for students to enjoy for years to come. Encourage your child/children to use a **BOOK BAG** to carry school library books to and from school. A **BOOK BAG** should measure about 23 cm by 30 cm to fit books small and large. In February, children without **BOOK BAGS** will be limited to 1 book.

Please continue to look for overdue books and return them as soon as possible. When paying the fine, please include your child's full name so we can change

and Non-District Applications will not be accepted for September 2018.

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, if space permits. 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 5, 2018.

Please pass on this information to any friends or neighbours who have children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2018.

the library account and issue a receipt. If you have questions about your child's overdue books, feel free to talk to us in the library or send a note in your child's planner.

We are excited the dates for the next **GRAY SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Paws for Books - Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale.** Books and posters can be purchased on February 21st, 22nd, and 26th. More information will be available in the February newsletter.

French Immersion

Application forms are available on line to any parents interested in having their child register for either Early or Late French Immersion. On line applications must be completed by the following deadlines:

Early French Immersion (Kindergarten):
Friday, February 2nd (by 4:00 p.m.)

Late French Immersion (Gr. 6):
Friday, March 2nd (by 4:00 p.m.)

[Click here](#) for a link to the District French Immersion Information page where you can submit your on-line application.

Please note that there is a difference between the *application* process and the *registration* process. Submitting an application 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
Wednesday, January 24th
6:30 p.m. at Burnsvew Secondary

Late French Immersion
Wednesday, February 7th
6:30 p.m. at Chalmers

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. Dobie's grade 4/5 class for contributing the greatest total of donations this year. They enjoyed a pizza party in December to celebrate their efforts.

The students in Mrs. Dobie and Ms. Lochhead'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 Divisions 8 & 9 is to be commended. Thank you everyone for your contributions and support! Gray is also planning to hold another Food Drive this coming Spring so stay tuned for more information on those dates!

Gray PAC News

GRAY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy day to come out to our Christmas Market!! It was a fantastic event with another great turnout!!

Thank you to all our vendors who spent countless hours prepping for this big day in support of our school & for their wonderful door prize donations. Thank you to all the parents and teachers for donating the yummiest bake sale goodies and to COBS Bread for their generous baked goods donation. Thank you to the parent & student volunteers for organizing & running our cafe, bake sale & coordinating our door prizes - Andrea, Cori, Jenn, Kelly, Ruby, Rash, Sonja, Bhuvu & Mason!! Thank you to our Gray administrators and custodians for supporting this event and to our teachers who came out to shop!! And lastly, a very special thank you to Amanda and Terri for their hours of dedication to co-coordinate this year's event. All door prize winners have been contacted.



BINGO FAMILY NIGHT

Family Bingo Night is back!! Mark your calendars - Friday February 16th @ 7pm.

We are in need of many prizes as well as parent volunteers for set up and concession/sales. Prizes can be dropped off with your classroom or office. Please email grayelementarypac@gmail.com if you can spare an hour of your time to volunteer. Click [HERE](#) for a pre-order form. A hardcopy notice/preorder form will be sent home end of January. Hope to see you there!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Thank you parents and teachers, for once again supporting our Gift Card fundraiser and a special thank you to Andrea and Jenn for organizing! With your help, we had approximately \$28,000 in sales for a profit of \$1,000!! Way to go, Gray!!



Gray PAC News

Year Round PAC Fundraisers

M&M Food Market School Days Program - Stop and shop at our local M&M at 112 St. & 84th 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 & 72nd Ave) when making your purchase and they will donate 5% of it back to Gray! Click [HERE](#) for a welcome letter from the owner at COBS.

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. So far, Kaboom has given back \$345 to Gray!

Upcoming Gray PAC Events:

Family Bingo Night (Fri Feb 16)
Zumba Party (TBD)
Carnival (Fri May 25)
Staff/Teacher Appreciation Lunch (Wed June 6)
Sports Day (Fri June 15)

Upcoming Gray PAC Fundraisers:

Easter Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser (Feb)

As always we couldn't do this all without the help of our amazing parent volunteers. We are always looking for fresh ideas to help make our events and fundraisers more successful!

Please email grapelementarypac@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 PAC meeting will be held January 24, 2018, at 9:15 AM in the staff meeting room at Gray Elementary. We hope to see you there!

How to Get Better Grades in School

You can make this your child's best year ever in school! Smart students have secrets. What does it take to be a superior student? The most important secret is a great study strategy! Smart students know how to make their brains pay attention and focus. They get more done in less time. Terry Small's student success system shows your kids how to take charge of their time and succeed! Parents and students attend this seminar together to learn proven strategies and study secrets that have helped 255,000 students to excel.

Guaranteed: better grades, self-confidence, more free time, and fun learning! Good grades have never been more important than today. Come and learn how to get them! You will have fun and be entertained. The seminar is suitable for students of all abilities in Gr. 4 to 12. Get a head start on good grades.

Terry Small is Canada's #1 study skills expert. He is listed in Nationwide Who's Who. His ideas were recently featured on CKNW Radio, BCTV, Global, and in the Globe and Mail and Student Success. Terry speaks internationally.

When: January 21, Wednesday, 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Delta Education Centre

Instructor: Terry Small B.Ed., M.A.

{ 39.00 for the whole family. }

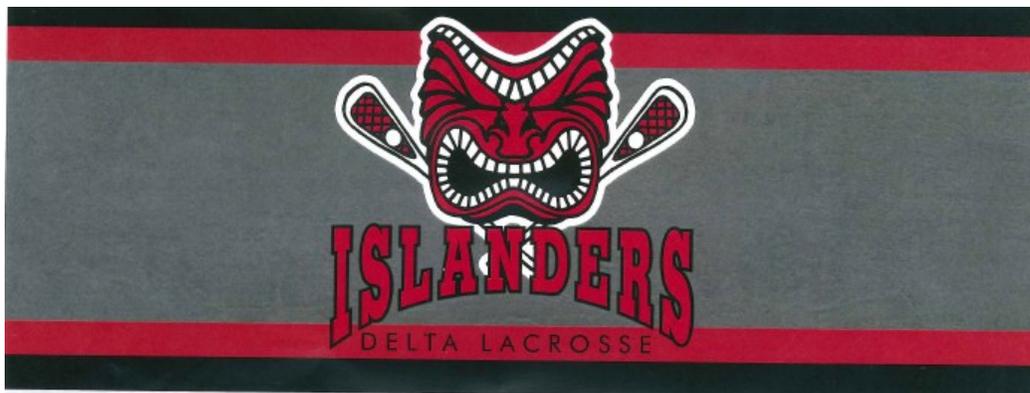
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Community News and Events



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**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME! COME TRY LACROSSE!
JOIN US FOR OUR FREE GIRLS ONLY SESSION!**

GRAY ELEMENTARY, NORTH DELTA:
JAN. 8 & 22, FEB. 5 & 26, MAR. 12 6-7PM
PORT GUICHON ELEMENTARY GYM, LADNER:
JAN. 15 & 29, FEB. 19, MAR. 5 @ 6-7PM

Community News and Events

Is your child interested in trying lacrosse? Have you thought about joining but not sure he/she will like it? Well now is your chance to come out and try!

FREE INTRO TO LACROSSE, STARTING JAN 8!

Minimum age are for kids born in 2013. (Must be turning 5 in 2018). No max age.

Each week, our dedicated group of volunteers will be running a 1 hour intro session on the basic skills for lacrosse. It is designed for kids who are interested in playing but want to give it a try first. The sessions will be held every Monday 6-7pm.

If you know anyone interested in giving lacrosse a try, have them come out!! Its FREE!!! No equipment required. We will have sticks for everyone to borrow.

Monday 6-7pm....

BOYS AND GIRLS- Port Guichon Jan 8, Jan 22, Feb 5, Feb 26, March 12.

BOYS AND GIRLS Gray, Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 19, March 5.

GIRLS ONLY- Port Guichon Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 19, March 5.

GIRLS ONLY Gray Jan 8, Jan 22, Feb 5, Feb 26, March12.

Would love to see you out ! Anyone is welcome so pass along to family and friends ☐

Come and join the fastest growing sport!

BALLHOCKEY

Equipment Required:

Runners, CSA approved Hockey Helmet with cage, Hockey Stick, Hockey Gloves and Soccer style shin pad.



REGISTRATION IS FREE FOR ANY NEW PLAYERS IN 2018!

HURRY! Save \$20 by Registering before January 15.

All skill levels welcome to register.

Divisions	Birth Year	Registration
Tyke	2012, 2013	\$110
Peanut	2010, 2011	\$150
Pup	2008, 2009	\$150
Peewee	2006, 2007	\$165
Minor	2004, 2005	\$180
Major	2002, 2003	\$180
Junior	1999, 2000, 2001	\$180



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