



GRAY SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal

We have now completed more than three-quarters of this school year! I can't believe it has gone by so fast. My mother always said that time goes by faster the older you get, and much as it pains me to admit it, she was right.

Our School Goal

Every school in BC is required to have a plan for student achievement called, Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. In Delta, each school has developed their framework based on the Spiral of Inquiry, a way in which we approach the work that we do. This Framework provides a focus for all the teaching and learning that happens in schools. It is a living document that continually shifts in order to meet the needs of our student body. Therefore, every Framework has a goal toward which the school is working. At Gray, "Our goal is for all students to self-regulate and think critically as they take ownership of their learning and contribute to their community." We would like all of our students and parents to be aware of this goal. So, to help make that a reality, we have had posters made for each classroom and around the hallways. They should be arriving soon. Please make sure to look for them when you come into the school.

Summer Student Dress Code

Last week we experienced some lovely summer weather, and sure hope that more is on the way. However, summer weather brings with it skimpier summer clothing. Therefore, it is once again time for a reminder about student attire. Please remember that we ask

all students, Kindergarten to Grade Seven, boys and girls, to wear tops that cover their shoulders and stomach, shorts that reach to the thigh, and shoes that are suitable for active days on the field and playground, and in gym classes. Children cannot do the many activities required of them when they are wearing shoes that do not stay on their feet securely, such as flip flops and loose crocs. Students who do not conform to these guidelines will be sent home to change their attire or, if that is not possible, instructed to wear a school jersey

Parent Appreciation Breakfast

As we are getting closer to the final month of the school year, all the staff at Gray would like to acknowledge and celebrate our partnership with you, our parent community. You have made a valuable contribution to the life of our school. Without all your help and support, Gray wouldn't be the great school that it is.

The staff of Gray would like to express our deep appreciation of our parent community by providing you with breakfast on the morning of Friday, May 25th. Staff will be outside at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and goodies, and smiles of gratitude for the work that you do to support your children and the school. Please join us if you are able.



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Dates to Remember

- ☺ **May 8**
Regional Track Meet
- ☺ **May 17**
District Track Meet
- ☺ **May 18**
Pro-D Day - School Closed
- ☺ **May 21**
Victoria Day - School Closed
- ☺ **May 23**
PAC AGM - 7:00 p.m.
- ☺ **May 25th**
Parent Appreciation Breakfast
- ☺ **May 25th**
PAC Spring Carnival
- ☺ **May 29th**
Battle of the Bands
- ☺ **May 30th**
Starting with Stories & KN Orientation - 1:45 pm
- ☺ **May 31st**
Tacky Tourist Spirit Day

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Track and Field

Our intermediate students have been very busy practicing for the Regional Meet next Tuesday, May 8th, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Teams have now been determined and permission forms sent home to those who have qualified. Students will assemble at Gray and walk over to the track at North Delta Secondary.

If your child is participating in the Track Meet, please ensure that your child arrives to school at **8:15 a.m.** promptly and suitably attired, as we will be unable to wait for latecomers. Please remember that this is a regular school day for all students, so those not participating in the track meet are expected to attend class as usual.

Participants should bring a packed lunch and snack, including a water bottle, and dress for the weather. You may remember that last year was an absolute deluge, so lets hope for sun this year! The cafeteria at North Delta will be open, and the North Zone A organizing school, Brooke, will have a concession open. Students may bring some money, should parents choose, but please remember that the school cannot be responsible for any losses that may occur.

Parents are welcome to attend the meet to cheer our team on. Please remember, if you will be taking your child home with you from North Delta Secondary, you must check them out with one of the supervising teachers on the hill. Any students not returning to Gray at the end of the meet **MUST** give a permission letter from their parent to the supervising teacher on the hill before they may go home with another family.

Students who place in their events and qualify for the District Track Meet will be notified by the end of the week and a permission notice will be sent home. At the District Track Meet, if students qualify for the Provincial Track Meet their Parents will be responsible for entering their child and making arrangements for attending the Provincial meet on their own.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff members that have given their time to assist with the track team; especially Mrs. Roder, Mrs. Dobie, and Mrs. Matheson, our organizers. Good luck to all of the competitors; we know you will be exemplary ambassadors for our school. *Go Owls Go!*

Primary Track Meet

Division 1 students have planned a Track Meet for the Primary classes on Monday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 15 from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Primary classes will be taking part in modified track activities on the all weather field. Come out and cheer on your son or daughter while they take part in the activities.



Battle of the Bands - Lip Sync Concert



This year we will be holding our 2nd Annual Lip Sync Battle of the Bands on Tuesday, May 29th from 1:10 to 3:00 p.m. in the Gym. The contest is open to all Intermediate Students. Concert tryouts will be during lunch time in the Gym. Encourage your child(ren) to put together a group and listen to the announcements for try out times. Parents are welcome to attend the final concert on May 29th.

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 6-12, 2018 is Emergency Preparedness Week.

Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May. This national event is coordinated by the Public Safety Canada, in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and partners. During Emergency Preparedness Week, activities are organized across Canada to raise awareness of the importance of:

- having an emergency kit;
- making an emergency plan; and
- identifying risks in the region.

These three simple steps can help Canadians prepare for all types of emergencies. In Delta, our schools run earthquake drills complete with evacuation and in some cases, full exercises including post-earthquake site management and student release.

Schools throughout Delta will be conducting earthquake drills on various days through EP Week .

For more information about emergency preparedness in the Delta School District visit <http://facilities.deltasd.bc.ca/deltaprepared>

For more detailed information on Emergency Preparedness go to Government of Canada's website at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/campaigns/emergency-preparedness-week.html>

BC Government 's website at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc>



Website and Calendar

Our new website is updated regularly with important information on things going on at the school. Save it as one of your favorites and visit the site often to keep up to date with what is happening at Gray.

The home page includes a Calendar of Events. Only three items are listed but if you click on "[View Event Calendar](#)" you can view the calendar for the whole month and beyond. You can also click on the event for more details or to link to the news item for the event.

There is also a tab on the home page called "[GrayPAC Lunch Information](#)" if you click on this you will be able to view all the upcoming lunch days and ordering deadlines to the end of the year.

The home page also has our twitter feed GrayElem-School@graylearners You can click on the link and then follow us on twitter and keep up with what's going on in our classrooms.

The home page only shows the top three News items so if you are looking for something, and it isn't there use the search function or click on the Quicklinks Tab and then "News".

If you are looking for an email address for your child's teacher check out the [Staff Directory](#) You can click on the name of the teacher and it will automatically open up an email box for you.

The [2018/2019 School Calendar for Parents](#) has been posted to the [School Schedule and Calendar for the Year Page](#).

Check out our new website at :

<https://gr.deltasd.bc.ca/>

"Cool it!" Training Program

BC Sustainable Energy Association's *Cool It!* Climate Leadership Training program encourages and empowers students to work with their families to reduce energy use while learning about positive and negative environmental consequences that result from individual and societal actions and behaviours.

The Challenge consists of multiple actions ranging from simple behavioural changes and physical changes around the home, to large family-wide ones, in order to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and embrace healthier, more sustainable lifestyles. Students receive points for completing the actions, and have the opportunity to win prizes for themselves and their class

Mrs. Dobie's Grade 4/5 class is the winning class in the City of Delta for the greatest number of green house gas

reductions in the *Cool It!* Challenge! Division 8 was awarded a pizza party from the BCSEA and a visit from one of their staff members. In addition, the Deputy City Clerk from the Corporation of Delta has contacted them to request their attendance at an upcoming City Council Meeting on Monday, May 28th for their class to receive a certificate of recognition from the Mayor!

Great Job Division 8!



Young Entrepreneurs

The grade 5 students in Division 7 & 8 are working hard to develop practical skills, design and create products, and gain real life-like experience while learning how businesses' work. They will be hosting a sale on Thursday May 10th from 10:00am until 2:00pm to showcase and sell their business products.

**In the event that Thursday May 10th will be used as the alternate day for the North A Regional Track Meet, then the Sale date will change to Wednesday May 16th*



Food Drive

The grade 4 students in Division 8, 9 & 10 are organizing another food drive at Gray. Please help by sending non-perishable, unexpired, and unopened food donations to help support our local food bank and community. They will be collecting items from Monday May 14th until Friday June 1st. Thank you for your continued donations and support.



Feeding the Community

PAC News

YEAR ROUND PAC FUNDRAISERS

M&M Food Market School Days Program - Remember to mention "Gray Elementary" at check out when shopping at our local M&M at 112 St. & 84th Ave! They will continue to donate 15% back to our school! Super 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! They have generously donated fresh baked goods at many of our events this year - Christmas Market, PAC meetings, Bingo Night, Playground Ceremony, etc.

Kaboom Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Fundraiser Program - Kaboom Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu has a fantastic program for Gray students and a brand new open learning environment! Mention "Gray Elementary" when you register!

Upcoming Gray PAC Events:

Carnival (Fri May 25)

Staff/Teacher Appreciation Lunch (Wed June 6)

Sports Day (Fri June 15)



PAC AGM

The next PAC meeting will be on May 23 @ 7:00 p.m., and it is the final meeting of the school year. As such, it's our Annual General Meeting! This gives all parents an exciting chance to participate in the election of positions for the next school year!! There are several positions open this year, so come and make your voice heard, get a sneak peek at what will be happening next year!

Dear Gray Parents,

FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL

Mark your calendars! Our annual carnival is just around the corner on Friday May 25th!

We have exciting things lined up:

- Angel Events will be supplying all our carnival games again:
 - 14 Carnival Games
 - Pit Stop Challenge
 - 9 Hole Mini Golf
 - 2 Jumbo Bouncy Inflatables
 - Double Shot Basketball
- Carnival wristbands provide unlimited carnival game access for the entire evening!!
- All wristband holders will receive a JUMBO FREEZIE!!
- M&M will be on site to BBQ delicious burgers, smokies & hot dogs! Grill open from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Make sure to get your pre-order in so we don't run out of food for you!

Crowd favorites:

- Caricaturist, Photo Booth, Bottle Toss, Temporary Glitter Tattoos - NEW THIS YEAR!!
- Cotton Candy & Popcorn & Other Concession Refreshments
- Annual Dunk Tank & Sponge Toss (Gr 7 fundraisers) and Cake Walk (Gr 6 fundraiser)

Our classroom basket raffles will be replaced by a Silent Auction this year. Last year's Silent Auction was a BIG hit so visit the Library on event day & check out the FANTASTIC items & place a bid or two!!

Carnival pre-orders must be submitted by Monday May 14th at 9 AM. Pre-order tickets will be sent home with the student on May 22nd.

Bottle Toss Donations: This is our most popular game!! We are seeking donations - fill a bottle with anything such as: wrapped/bagged candy, jar of crayons/toys, silly string, pre-packaged food - jars/bottles of cookies, drinks, etc - the list is endless!! Please ensure the bottle is new and seals are unbroken. Donations can be dropped off at the classroom/office any time before May 25.

We require at least 30 parent volunteers to assist the day of to help run this extremely large event. Time slots are 1.5 hrs so you have time to enjoy the carnival with your children - tasks involved are ticket sales, concession (food/popcorn/cotton candy), overseeing games and monitoring the silent auction. All volunteers receive a complimentary meal. Please fill out the form below if you are available.

Stay updated with Carnival event details by RSVP'ing in our "Gray Elementary PAC" Facebook group!!



YES! I can lend a hand at our 2018 Gray Spring Carnival ☺

Set Up (4 - 5:30 pm) Shift 2 (6 - 7:30 pm)
 Shift 1 (5 - 6:30 pm) Shift 3 (6:30 - 8 pm)
 I can donate a cake for the Cake Walk

NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Thank you & let's make this the best Carnival we've ever had!!

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GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018

5:30 - 8:00 PM

COME ONE, COME ALL!



BBQ | GAMES | DUNK TANK |
PHOTO BOOTH | BOUNCY CASTLES | MINI
GOLF | SILENT AUCTION | CARICATURES |
GLITTER TATTOOS | CAKE WALK

WRISTBANDS \$15/ \$10 PRE-SALE (DUE MAY 14)

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Community News



POLICE DAY 2018



DPD Recruiting
 DPD Forensic Identification Services
 DPD Victim Services & Trauma dog "Caber"
 DPD / RCMP Marine Unit
 TFN Bylaw Compliance Office
 Delta Amateur Radio Society
 BC Transit Police
 Crime Stoppers
 LMD Emergency Response Team
 Explosive Disposal Unit
 ICBC Driving Simulator
 Safety Bear

Bring the family for entertainment, raffle prizes, demonstrations, displays and more!

K9 Demo - 1 pm & 3 pm

RCMP Air 1

Delta Police Pipe Band- 5pm



Thursday, May 17th, 2018
Ladner Leisure Centre
4600 Clarence Taylor
Crescent
10am - 6pm



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 257,000 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: May 15, Tuesday, 2018, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Delta Manor Education Center

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

{ 42.00 for the whole family. }

To register: Delta Continuing Education - ph. (604) 940-5550

* Also available in Langley

www.terrysmall.com

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