



GRAY SCHOOL NEWS

From the Principal

As we enter the month of June, life becomes super busy at school. Many classes will be going on year-end field trips, finishing up units of study, and having celebrations of their year together. Teachers are busy doing assessments and writing report cards as they prepare to send their students on to the next year of learning. It's a bittersweet time for teachers as they look forward to some rest and relaxation in the summer after a year of hard work, but have to say goodbye to the students with whom they have formed a close bond within the community of the classroom. However, it is so rewarding to be able to see the growth that we have had a hand in nurturing over the course of the school year.

Last School Day of the Year

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 28th. **Students will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m.** We will have an assembly at 9:15 a.m. at which time a short video highlighting our year's activities will be shown. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly. Following the assembly, students will return to their classrooms to receive their report cards and say their goodbyes.

This has been a tremendous school year! The staff and I would like to thank all of our families for the support that you give, both to your children and to the school. On behalf of the staff, I wish you all a safe and happy summer break. The new school year begins on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Students will attend 9:00-12:00 that day.

Thank you, PAC

It has been such a pleasure to work with the wonderful PAC members at Gray. Each one of them generously gives their time and energy to making this school the best that it can be. Because of their commitment, we now have a beautiful new playground that provides hours of challenging, engaging play for our students, and the entire community. We have had many events, too many to name, that have brought our community together and thus reinforced a great community spirit. Their fundraising efforts also provide valuable funds to enrich the lives of the students through things like field trips, technology, Arts performances, and many more. Without their work, we'd be much poorer as a community.

I'd like to say a special thanks to some of our PAC executive members who have stepped out of their roles, for various reasons. Amy Burden, who has been the President for six years, Lucie Seba, the Treasurer, Ruth Kaune, who has filled Events, Fund Raising, and Hot Lunch Coordinator rolls in her years at Gray, and Terri Burton, Events and Fund Raising Coordinator.

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Dates to Remember

- ☺ **June 15th**
Sports Day
- ☺ **June 20th**
Year End Music Concert
1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- ☺ **June 22nd**
Grade 7 Year End
Celebration @ 9:15 a.m.
- ☺ **June 28th**
Year End Assembly
Last Day of Classes—Final
Report Cards Issued—
Students dismissed at
10:30 a.m.
- ☺ **Sept 4th**
First day of classes after
Summer Break
KN - 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.
GR 1-7 - 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

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Year End Events



Year End Music Concert

Mr. Steeves will be conducting two musical performances showcasing the work of our Grades Six and Seven students. These are the students that he has been teaching this year, and who have learned so much since September; you will be amazed and proud. The school choir, under the direction of Mrs. Skinner, will also be performing at each concert. The concerts will take place at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. I hope you are able to join us for one of these concerts.

Grade 7 Assembly

On Friday, June 22nd at 9:15 a.m., we will be honouring our Grade Seven students. At this time, The Gray Award will be given to those students receiving recognition for their contributions to the school and the work that they have done in their studies. It is also the time for us to acknowledge the end of elementary school for the Grade Sevens as they move on to high school. This is a bittersweet day as we are happy to see our senior students transition into the wider world but we are also sad to say goodbye to them. The assembly will last approximately 60 minutes. Intermediate students and staff will join the parents in attendance for the ceremony. If you have a primary aged child whom you would like to have watch this event and support their older sibling, please make arrangements with their classroom teacher to have them attend and sit with you.

Following the ceremony, Grade Seven parents and students will be invited to stay in the gym and enjoy some treats and take photos. At 10:45 a.m. parent volunteers will need to begin getting things ready for the Grade Seven luncheon and dance that will take place in the gym at 12:00 p.m. We sincerely hope that all parents and interested relatives of Grade Seven students will be able to join us for this important milestone in their child's life.

School Movie

At Gray, twice per year at Christmas and year-end, we have traditionally shown a movie to all the students. This year, we will be showing Paddington 2 on Wednesday, June 27th at 1:00 p.m.

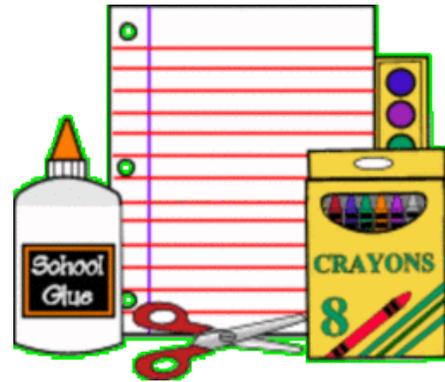


Lost and Found Items

We have a very large number of items in the lost and found. They will be laid out in the hallways near the gym. Over the next few weeks, please drop by to look over and claim items which may belong to your child(ren). All items not claimed by June 25th will be donated to charity.

School Supplies

School Supply Lists will be posted to the homepage of our website, before the end of the year. If you ordered your school supplies through Pharmasave, the orders will be delivered to the school in September and will be given to your child within the first few days of school.



Year End Reports

As you know, the Communicating Student Learning reports (CSL) have been used at Gray for the past two years. One of the features of CSL is that it does not include grades as a form of assessment on Term One and Term Two reports for Intermediate students. Last year, grades were provided in Term Three that encompassed the learning for the entire year. This year, the District gave individual schools the discretion to remove grades from the Third Term report. At Gray, we held a parent meeting in Term One to discuss this issue; all the Intermediate teachers, the District Director of Learning

Services, and five of our parents attended this meeting. As a school team, we have made the decision not to include grades on our final term report for Intermediate students. Please read the rationale for this decision that is described in the next section of this newsletter.

Assessment and Report Rationale

The current grading system in use in schools was developed for an industrial model of education. Grades have been used primarily as a sorting mechanism for educational programs; they do not exist in the real world for which we are preparing students. Grades have led to a "cover the curriculum" approach to teaching rather than a focus on deep learning of skills and competencies that will apply in multiple contexts.

Our imperative is to prepare students to be productive, healthy citizens who are able to contribute in a rapidly

changing world. For this they must be creative, critical thinkers and problem solvers; skills upon which the re-designed curriculum is built. To support our learners in reaching these goals, we must use the best and most current research. The factory model of sorting students no longer works for learners' optimal achievement and success in life. If we are to be a learning system then we must communicate in a way that supports and describes learning.

Staff News

This year-end for me is an especially difficult one, as I have to say goodbye to the Gray community of which I have been proud to be a part for five years. It has been a joy to lead the skilled group of professionals with whom I have worked. We have made amazing strides as a school. The parent community pulls together and is wonderfully supportive of the school. But the kids are where I find meaning, purpose, joy and fulfillment in my work. I will truly miss them!

Sadly, mine are not the only goodbyes to be said. Some other staff members will not be returning to Gray next year. We say a fond goodbye, with regret, to the following people:

Ms. Olak	Grade 6 teacher
Mrs. Groom	Grade 3 teacher
Ms. Varshney	Grade 3 teacher
Ms. Tracey	Grade 2 teacher
Mrs. Mah	Education Assistant (Norma is retiring—Congratulations)
Mrs. Reid	Education Assistant
Ms. Martini	Education Assistant
Ms. Ramsden	Education Assistant
Mrs. Hodgins	Grade 5 & Library teacher
Ms. Tseng	Music teacher
Mrs. Drysdale	Learning Support Teacher

Needless to say, the school will miss these very valuable members of staff and wish them well in their future endeavours.

On a more positive note, Gray is happy to welcome back Ms. Boyd. Ms. Boyd taught here four years ago in a Grade One class. She is a great addition to the staff.



PAC News

CARNIVAL THANK YOU

WOW!! What an absolutely fantastic evening we had at our Carnival!! By far the most successful carnival yet!!

A HUGE thank you to our carnival coordinators for your countless hours of effort and support to put this event on (Andrea, Amanda, Jenn, Rhonda, Sonja, Rash, & Terri) to our teachers, administration & custodians for supporting this event, all the Gray, Sands and North Delta Secondary student volunteers for helping the evening of, M&M Meats for BBQing, The Advantage Team for their photo booth sponsorship, Caricoots and My Glitter Stars for coming out, Angel Events for supplying

the carnival games, all our silent auction sponsors for their generous donations & especially our parent community for coming out to support our carnival.

As you know, it takes a lot of parent volunteers to help run an event of this magnitude, so we are extremely thankful to all the parent/guardian volunteers who coordinated this event and those who helped out the evening of to make this happen for our children!! THANK YOU!!

PS - Extra special thank you to Mr. Klassen for being such a great sport and increasing the dunk tank sales for our Gr. 7's!!

SPORTS DAY

We are looking for a few more parent volunteers to help with concession this Friday. Please email grayelementarypac@gmail.com if you are available. Thank you!

PAC FACEBOOK GROUP

If you are on Facebook, search for "Gray Elementary" and join our group! We will continue to post updates to Gray events for your convenience! See attached poster for details.

M&M FOOD MARKET SCHOOL DAYS PROGRAM

Thank you Gray community for supporting our M&M Food Market School Days Program - it has been a very successful year with \$400 raised! Thank you to Jason at M&M for all his continued support for Gray!!

COBS BREAD DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM

Thank you Gray community for supporting our Cobs program and for Geoffrey at Cobs for all his generous fresh baked items that were donated to Gray this past year!! YUMMY!!

KABOOM BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU

Thank you Gray community for supporting our Kaboom fundraiser!! They have a fantastic program and I have heard many wonderful things from Gray parents about the program, so check it out this summer!

Upcoming Gray PAC Events:

Sports Day (Fri June 15)

Staff/Teacher Appreciation Lunch (Wed June 20)



Attention: Gray Parents & Guardians

GRAY ELEMENTARY

PAC HAS A

FACEBOOK GROUP!!

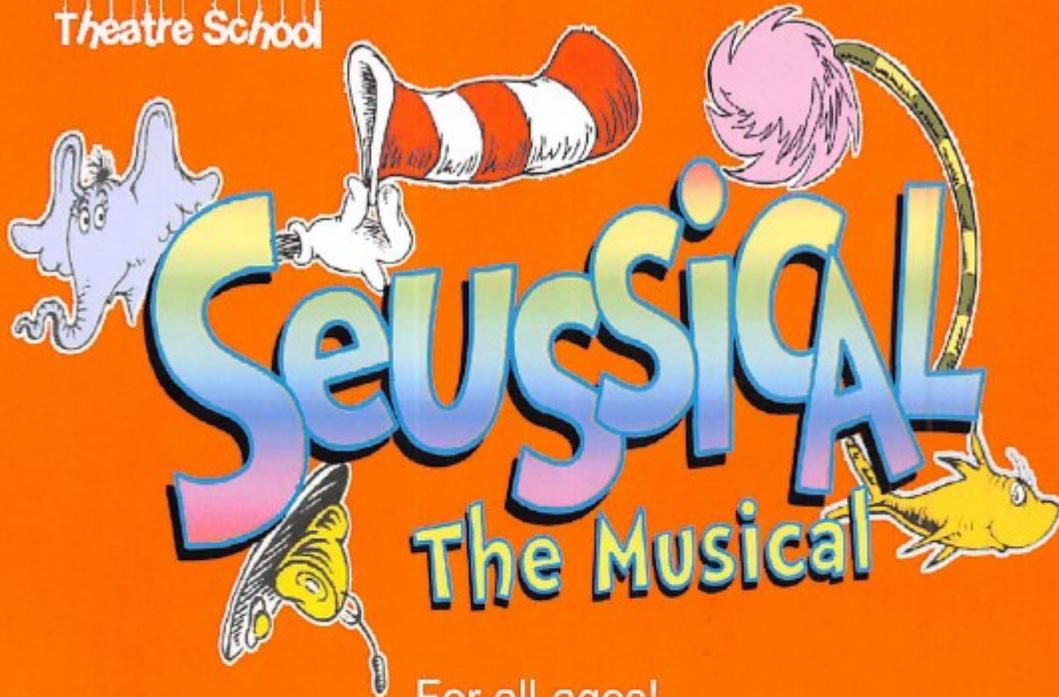
Search "Gray Elementary PAC"

to join the action & stay
connected with updates on
activities & events!!





Presents...



For all ages!

Genesis Theatre

5005 45Ave Ladner BC, V4K 1K4

Show dates and times:

Wednesday June 27th at 7:30pm

Thursday June 28th at 7:30pm

Friday June 29th at 7:30pm

Saturday June 30th at 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Sunday July 1st at 2:00pm

Music by Stephen Flaherty

Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Book by Stephen Flaherty & Lynn Ahrens

Co-conceived by

Stephen Flaherty & Lynn Ahrens & Eric Idle

Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

Tickets available online @ www.smashtheatreschool.ca

For information and registration for SMASH Theatre School located in South Surrey
please email info@smashtheatreschool.ca

51ST NORTH DELTA FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY
JUNE 24, 2018

FAMILY EVENT FOR ALL AGES



**North Delta Lions
Present**

**Parade
11am - 1pm**

**Festival
1pm-4pm**

*Salmon &
Chicken BBQ
Hamburgers
HotDogs & Fries
Kids activities
Dunk Tank
Bouncy Castles
Hypnotist Show
& more*



**North Delta
Community Park
11311 84 Avenue
Delta, BC**

*For more information
www.northdeltalions.org*



North Delta Lions



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City of Delta

Parade Info:
parade@northdeltalions.org

Festival Info:
displays@northdeltalions.org



MOTION COMMOTION

SUMMER READING CLUB 2018



SUMMER READING CLUBS

Move, groove and prove that you can make a Motion Commotion this summer when you join FVRL's 2018 Summer Reading Club. There is a club for everyone! Sign up starts June 21 and continues throughout the summer. Visit your favourite [FVRL location](#) to join.

DELTA RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

COME TRY RINGETTE

For free!

SAT, SEPT 10 2016 / 1.45 - 3.45 PM
SUNGOD ARENA

SUN, SEPT 18 2016 / 3.00 - 5.00 PM
LADNER LEISURE CENTRE

1 HR. ON-ICE INSTRUCTION
SNACKS & ACTIVITIES
FREE SKATE RENTALS
FALL REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Boys & Girls, 4 years +
Beginner Skaters welcome

Register online at

cometryringette.ca



SOCIAL MEDIA

Education Session for Parents

June 13th, 2018



The Delta School District is pleased to host an **INFORMATIVE & INTERACTIVE** parent session on **DIGITAL MEDIA SAFETY** for children & adolescents.

www.deltasd.bc.ca/event/parent-social-media-education-session-2

June 13th, 2018 @7:00pm
(Doors open @6:30pm)

Delta School Board
Main Board Room

4585 Harvest Drive, Delta



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Trainer and Presenter SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER
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