

# GRAY ELEMENTARY

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Dear Gray Families,

As the summer break approaches, I wanted to take a moment and reflect on this amazing year. Throughout this school year, this community leaves me feeling proud, amazed and inspired. As we are all now forever changed by this current living situation, I wanted to say a final thank you to each family for rising up and doing what is best to support everyone in our community. As we move forward throughout the summer, hopefully we will continue to keep the transmission rates down and be able to start the new school year with a renewed commitment to one another and get back to a sense of normalcy.

Historically at Gray, we have usually ended the year with celebrating the Grade 7 Graduation, a final assembly and ultimately an enjoyable send off to the break. Although we are not able to follow this exactly, we do still plan on keeping some traditions alive. Please see the following breakdown of and reminders for the end of the year.

## **Housekeeping**

### *Library Books*

Please return all library books to the school as soon as possible. We are disinfecting everything single one and getting them cleaned and ready for next year. You can either return these to your child's teacher or to the bin outside the front office.

### *Gathering Supplies*

All supplies should be picked up by now, but if they are not, please make arrangements with your child's teacher to do so. Anything that is remaining on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, will be donated. We appreciate your understanding and timeliness in this matter.

### *Returning Technology*

If you have borrowed any technology, it is time to start bringing it back. Please make arrangements with Mrs. Gonzalez, our Vice-Principal, to have her inspect and collect your borrowed equipment.

If you are planning on having your children complete online summer school, then you may continue to borrow the equipment, but you will be required to complete another document. Again, Mrs. Gonzalez will be able to walk you through this.

## **End of the Year Information**

*June 22 – 24, 2020*

As we know, school is officially over Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. However, this does not mean you are unable to come in and say goodbye the following week. All staff will be in the building from June 22 – 24, and you are able to make an appointment with your teacher to come and say goodbye, or to drop things off. We hope that most of you do!

### *Grade 7 Year End*

This year, we will be having the grade 7s complete a drive by ceremony. All families have had an opportunity to sign up and each grade 7 division will have a block of time where the teacher can stand outside and physically distance and students drive in to get their certificate.

The students will be able to come to the school, collect their certificate and a little something special. We will also be sharing the grade 7 slide show with each grade 7 classroom and will be putting up our speeches onto Youtube. Finally, the Gray awards were still able to come together and the successful recipients will be recognized for their achievement during the speeches and when they pick up their certificates.

Finally, there will be a grade 7 yearbook. Thank you to the students and staff who helped bring it together, and a big thank you to Mrs. Pettigrew for spending all of the time to organize and complete it. I believe we also have a Gray family doing the printing, and again this shows what an amazing community we have. Hopefully we will be able to get these to grade 7s by the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. If not, we will be in touch on how each grade 7 student can receive their copy.

### *Retirements and Staff Changes*

It is that time of year again, where the staff members finish off their year and we have to say goodbye to some amazing individuals who have made such a difference in our community. For each of these recipients who will be joining another school, we want to say that you will be missed and we know you will continue to shape and change lives with all of your care and effort. For those of you who are lucky enough to take the next step into retirement, we wish you the best of luck in that journey and please know that you made a difference and have left a lasting imprint on many.

#### **Retirements**

Mrs. Craft     Grade 2  
Mrs. Roder    Gym  
Mrs. Wong     LST  
Mrs. Skinner   Grade 1

#### **Moving Schools**

Mrs. Vanessa Au     CYCW  
Ms. Jhajj            Grade 5  
Mrs. Stringer       EA  
Mrs. Riemer         EA  
Ms. Mondin          Grade 6/7

Please give each of these amazing individuals a round of applause!

### *September Start Up*

As many people have reached out to ask what September will look like, please be patient. We are not sure at this time, but we will make sure that we are prepared and ready to welcome you all back as soon as we can. Information will continue to come out throughout the summer, and we should hear more about school in mid to late August. As soon as we are able to, we will share the plans for how to move forward. Until then, please enjoy this time away from school as best you can.

### **Final Thought**

On that final note, we hope that everyone has a wonderful summer, filled with many happy experiences and memories. Please stay safe and enjoy this time with one another. If you are in need of support or assistance please reach out to the office, or through my e-mail [pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca).

All the best,



Mr. P. Klassen  
Principal