



Goings-On at Gray



From the Principal's Desk

The tree is up, the lights are out and the house is decorated for the holidays; well at least that is the way at my house right now. As I drive to and from work, I have started to notice people getting into the holiday spirit and diving into the festivities. As December has quickly arrived, it is important that we start to prepare for this typically hectic, but now different season.

Firstly, I would like to say THANK YOU! Thank you parents for your continued support, respect and follow through. Thank you PAC for finding ways to fundraise and bring some normalcy to the school with Hot Lunches. Thank you students for coming every day, working hard and making the most out of an unusual situation. Thank you staff for your daily dedication, commitment and spirit that keeps us moving forward. Together we are a brilliant community. Together we will make it through this and come back stronger. On that note, as this is a different kind of December, it may be bringing up hardship or a range of emotions and feelings, please know that we are here if anybody requires anything, or is in need of support. Please reach out and we will gladly do our best to support you and your family, or guide you to where you need to be.

We are going to be working hard here at Gray, to ensure all students are engaged in fun and light festivities to hopefully rejuvenate the spirit and take their minds off of the current world situation. We hope everyone has a relaxing, restful and peaceful winter break and that 2021 is filled with many happy experiences, to create lasting memories! Cheers Gray Families!



December 2020

Keep up to date on the "Goings-On at Gray" by bookmarking the Gray Website.

[Gray Website](#)

Mark Your Calendars:

- ◆ **Dec 1st to Dec 18th**
Canned Food Drive
- ◆ **Dec 4th**
Subway Lunch Day
- ◆ **Dec 9th**
Report Cards on Parent Connect
- ◆ **Dec 11th**
Boston Pizza Lunch Day
- ◆ **Dec 18th**
Festive Sweater Day
- ◆ **Dec 18th**
Kernels Popcorn
- ◆ **Dec 18th**
Last day of Classes before Winter Break

Volleyball

If you are unaware, our grade 6/7 teachers creatively and safely put together a volleyball season for the grade 6/7 students. It was done through masks, distance, targeted groupings, limited interaction and lots of sanitization.

It was amazing to see the students partake and get involved in their physical activities and put their all into their class teams. Congratulations grade 6/7 students on a successful season; it may have looked different, but the energy, passion and commitment behind this was amazing and we are proud of all of you. Thank you to the grade 6/7 teachers for making this happen!



December Connectedness Activity

Thank you to everyone who shared your November outings. It was great to see people enjoying nature, spending family time together and just connecting. It is amazing how fast a month can go by, and we appreciate you letting us share in the moments of your lives.

This month we know is typically very busy, however, most of us find time to enjoy the lights, set up a tree, celebrate in a way that is meaningful to us, or just find time to decompress. We are hoping that this month, you can take some family pictures around the many bright coloured lights in the neighbourhoods. So many people are decorating (inside and/ or outside) and lets take advantage and take a family selfie. If you could please send your family selfies to pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca, then Mr. Klassen will make sure to put them on the school website. Happy photographing!

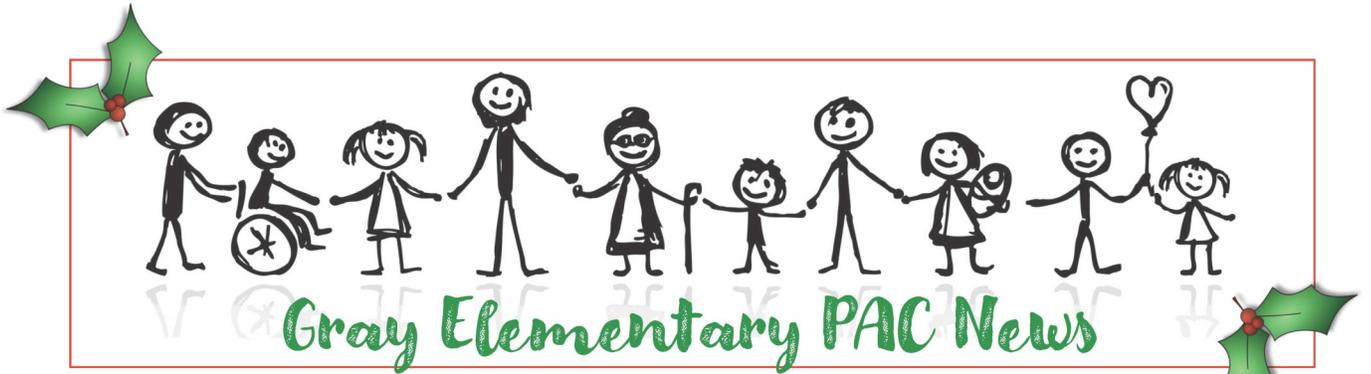
Canned Food Drive

Gray Elementary will be holding its annual Canned Food Drive from December 1st to 18th. This year we will be focusing on the Surrey Food Bank; as Delta is not collecting canned goods, we have worked out a system with the Surrey Food Bank to ensure the health and safety of all individuals.

Although the grade 4s will continue to run this food drive, it will look different due to the extra safety precautions we will be taking at Gray. We will be putting boxes in each classroom and when they are filled, teachers will pack them up and store them appropriately. At the end of our term, we will be supplying the food bank with all of our donations.

You can help by generously donating unexpired, non-perishable food items to assist families in need. The most useful contributions include grocery staples, such as: dried cereal, pasta and rice; canned: fruit, vegetables, hearty soups, stews, meat and fish; peanut butter, fruit juices, baby food and formula. Due to traditional health regulations we cannot accept home canned items, or items that have been removed from their original packaging. Thank you for your contribution.





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Thank you, Gray Community!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported this year's Holiday Stock-up - thanks to your generous orders we were able to raise \$4,000!

Please remember to pick up your orders on Saturday, December 5th from 10 am to 12 pm in front of the school.

NEXT PAC MEETING...

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH @ 7PM



Gray Elementary PAC has a Facebook group - join today for more info & current updates on all school wide events!

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS



It's easy to do:

1. Place your empties in a transparent bag—cans and glass bagged separately
2. Visit the Return It Depot kiosk and enter the school's phone number 604-594-2474.
3. Print labels and attach them to each bag
4. Drop the bags in the Express bins



Cobs Bread @ Scott Rd & 72nd

The Cobs Bread Dough Raiser Program donates 15% to Gray PAC with every purchase .

All you have to do is mention "Gray PAC" every time you make a purchase!



Thank you

A VERY HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE TEACHERS AND STAFF AT GRAY FOR DOING SUCH AN INCREDIBLE JOB THROUGHOUT THIS TOUGH YEAR.

Hot Lunch



If you haven't already, make sure to create your account at

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/gray/>

An email will be sent out to those who have signed up when the next set of lunches will be ready for ordering!