



December 2nd, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's incredible to believe that we are already in December. It's been a great first term of the year and Mrs. Sohal and I have continued to enjoy getting to know the wonderful community that makes up Gray. We feel grateful for the support of the community and their spirit of giving. We are very excited to support our community with the Grade 4 Canned Food Drive and the Grade 3 Candy Cane Sale.

Report Cards on Parent Connect

As some of you may know, the Delta School District has moved towards using MyEd for report cards. This program will ensure that the format aligns with all schools in the province.

You will be able to log into MyEd on Wednesday, December 13th to view report cards.

Grade 4 Canned Food Drive – Food Bank Donation

Gray Elementary will be holding its annual Canned Food Drive from December 1st – 22nd. Our goal this year is to reach 60 boxes of food. The Grade 4s will continue to run the food drive with safety precautions in place. We will be putting boxes in each classroom and when they are filled, teachers will pack them up and store them in the hallways. 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 health regulations we cannot accept homemade canned/jarred items, or items that have been removed from their original packaging.

This year you also have the option of donating online through Munch-a-lunch. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to our food drive with your credit card on MAL, please click on your **School Account** (not the PAC) and add a Food Bank Donation to your cart.

[Munch-a-Lunch Site – Food Bank Donations](#)

Grade 3 Candy Cane Sale – Make a Wish Canada



This year, the grade three students are hosting a Candy Cane Sale. We are demonstrating compassion for others by raising funds for **Make-A-Wish Canada**. On **Monday, December 18th**, grade three students will be selling a variety of flavours of candy canes. Please consider supporting this fundraiser.

Candy canes will be sold for \$0.50 each. Donations in lieu of purchasing candy canes, are also welcome. There will be a fun, **Estimation Jar** - which is where students estimate how many items are in a jar and record their estimate on a piece of paper. Estimates will be made by donation and the closest estimate takes home the jar of items e.g. candies!

The Grade Three community of students and teachers thank you very much for your support.

Grade 5 Entrepreneur Fair

The Entrepreneur Fair is this Thursday, December 14th, 2023. The Grade Fives have been working hard on making products that all students will love. Classes will walk through the fair with their teacher and make purchases in person, directly from the Grade Fives. Students should bring money in small change (quarters, loonies, toonies, \$5 bills) whenever possible, as our entrepreneurs will have limited change.

Holiday Concert Tickets



Our Holiday Concert is on December 20th. This year students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 will be performing. Because our school population has grown so much and our capacity in the gym as remained the same, we will need to limit tickets to two per family, due to fire and safety regulations.

More information regarding the Holiday Concert and tickets will be coming out shortly.

Important Child Care Survey – Ministry of Education and Child Care

The Ministry of Education and Child Care is conducting a parent survey to better understand the regional and provincial demand for school age child care. While it is known there is unmet demand for school-aged child care, there is no current provincial or regional data quantifying the demand. Your participation will help the Province plan for future school-aged child care expansions.

This survey is intended for all parents, regardless of the type of child care you currently use or even if you are not using any child care at all. If you have not already completed the child care survey, please click on the following link and complete the survey. The survey is available in 18 different languages.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull3/minofed/main/SchoolAgeParents.asp?SchoolNumber=768>

Upcoming Events

School Calendar	
Friday, December 1 st – 22 nd	Gray's Annual Food Drive begins
Saturday, December 2 nd	PAC Winter Craft Fair
Wednesday, December 6 th	Grade 6 Frozen Yoghurt fundraiser
Wednesday, December 13 th	Term 1 Reports Vancouver Giants follow-up assembly
Thursday, December 14 th	Entrepreneur Fair
Monday, December 18 th	Theme Day – Red and/or Green Day
Tuesday, December 19 th	Theme Day – Holiday Sweater Day Winter Concert dress rehearsals
Wednesday, December 20 th	Theme Day – Festive Hats and Headwear Day Winter Concert Afternoon Performance 1:05-2:45 Winter Concert Evening Performance 6:30-7:45
Thursday, December 21 st	Theme Day – White and/or Gold Day
Friday, December 22 nd	Theme Day – Winter Pajama Day Last Day of School – Winter Holidays begin
Monday, January 8 th , 2024	Students return to school

Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann
Principal

Mrs. T. Sohal
Vice Principal