



Goings-On at Gray



From the Principal's Desk

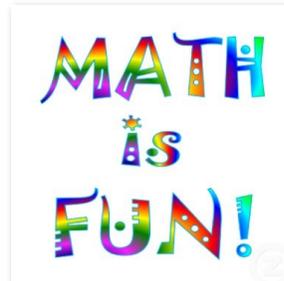
I am not sure about all of you, but I am hoping that the Groundhog tells us it is going to be a short winter, and brings on summer a little bit early. With all of us distancing, it would be great to get back outside, get some vitamin D from the sun and just enjoy this beautiful province.

As we transition through the term, I wanted to remind everyone of our current school goal and the progress we have been making. Here at Gray, we have continued to make numeracy a focus for all grades. We are using the critical concepts in math to help develop and improve students' understandings of numeracy and working with them to help make these understandings visible.

As professionals, the staff have been working hard developing their skills by participating in a math book club, as well as listening to and learning from speakers, like Marian Small. It is very exciting for us to watch the students try new math routines, and experience and demonstrate their learning in new and various ways.

Throughout the year, even though we find ourselves maybe a little tired from the pandemic, we want to ensure students are continuing to engage with their learning and are provided with meaningful and authentic learning experiences. Through our development, we feel that we will be able to better target the needs of all students and we look forward to seeing their growth.

February is a short, yet busy month. There are many events that take place and lots of excitement that comes, as we move into the second half of the school year. Enjoy the journey that this time has taken you on, and remember to spend time on you and your families mental wellness.



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

[Gray Website](#)

Mark Your Calendars:

- ◆ **Feb 5th**
Todai Sushi Lunch Day
- ◆ **Feb 10th**
Munch-A-Lunch Ordering Open
- ◆ **Feb 12th**
White Sport Lunch Day
- ◆ **Feb 15th**
Family Day - School not in session
- ◆ **Feb 16th - Feb 23rd**
On-Line KN Registration
- ◆ **Feb 24th**
Munch-A-Lunch Ordering Closed
- ◆ **Feb 19th**
Pizza Hut Lunch Day
- ◆ **Feb 24th**
Pink Shirt Day
- ◆ **Feb 24th**
PAC Meeting - 7 pm
- ◆ **Feb 26th**
Pro-D Day - School not in session

Kindergarten Registration 2021

Kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 school year will be held from February 16-23, 2021.

Registrations will only be accepted ONLINE. In early February, instructions and a link will be available on the [Gray website](#) which will take you to the On-Line Registration portal.

****Due to space restrictions, Gray will NOT be accepting KN Non-Catchment and Non-District Applications for the 2021/2022 school year except for those students who have siblings already attending the school.** Families that fall in this category, please contact us for more information on how to apply.

Please have the following documents ready to upload with your child's registration (all documents must be received for registration to be accepted):

- Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport) (registration will not be accepted until proof of birth date is received)
- Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
- BC Services Card
- Proof of Residency (Property Taxes – current receipt, purchase/rental agreement or rental receipt)

For verification of your catchment area school, please check the [School Locator](#)

If you are interested in having your child attend our catchment Traditional School, Heath Elementary, you will still need to register at Gray and then make a note on your online application that you are wanting your child to attend Heath Traditional School. If you want your child to attend Jarvis Elementary then you will have to fill out an on-line Non Catchment Application. Information is available on the District Website at: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/traditional-schools/>

If you are interested in having your child attend Montessori Kindergarten at Devon Gardens, you will still need to register at Gray and you will need to fill out an on-line Non Catchment application for Devon Gardens. Information is available on the District website at: <https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/programs/montessori-schools/>

Please pass on this information to any friends or neighbours who have children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2021.



Health and Safety Reminder



Please remember that we are asking parents and guardians to wear a mask on school grounds if possible, as well as to keep your distance from one another. We would like to keep everyone safe and do our best to adhere to the drop off and pick up guidelines set up in the beginning of the year. It is important that every day, you are discussing with your child about their health. It is important to monitor this and have a back-up plan, just in case your child becomes ill at school and needs to go home.

At Gray we are being as cautious and careful as possible. Please ensure you are monitoring your child's health daily. If your child needs to stay home, please know they will not be penalized for the work they miss and will have an opportunity to catch up.

If you have questions about the school guidelines, please reach out to the Principal, Mr. Klassen, at pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca or call the office and ask to speak to me. With everyone's efforts in our community, we can all stay safe if we do this together!

Monthly Connection Activity

Thank you parents and families for contributing to January's connectedness activity. We can see everyone is continuing to try and maintain their health and get out and exercise, even on these cold winter days. Mr. Klassen's family is still going strong and are working on strengthening their bodies through daily stretching and mindful breathing. He is hoping it brings them some more balance!

February is a very busy month and also the shortest month. During this time, we have many events that happen and it would be great to see what you are up to. As there are many holidays (Lunar New Year, Groundhog Day, Valentines Day and Family Day, etc...) we would love to see how you celebrate or partake in one of those moments. Please take a photo of your family celebrating one of these events, or others, and share it.

When you have your photo, please e-mail it to Mr. Klassen at pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca and we will put it on the school website. Happy Celebrations!

Jump Rope for Heart



Here at Gray we have decided to fundraise again for Jump Rope for Heart. Please help us surpass our goals to support those in need. All fundraising will be done online this year, through the Jump Rope for Heart website; www.jumpropeforheart.ca

Lets work on creating healthy brains and healthy hearts by getting active, drinking more water, and spending less time on screens. I know together we can support one another to stay healthy and make a difference for those in need.

Pink Shirt Day

Every year, the last Wednesday of February is Pink Shirt Day. This year Pink Shirt Day is February 24th. Bullying can often be a major problem in our schools, workplaces and now on the Internet. Wearing Pink on February 24th symbolizes that we care and that we will not tolerate bullying of any kind. Join us and wear



Student Learning Survey

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The Student Learning Survey has already been administered to students in grades 4 and 7, and is still available to parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the [Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey).

Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 30th.

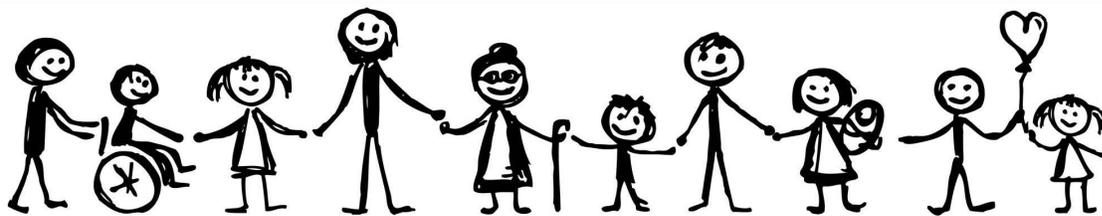
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Registration Grade 1 to 7– September 2021

After February 1, 2020, Gray Elementary is pleased to accept registrations for the next school year from families and students who are new to our catchment. Due to space restrictions, Gray will NOT be accepting Non-Catchment and Non-District Applications for the 2021/2022 school year except for those students who have siblings already attending the school. Families that fall in this category, please contact us for more information on how to apply.

If you know of any new families who have moved in our catchment that would like to register their children for September 2021, please direct them to our website at: <https://gr.deltasd.bc.ca>

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Gray Elementary PAC News



Our Easter Purdys fundraiser will be launching soon— please watch for catalogues to be sent home at the end of February!

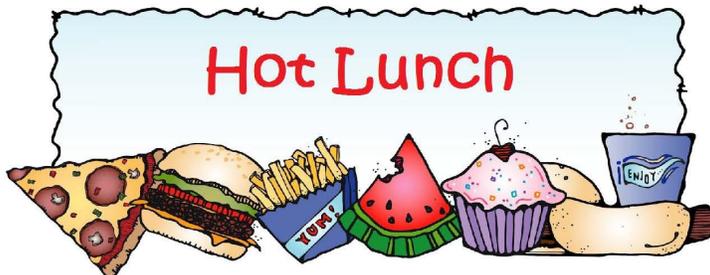
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NEXT PAC MEETING...
WEDNESDAY, February 24th
@ 7PM
Zoom link will be emailed

Thank You!

Thanks to your continued support, the Gray PAC has just purchased 15 new Chrome books and a mobile charging & storage cart to add to the school's collection of IT resources.



Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch is Open for Ordering!

March 5th - Subway

March 12th - Fresh Slice

April 9th - Cobs Bread

April 16th - Pizza Hut

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

Order Deadline: Midnight, Wednesday, February 24th



Cobs Bread @ Scott Rd & 72nd

Please mention "Gray PAC" every time you make a purchase and COBS will donate 15% of the sale back to Gray!

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS



Visit the Return It Depot kiosk and enter the school's phone number 604-594-2474, print a label and attach it to your bag of empties. Drop your bag in the Express bin and all deposit fees will be returned to Gray PAC!