



**GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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February 20, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:



We hope you all had a chance to spend quality time with loved ones this past Family Day weekend. All of our district staff spent the Professional Development Day on Friday gathered at Delta Secondary, attending learning sessions together. It was a great way to connect as well as keep to up to date with our own learning. It feels like our second term is flying by and it is hard to believe that there are only four weeks until Spring Break! Please take a look at some important information from the district, as well as upcoming school events.

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## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION REMINDER**

A child may be registered to attend Kindergarten in September 2024 if their fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31, 2019. If you have not yet registered your Kindergarten aged child or know of other members in the community that have not yet had the chance to register, please keep in mind that online registration closes on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

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## **STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY – 2023/2024**

On Friday, parents and caregivers to our Grade 4 and 7 students were sent a newsletter about the Ministry of Education's Student Learning Survey. This 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. 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 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 without an 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 May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## SHORT ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY

The Delta School District is committed to ensuring that every individual has full access to our programs and services. An important part of this work is to ensure that students, staff and community members with disabilities have a voice in identifying, removing, and preventing barriers in our district learning environments, workplaces, or school communities. To read the Delta Accessibility Plan and to complete a short survey about your experience with accessibility at any of our district sites, please [click here](#).

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## PAC NEWS

Happiness is yelling "Bingo!" - PAC Bingo Night is Back!

Come and join us at the annual Gray Elementary Bingo Night, this Friday February 23rd. There will be games, prizes and an ice cream sundae bar, guaranteed to cheer you up - even if you don't win! Doors open at

6:30 pm, with the first Bingo game starting at 7:00 pm. Pre-orders are available on Munchalunch.

To make this event successful, we need prize **donations**. We welcome corporate donations or any new, unused items you may wish to donate - some ideas include crafts, children's games, toys, gift cards - the possibilities are endless! Prizes can be sent to the school with your child or dropped off at the office before **Wednesday, February 21st**.



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## SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET - 2024/2025

In preparation for development of the 2024/2025 budget, the Delta Board of Education is encouraging parents/caregivers, staff, partners, and rights-holders to share their priorities for the upcoming school year.

For the last few years, the board has offered public input sessions via Zoom to gather feedback. As a result of limited participation, the board is taking a different approach with the aim of increasing engagement and gathering more feedback from the community. This new approach involves an online survey, as well as more traditional methods such as email, mail and through the school's PAC.

Following the release of the draft budget recommendations on April 18, the board will again invite feedback from parents/caregivers, staff, partners, and rights-holders.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about this year's consultation process and to access the first online [survey](#). The deadline for completing this survey is 12 noon on March 18, 2024.

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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Grade 7 Course Selection Information Provided

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Bingo Night – Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Pink Shirt Day and PAC Meeting in the library at 7:00 p.m.

School Science Fair

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Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann  
Principal

Ms. T. Sohal  
Vice-Principal