GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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February 28, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians:



We have had a busy term and it's hard to believe that there are only two weeks until Spring Break! Many of our Grade 6 & 7 students are finishing up a dynamic basketball season. We are very grateful to all of our coaches, sponsors and families for making this great opportunity happen for the kids. There are some great spring break basketball camps being offered in this newsletter if you feel like your child may like to continue with the sport. It was also wonderful to see so many families at Bingo night last week. We would like to thank our very hard

working PAC who plan these community building events. Last week we also saw the Vancouver Giants pay us a visit to kick off the 'Be a Giant' program at our school. The students were very motivated and excited to hear from some of the players on the team about making good choices and being responsible. The students were provided with a passport to track their good choices and they are excited for the Giants to come back soon to pick those up and provide tickets to one of their games. Today we are celebrating Black Excellence Month with a special musical performance with Ndidi Cascade that we're all looking forward to! These are just a few of the many great things happening around the school and we are glad that our learners have these valuable opportunities as a result of our supportive community. Please take a look at some important information from the district, as well as upcoming school events.

SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET - 2025/2026

In preparation for development of the 2025/2026 budget, the Delta Board of Education is encouraging parents/caregivers, staff, partners, and rights-holders to share their priorities for the upcoming school year by <u>5p.m. on March 14, 2025</u>.

You can provide your feedback by:

- Completing a short <u>online survey</u>
- Sending an email to budget@deltaschools.ca
- Sending a letter to Delta School District, 4585 Harvest Drive, Delta, B.C., V4K 5B4
- Talking to your school's PAC

Please <u>click here</u> (or copy and paste this url into your browser <u>https://www.deltasd.bc.ca/news-events/news/2025-2026-budget-consultation-process/</u>) to learn more about this year's consultation process.

CLASS PHOTOS

We have rescheduled our class photos to be on March 7th. Please mark your calendars!

2025 VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

The 48th Annual Vancouver International Children's Festival, which runs from May 27-30, will feature performances from artists far and wide. It also offers in-person programming to schools. For more information, please visit the 2025 VICF School Brochure, and 2025 VICF High School Show Flyer

NORTH DELTA SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL CAMPS

The North Delta Basketball Association (NDBA) is a registered not for profit British Columbia society created in the Spring of 2024. Its roots go back to free basketball camps put on by North Delta residents starting in 2022. Those opportunities were created for local youth with the goals of growing athleticism, teamwork, resilience and confidence for North Delta youth through basketball for all families that wanted to participate. NDBA is pleased to offer the following basketball camps over the Spring Break. Please see the attached flier or explore the new NDBA website for more info.

Spring Break Week 1: Monday March 17 - Friday March 21 (5 sessions)

Coed Grades 1-2 from 9am - 10am Coed Grades 3-4 from 10am - 11am Boys Grades 5-7 from 11am - 12 noon Girls Grades 5-7 from 12 noon - 1:00pm

Address: Gray Elementary School gym - 10855 80 Avenue Delta, BC V4C 1W4

Registration Fee: \$120

Click Here To Register for Spring Break Week 1.

Spring Break Week 2: Monday March 24 - Friday March 28 (5 sessions)

Coed Grades 3-4 from 9am - 10am Coed Grades 5-6 from 10am - 11am Boys Grades 7-11 from 11am - 12 noon Girls Grades 7-11 from 12 noon - 1:00pm

Address: North Delta Secondary School gym – 11447 82nd Avenue Delta, BC V4C 5J6

Registration Fee: \$140

Click Here To Register for Spring Break Week 2.

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PAC NEWS

The Gray Elementary PAC Easter Purdys campaign is back! Online orders are due Saturday, April 5th and all orders will be sent home with students on April 16th or you can pick them up during Student Led Conferences to surprise everyone on Easter morning.

It's easy to support this fundraiser:

- 1. Sign in or create a new account by visiting https://fundraising.purdys.com/838963-127391
- 2. If you're creating a new account, please enter customer number 36111 on the registration page.
- 3. If you're signing into an existing account, enter 36111 into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in.
- 4. Click on JOIN CAMPAIGN 36111

25% of all sales will go back to Gray Elementary - thank you for your continued support!

*Please see the attached flier for a Save the Date for the annual Gray Spring Carnival!

ROYAL SOCCER CLUB

The Royal Soccer Club (NPO#S-0056504) is a registered non-profit organization that has been serving communities since 1993. Our summer day camps are designed to promote a healthy and active lifestyle while fostering personal development, teamwork, leadership, and other essential life skills. Our programs are inclusive and cater to children aged 5 to 13 (kindergarten to Grade 8). Additionally, we offer volunteer opportunities for high school students (grades 9 to 12), providing them with valuable experiences that contribute to their growth and development.

We have attached a digital copy of our 2025 summer program flyer (RSC poster 2025) and volunteer opportunity flyer (RSC volunteer poster 2025) for your reference. Over the years, we have been grateful for the Board's approval to share our materials, which has enabled us to reach many families within the community. We hope that this year's request will also meet with your approval, allowing us to continue offering these enriching opportunities to the students and families of School District #37 (Delta).

Jeff Bryer
Program Director
Royal Soccer Club
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PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

In partnership with adolescent clinical psychologist Dr. Hayley Watson from Open Parachute, the ministry will host three, free virtual sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers that will focus on practical skills you can teach your child and youth (ages 0-19) to prevent substance use and mental health challenges. These sessions will build on a previous presentation, which focused on practical conversation tools for speaking about substance use prevention with your children/youth. The previous session is not a pre-requisite for this one. Please see the following link for more info: Substance Use Prevention, Part 2: Mental Health & Decision-Making Information Sessions

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FAMILY SMART'S FREE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Family Smart's lineup of FREE virtual events for February to March are open for registration. Please share with anyone who may be interested.

Virtual Event: Explosive Behaviour in Teens: Strategies to Empower Families

Description: When our teens are showing up in explosive ways, we sometimes blame ourselves. Discover with us as a therapist explains some causes of explosive behaviour and strategies that support parents and teens. Victoria Keddis hosts a conversation with Kirk Shields-Priddy, MSW/RSW Group and Family Therapist with Fraser Health START Program.

Registration: FamilySmart - Events

Dates: March 4th 6:30pm-8pm

March 5th 6:30pm-8pm March 6th 6:30pm-8pm March 11th 6:30pm-8pm March 12th 12:00pm-1:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 7th Class Photo Day

Wednesday, March 12th Learning Updates Available Online

Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann Ms. T. Sohal Principal Vice-Principal

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GRAY PAC PRESENTS

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FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

5:30PM - 8PM

