



Goings-On at Gray



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to 2021 and back to school! I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season and were able to make the most out of this different year.

We are excited to continue working with families and to look into fun and exciting ways to educate the kids. I know the staff was working hard to get everything up and running and the school was sanitized and ready to safely welcome back everyone.

Now that we are back at school, we are continuing to follow our safety protocols here and encourage everyone to do their part at home as well. Together we can thrive and make it through these unique times. As we transition slowly into 2021, please give yourselves permission to find balance, support your goals and stay close as family units. We, as a school team, look forward to the second term and are excited to see what 2021 has to offer.

Kindergarten Registration 2021

A child may be registered to attend Kindergarten in September 2021 if their fifth birthday occurs on or before December 31, 2016.

Due to COVID protocols, registration for Kindergarten students who are eligible for entry in September 2021 will not be held in person at the school. Registration forms will be available on our website.

More information will be available next week so please check the Gray website at the end of next week for up to date information regarding Kindergarten registration.

January 2021

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

[Gray Website](#)

Mark Your Calendars:

- ◆ **Jan 15**
Pyjama Day
- ◆ **Jan 22**
Pro-D Day - School Closed
- ◆ **Jan 27 - 7 p.m.**
PAC Meeting
- ◆ **Jan 29**
Boston Pizza Lunch Day
- ◆ **Feb 5**
Todai Sushi Lunch Day
- ◆ **Feb 12**
Pizza Hut

West Coast Weather

We have been getting some pretty wet weather the past month! Please ensure that your child (no matter how old) has a spare change of clothing (socks, shoes, pants, shirt) in case they get too wet outside. We do encourage outside play during recess and lunch.

Some parents may wonder why we have outside days even when it's raining. Here are some reasons:

1. Children need physical activity every day, and they are healthier when they get to play outdoors. Fresh air, room to run, and even just a change of scenery all help children recharge and come back inside for more learning in the classroom.
2. Students are less focused on learning on days when they are "stuck" inside.
3. There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad planning and clothing! Students should be prepared for rainy, snowy or especially cold days outside. This means layers, waterproof boots, coats and pants, hats and gloves. Any winter day can be fun with the right clothing. This will also help teach children how to dress and prepare for the weather on their own!



Health and Safety Reminders



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 me, the principal, 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!

Traffic Safety



As we move into the winter months, we know the weather will not always be ideal. During rainy and possibly snowy days, we see many families pull into the parking lot, or the round about and this is not allowed. The parking lot is meant for staff, and the round about is meant for buses and daycare.

It is best if you drop your children off a block away from school and have them walk, if possible. The fresh air helps wake children up, and a little bit of exercise gets their blood flowing. If you must drive to school, please remember to use the drop off zone and to pull up as far as possible when letting your children out of the car.

If you live within walking distance, please walk your children to school. Please respect the rules around the school in regards to driving and parking. Do not drive into our round about because it is a fire lane. You may drop your child off at the drop off/pick up area but do not leave your car unattended. We know everyone is in a hurry in the morning and at the end of the day, but there are over 500 students at our school and if everyone does not follow the rules, it is very dangerous for our kids. Thank you.

Monthly Connection Activity



Thank you parents and families for contributing to December's connectedness activity. The holiday spirit was definitely alive in the community and it definitely helped keep the spirit alive for us as well, as we shared in your experiences.

For January's monthly connection activity, we would like to see a photo of your family exercising. This is the time of year when most of us start off with the best of intentions and try to get back into shape after the holidays. Let's support one another and keep the goals alive, by sharing our exercise. This can be a photo of your family out for a walk, maybe bicycling, yoga, weight lifting or however your family chooses to manage their health.

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.



Gray Elementary PAC News

JANUARY 2021



Welcome Back from Winter Break!

NEXT PAC MEETING...

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH @ 7PM

ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED

Hot Lunch



Hot Lunch is Open for Ordering!

Jan 20th - Boston Pizza

Feb 5th - Todai Sushi

Feb 12th - White Spot

Feb 19th - Pizza Hut

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

Order Deadline: Midnight, Wednesday, January 20th

SORRY, LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED

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!



Gray Elementary PAC has a Facebook group!

Join today to get school-related information and updates on school-wide events!