



January 9, 2025

Dear Gray Families:

Happy New Year! We hope that you were able to find time over the break to rest, relax and spend time with your loved ones. We are excited about the New Year and the term ahead!

FOOD DRIVE THANK-YOU



We had amazing support for this year's Food Drive to support Nick's Nook. Thank you to Mr.Chhun and the Grade 4's for all their hard work to organize this event. A total of 4,314 items were collected. and we surpassed our goal of 1,200 items and will celebrate with an extra recess. The classes with the most items, Ms.Olak/Ms.Bryson's primary class with 300 items and Mr.Chhun's intermediate class with 1,184 items, will have a pizza party. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and generosity to help our community through Nick's Nook.

READ ALL DAY

Coming up is the much-anticipated, annual Read All Day event on Friday, January 16th. Visitors from the community, such as our school trustees, district coordinators, firefighters, and former Gray staff members will be visiting classes and reading their favourite picture books. Students are invited to wear their pajamas for a cozy day of reading!



GRAY VISION AND BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

Over the past year, Gray students and staff have been working on our shared vision. From the vision came our "behaviour matrix" which guides our everyday actions and expectations (please find a copy attached to this newsletter). This common language emphasizes empathy, inclusion and well-being.



WINTER TEMPERATURES

Winter is here and the temperature has been dropping. It is very important that students spend time outside every day, please be sure that your child(ren) are dressed for the weather (appropriate footwear, gloves and a toque). Please send extra labelled socks, a shirt and pants in a bag to be kept in their backpack or at their coat hook in the event they need dry clothing to change into. In the event of extreme weather conditions, we may limit the amount of time students are outside.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

We are urging all parents and drivers to please slow down and follow posted signs in school zones. To ensure the safety of all when traffic is busy, please use the designated areas when dropping off or picking up your child. Please also use extreme caution at the nearby crosswalks. Let's keep students safe on their way to and from school. Delta Police School Liaison Officers and Delta Bylaw Inspectors will be working together over the coming months to increase enforcement and education at all Delta School zones.

PAC UPDATES

Every parent or guardian can be a member of Gray's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28th from 7-8pm in the library.

SAVE THE DATE! Family Bingo will be coming up on Friday, February 27th. Stay tuned for details!

UPCOMING DATES


Friday, January 16 th	Read All Day (pajama day)
Wednesday, January 21 st	Gr.6 Immunizations
Wednesday, January 28 th	PAC Meeting 7:00-8:00 pm in library
Friday, January 23 rd	Professional Learning Day – no schools in session
Tuesday, February 10 th	Kindergarten Registration (children born in 2021)

Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann
Principal

Ms. S. Hodgins
Vice Principal



	Hallways	Washrooms	Lunchtime	Shared Learning Spaces	Outdoors	Assemblies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will walk safely and quietly • I will keep my hands and feet to myself • I will use a whisper oice or stay at voice level 0 • I will keep the hallway clean • I will go straight to where I need to be and set a good example for others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will keep the washroom clean • I will respect others' privacy • I will wash my hands • I will wait my turn quietly in the hallway and retron to class quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will stay at my own desk and use good manners • I will respect all adults and student lunch monitors • I will clean up after myself • I will follow routines safely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will act safely and show respect to adults, classmates, and for the shared space • I will use the right voice for where I am • I will clean up and leave things ready for the next group • I will only use the space when an adult is with me 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will play safely and fairly • I will stay in my zone • I will include others • I will listen and show respect to others and the adult supervisors • I will seek help when I need it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will enter and exit calmly and quietly • I will sit with my class • I will listen carefully and respectfully to the speaker • I will leave extra items in my classroom • I will use the washroom before an assembly