



GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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March 15, 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are officially at the end of our Term 2 together! Hopefully, you have all had the chance to look at the Learning Updates for your children that have now been posted online. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Learning Updates, please contact your child's classroom teacher to discuss their progress. We are already planning for our Student Led Conferences in April which will be the next opportunity to see how your child is progressing through the school year. We hope you have a wonderful and restful Spring Break. It sounds like we will see some warmer weather which I'm sure we could all use, not to mention the break

from making lunches! Term 3 will be exciting and busy, so our staff is also looking forward to the opportunity to recharge and come back ready for the exciting last term of school.

E.R.A.S.E. – ESTABLISHING SAFE, CARING, & RESPECTFUL DIGITAL COMMUNITIES

If you feel like you would like some help with navigating and teaching your children about online safety, you may be interested in these sessions. The sessions offered by Erase are recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. The Ministry of Education has just announced these new dates for online **Family Sessions on the topic of Social Media Awareness**.

Dates: Tuesday, March 26. Wednesday, April 10. Tuesday, April 16.

Time: All sessions take place from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

The sessions can be accessed at the following link: [erase Family Sessions \(saferschoolstogether.com\)](https://saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-sessions)

VISTORS TO THE SCHOOL

We review health and safety protocols every month at our school. One of the things that has come up recently is that pod doors are sometimes being used to access the school before and afterschool by families. We are asking that you only use the front door to drop off or pick up your child if they are late or need to leave early. This is to ensure that we know exactly which adults are in the building at all times. We know it can be busy at the front door, but we are happy to help you get your child where they need to be as soon as we can be with you. Thank you for your assistance with helping to maintain these safety standards at Gray.





FRASER HEALTH ADVISORY – PROTECTION AGAINST MEASLES

Measles cases are being reported in many places internationally, in Canada, and in B.C. Fraser

Health would like to remind you to check your child's vaccination records before travelling during Spring Break to ensure they are protected. Please [click here](#) to read the full advisory, which includes how to check your child's immunization records. For more information, please contact your local public health provider or visit fraserhealth.ca/immunizations.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED

Delta School District International Programs is currently recruiting homestay families for international students coming to Delta School District for September 2024. They will arrive from all over the world and have a strong desire to be in Delta.

The reimbursement for hosting will be increasing to \$1,150 per month as of September 2024. Multiple students from different nationalities can be hosted in one home. The majority of students in the homestay program are from Germany, Japan, Spain, Italy, and Brazil. At the moment, more than 20 different countries are represented in the homestay program.

Many are looking for a family connection and being a part of a family during their stay in Delta. Their study periods range from 3 months to half a school year, to a full school year, to multiple years.

We have two 3-week summer programs where host parents welcome younger English learners into their home. It is a great way for students to see what school (and life) in Delta is like and for new homestay families to get a small sample of what hosting is like. Reimbursement for each 3-week program is \$850 per student.

If you are interested in hosting, please reach out to homestay@godelta.ca. If you are not able to host but know of a family who can, please send them our way. There are referral bonuses available for referring families.



DIVERSECITY
community resources society

IMPACT PARENTING PROGRAM

Diversecity is offering a parenting program for parents with children aged 28 months to 5 years of age who have immigrated to Canada. The program is meant to offer support to families as they navigate their transition to living in a new country and focuses on how to best help children thrive in their new country as well. Please see the attached flyer for more information about how you can register.

UNDERSTANDING SEXTORTION IN TODAY'S DIGITAL LANDSCAPE



Canada's National Tipline saw an 85% increase in sextortion reports between December 2022 and August 2023. This notable increase highlights the need to address the complexities of sextortion.

Join us for a complimentary educational session where we will discuss the intricacies of sextortion, how it can happen, best practice for supporting targets/victims, and essential insights on how to protect yourself and today's youth in the digital age.

Date: March 12, 2024

Location: Livestreamed to your location (via Zoom)*

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Pacific Standard Time

Discussion topics:

- Understanding the concept of sextortion: What it is, how it can occur, and who may be vulnerable.
- Recognizing the apps, platforms, and deceptive language used by perpetrators.
- Implementing actionable steps and resources for responding effectively if sextortion is encountered.
- Exploring common digital platforms where sextortion commonly takes place.

REGISTER NOW!

SOCCER SUMMER DAY CAMPS

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 32nd annual grassroots summer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a more soccer focused morning with a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoon. The program operates during all weeks in July and August for children aged 5 to 13. For more information or to register, visit royalsoccerclub.com or call 1-800-427-0536.



PAC HOT LUNCH NEWS

The next set of Hot Lunches for spring 2024 is now open for ordering. Deadline to order for ALL 6 lunch dates is midnight, Friday March 29th, 2024.

Friday, April 5 th	Fresh Slice
Friday, April 12 th	Chopped leaf
Friday, April 19 th	Taco Del Mar
Friday, April 26 th	Subway
Friday, May 3 rd	Boston Pizza
Friday, May 10	Whitespot



For more information on ordering click here: [Gray Website PAC Lunch Days](#)

Order here: [MunchaLunch Site](#)

Thank you for your support!

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY REMINDER – 2023/2024

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. Grade 4 and 7 students, as well as staff, will also be participating in the survey.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at 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 3rd.

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.

Translation available: To view this information in a different language, please [click here](#) and select the 'Language' button in the top right-hand corner of the web-page.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 29th

Tuesday, April 2nd

Friday, April 5th

Friday, April 11th

Order Deadline for Spring Hot Lunches

First Day of School After Break

Staff Vs. Grade 7 Boys Basketball Game

Staff Vs. Grade 7 Girls Basketball Game

Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann
Principal

Ms. T. Sohal
Vice-Principal



Art by: Ms. Khun Khun's Kindergarten Class

do something great

Welcome an international student into your home.



- Be a Canadian ambassador and global citizen
- Have a lifelong impact on a child from across the world
- Homestay remuneration increasing to \$1,150 per month as of September 2024
- Choose from hosting for 2 weeks to 5 months or longer
- Benefit from our team's support

Contact us to find out more!

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**FOR ANY
IMMIGRATION
STATUS**

**FOR PARENTS
WITH KIDS
28 MONTHS TO
5 YEARS**



IMPACT Parenting Program

Learn, bond & connect!

A place for parents, caregivers & grandparents to get support in their parenting journey in Canada

Join **Immigrant Parent & Children Together (IMPACT)** to:

- Get information and support on raising happy, healthy children in a new country
- Learn about child development and behaviour
- Improve your confidence and coping skills as a parent
- Listen to guest speakers on nutrition and exercise, mental health, managing stress, technology, injury prevention and getting involved in your community
- Practise your English language skills and connect with other parents
- Access community resources and referrals
- Bond with your children over activities such as circle time and field trips

Snacks, bus tickets and childminding will be provided.

Fridays, February 9 to March 29, 12:30–2:30 pm

At Delta Community College (11590 83 Avenue, Delta, BC)

Who's eligible?

- Parents (with English CLB 3+) with children ages 28 months – 5 years

REGISTER



604-306-2314



impact@dcrs.ca



dcrs.ca/impact



Scan to register!

In collaboration with



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