



GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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March 4, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:



As usual, there have been a lot of exciting things going on around Gray! All of our basketball teams have been practicing hard for games and we are proud of how well they have conducted themselves in games against other schools.

We want to thank all of our team sponsor teachers, parents and volunteer coaches and referees for their support as the season winds down. We also had an excellent music assembly about the History of Motown which you may have heard about from your children. We all had a great time, dancing and singing along to classic songs by famous Black artists in celebration of Black History Month. Last week, some of our classes were lucky to have

had the chance to go see the very popular Battle of the Badges hockey game at Sungod Arena between Delta Police Officers and Delta Firefighters. The event is so popular, there is a lottery for tickets and we hope whichever classes did not get a chance to go this year will get a chance in upcoming years. Spring Break is fast approaching and we can feel the buzz in the air! Teachers and students are working hard to wrap up the term and the break will be very well deserved by everyone. Please take a look at some important information from the district, as well as upcoming school events and initiatives.

GRAY OWL SPIRIT WEAR RETURNS!



We are very excited to announce that after a number of years, there will be Gray Elementary Spirit Wear once again! We have an all-new design that we are excited to share with you. The items being offered are Gildan t-shirts, crewneck sweatshirts and hoodies in black or dark heather (gray).

Once orders have been placed, we are not able to make changes or provide refunds. Please order carefully and if you are unsure of sizing, please order the larger size so that your child can grow into it if need be.

If you need assistance with paying for Spirit Wear, please let us know in the office and we can help with the cost for a t-shirt.

You can now place your order through the schools [Munch a Lunch](#). Orders are due **Wednesday, March 13th** by 4:00 pm.

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.

PAC NEWS

PAC Bingo Night was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that attended and thank you to all of the organizers who put a lot of time and effort into the event. We are always so impressed with how the Gray community comes together for these important and fun community building events.

We want to extend a special thank you to both Kennedy's Pub and Starbucks on 72nd Ave who generously donated prizes for Bingo. We appreciate the support!



There will be more information soon about upcoming events in the spring including a dance and a carnival. Stay tuned!



HOT LUNCH

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!

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



We try and get the students outside as much as possible for recess and lunch unless it is very extreme weather. We know that students benefit from the fresh air and the time to stretch their legs and have some free playtime. Please make sure you dress your children for the weather. You are welcome to send a change of clothes for your child to keep at school so that they can change if they get wet or muddy. We appreciate how difficult it can be for family members to bring a change of clothes during work hours. We also do not want children to feel uncomfortable when they are back in classrooms.

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

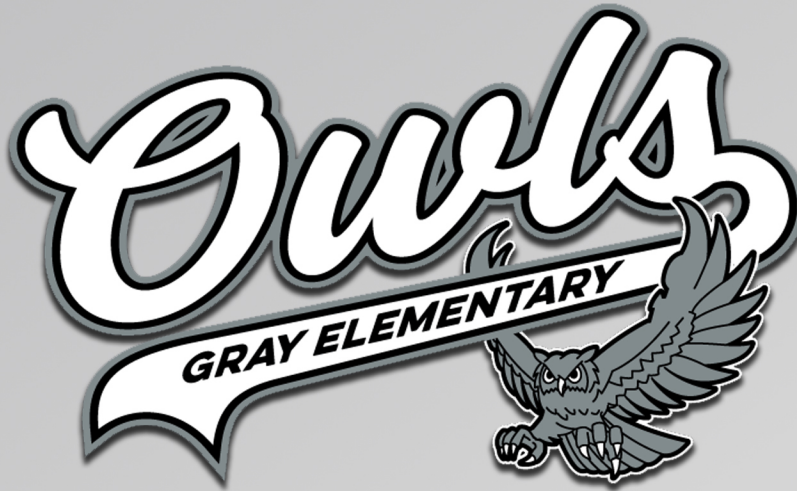
Thursday, March 7 th	Reading Link Challenge
Friday, March 8 th	Grade 7 Vs. Staff Volleyball Game
Wednesday, March 11 th	Earthquake Drill
Tuesday, March 12 th	Learning Updates posted on Parent Connect at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13 th	Spirit Wear orders are due
Friday, March 15 th	Last day of School before Break
	St. Patrick's/Medieval Spirit Day
Friday, March 29 th	Order Deadline for Spring Hot Lunches
Tuesday, April 2 nd	First day of school after break



Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann
Principal

Ms. T. Sohal
Vice-Principal



Gildan Hoodie - Black



\$40.00

Gildan Crewneck - Black



\$35.00

Gildan T-Shirt - Black



\$20.00

Gildan Hoodie - Dk.Heather



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Gildan Crewneck - Dk.Heather



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