

# Goings-On at Gray



## From the Principal's Desk

Happy November Gray families! We hope everyone had a lovely and safe Halloween, however you chose to celebrate, and that your families not only enjoyed the blue moon on Halloween night, but the extra hour of sleep, due to the time change.

Last year at this time, we were discussing how Gray teachers had been working hard to meet the needs of your children, by professionally developing around the concept of numeracy and making our learning visible. Just because we are in a pandemic, does not mean we have stopped trying to improve upon our practice and provide the students with quality lessons. The teachers at Gray continue to go above and beyond.

Our current school inquiry continues to be: *How will making our learning more visible, with a focus on the critical concepts in math, using student friendly learning targets, the big three questions and success criteria, improve both teaching practice and student success?* We will be reviewing and monitoring this goal at our next professional development day (at the end of November) and will be updating it, based on the data we have been collecting. Our focus will be to make the goal more succinct and accessible for families to discuss. We encourage you to talk with the teachers about their learning and your child's learning and to stay tuned for further information throughout the year.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable November. As we approach the end of the first term, I just want to put out a huge thank you to all families for your continued support and trust in us here at Gray. We feel your support and we will continue to work hard to maintain everyone's safety. Cheers!

## November 2020

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

[Gray Website](#)

## Mark Your Calendars:

- ◆ **Nov 11th**  
Statutory Holiday -  
School Closed
- ◆ **Nov 27th**  
**PAC Meeting -**  
**7:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Nov 30th**  
**Pro-D Day -**  
**School Closed**

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

Typically at Gray we hold a Remembrance Day assembly on November 10, to reflect, remember and honour the wars past, and the soldiers who fought for our country. Unfortunately, due to this pandemic, we have decided not to hold the traditional ceremony. Instead, we will be providing school wide daily lessons, reminders and opportunities to reflect leading up to Remembrance Day.

As we get close to November 11, 2020, please take a look around the buildings windows, as we start to promote images of peace.



## Daily Health Check

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. As we progress into the second wave, 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 require a different translation of the Daily Health Check, or would like more information about the ministry health and safety guidelines, please visit this website: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/childcare-schools/schools>.

If you have questions about the school guidelines, please reach out to me, the principal, at [pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto: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!

## Safety at Gray

In order to keep the students and staff as safe as possible, we are limited entry into the building, so the front doors of the school will now be locked after 9:00 a.m.

If you are picking up your child early please call the school ahead of time to arrange to have your child dismissed and we will have them waiting at the front door when you arrive. It is a good idea to call about five minutes before you arrive that way we can make sure they are down in time for your arrival.

If you are dropping off items for your child, please leave them on the table by the front door and make eye contact with the office staff (or call them at 604-594-2474) to let them know you have dropped something off. We will deliver the items to your child.

## Monthly Connection Activity

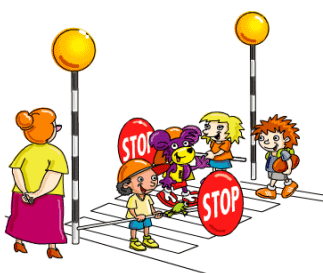
Thank you parents and families for contributing to October's monthly connectedness activity. It was great to see so many Thanksgiving dinners, and pumpkin scenes, and even some Halloween costumes. If you are interested in seeing anybody, please visit the school website and look at the photo galleries. I truly appreciate you allowing me and the community a glimpse into your lives!

For November's monthly connection activity, we would like to see a photo of your family out in the West Coast weather. Lets take some time to be mindful and get back to nature. This may look like raking leaves, a walk in the rain, or a hike with the family. If that is not possible for you, then maybe you could share a photo of your celebrations for Diwali, or a rainy day activity at home with the family. We are open to anything and everything. The key to this month is to spend some time reflecting on the past, but living in the moment. Celebrating the changing seasons and enjoying what November has to offer.

We just want to see what our community is up to. When you have your photo, please e-mail it to Mr. Klassen at [pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca](mailto:pklassen@deltasd.bc.ca) and we will put it on the school website.



## Traffic Safety



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 pull up as far as possible in the drop off zone when letting your children out of the car, and ensure your children are getting out of your car as quickly as possible. 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, 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.

