



Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks for all the things we have received in our lives over the past year, and to give thanks to those who have helped us along the way. On behalf of the staff at Gray Elementary, we would like to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving! We hope all of you can take some time to get together with family and friends. We have wonderful school and community and have much to be thankful for.

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### Gray Spirit Wear is Back!



We are very excited to announce that you can now order Gray Elementary Spirit Wear! The items being offered are Gildan t-shirts, track pants, crewneck sweatshirts, hoodies and toques. The tops can be ordered in black or dark heather (gray). The toques and track pants are black. Once orders have been placed, you are not able to make changes and refunds are not provided so please order carefully. 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 of a t-shirt.

This year, orders will be placed [here](#). The store opens October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and closes October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025! Make sure you place and order show your Gray spirit!

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### Dress for the Weather

We are approaching the time of year when the weather is cool and rainy. Please ensure your children come to school dressed accordingly for playing outside at recess and lunchtime (e.g. boots and a coat), and perhaps also pack an extra pair of socks and pants into their backpacks for really rainy days.

In the case of **extreme** weather, a decision will be made by staff to designate the recess and/or lunch hour as an “in day”, which means that students are to stay inside and play quietly in their classrooms rather than venture outdoors. **We refrain from doing this unless absolutely necessary, as children need the opportunity to get out in the fresh air** and be physically active before heading back into the classroom.

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### Parent Teacher Conferences

This year’s conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. **As in previous years, there will be early dismissals on both days (2:00 pm)**. Parents can begin booking appointments on Parent Connect beginning Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm on [Parent Connect](#).

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### School Calendar

Monday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
Wednesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Dismissal</b> at 2 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences Sunshine Hills Cross Country Meet
Thursday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Dismissal</b> at 2 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Halloween Dance
Monday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Diwali
Wednesday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	PAC Meeting @ 7 p.m.
Thursday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kindergarten Dental Screening
Friday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Learning Day – no school
Friday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Parade @ 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann  
Principal

Ms. S. Hodgins  
Vice Principal