



Oct 7th, 2023

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.

Dress for the Weather

We are approaching the time of year when it is cooler and will be 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.

Parent Teacher Conferences

This year’s conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 18th and Thursday, October 19th. **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 11th on [Parent Connect](#).

School Calendar

Monday, October 9th	Thanksgiving Day – School Closed
Wednesday, October 18th	Early Dismissal at 2 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, October 19th	Early Dismissal at 2 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 20 th	Professional Day – classes not in session
Wednesday, October 25 th	Sunshine Hill Cross Country Meet
Wednesday, October 25 th	PAC Meeting @ 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 31 st	Halloween Parade @2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, November 1 st	PJ Day

Respectfully,

Mr. J. Mann
Principal

Mrs. T. Sohal
Vice Principal