



September 17, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome everyone to the 2025-2026 school year. It has been a great start to the year with our Kindergarten students transitioning to longer days and the rest of the students now being in their divisions. We hope that all our families are adjusting back to their routines and schedules.

Pick Up and Drop Off

As you get into the routines of school drop off and pick-up for your child/ren, to keep all students safe, we would like to remind you of the following safety points:

- The school parking lot is for **staff only**. With the large number of staff members we have, we need to ensure that all have a place to park when they arrive.
- The drop off area is for DROP OFF only. We ask that you please have your child/ren ready to exit the car (backpacks and jackets ready) so that you do not need to leave the car. Please do not stop your car on 80th and have your students jump out. We had several close calls last year.
- If you are driving and would still like to accompany your child/ren to their door, we encourage you to park your car on the side roads off 80th Ave., or on the road beside Gray's main field (108th street).

We understand that on some days, traffic congestion, rough starts or other challenges may prevent your child/ren from arriving on time. We all have those kinds of mornings. Please take your time. Everyone's safety is a priority, and we would rather students arrive safe, calm and secure than in a rushed state.

News from our PAC



The Gray Elementary PAC would like to invite all our Gray families to our Annual Welcome Back BBQ on September 18th, 2025 from 5:30-7:30pm. It is a way to say hello to old friends and introduce our new families to the Gray community.

You can also purchase burgers, hotdogs, snacks and beverages. Food items will be available for purchase at the event.

Our school and PAC events are only made possible with your support. If you have questions or would like to help and volunteer, please email us at graelementarypac@gmail.com.

Please note that the first PAC meeting of the year will take place on **Wednesday, September 45th at 7:00 pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.



Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place this coming Wednesday, September 24th and we are collecting 'Toonies for Terry' until September 19th. If you are more comfortable donating electronically, Gray has an online fundraising page. The link is below for your reference. Last year our goal was \$900, and we raised over \$2000. Our goal for this year is \$900.

Every [online donation](#) will receive a tax receipt.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 29th, we will honour Survivors and their families to commemorate the history and impact of residential schools. Each class will engage in grade appropriate activities, which will help students understand the importance of this journey towards Truth & Reconciliation. Students are encouraged to wear orange to school on the 29th. We also invite you, and your family to engage in these conversations at home. Monday, September 30th is the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and school is not in session.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30

Administration of Medication

Schools are required to maintain a safe procedure for dispensing medications. We would like to have information regarding medication administration as soon as possible. If your child is required to take medication at school, please request a Request for Administration of Medication at School form from the office. These forms must be completed each year and are required to be signed by your physician.

Scent Sensitivity

At Gray, we have staff who suffer from respiratory difficulties that are made worse by scented products. We ask that students, parents, and staff do what they can to avoid using scented aftershave, hair spray, cologne or other scented personal care products. Teachers within specific pods may send further information regarding this – please make an effort to honour any specific requests made in this regard. Thank you!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. Thank you in advance for all your support and have a wonderful weekend.

Financial Hardship

The District is committed to ensuring that no student of school age will be denied an educational program due to financial hardship and that charges will not be a barrier to student participation in school activities. At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to [Mr. Mann](#) if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity, and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

