



**GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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September 22, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a busy but great start to the year! We are excited that our Kindergarten students have transitioned to full days and are doing a great job adjusting to the longer days.

If you drove by the school last night you would have seen the PAC's Welcome Back BBQ. It was wonderful to see so many students, families and staff at the school together building community. Thank you to the volunteers who helped with balloon making, face painting, barbequing, set up and tear down. Finally, a special thank you to the PAC for the incredible amount of work it takes to organize such an event.

Our Grade 7 students attended Camp Jubilee this week for 3 days and it was also a success. It is an excellent opportunity for the students to connect, grow and get to know one another. They enjoyed campfires, archery, canoeing and the ropes course. Thank you Mrs. MacKenzie, Mrs. Dobie, Mr. Karpluk, Mrs. Bhatti and Ms. Ford for all your time and energy in ensuring the students had a safe and memorable time.

### Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run is will take place this coming Wednesday, September 27th and we are collecting 'Toonies for Terry' until September 28th . This year we have a Gray online fundraising page if you would prefer to donate electronically. The link is below for your reference. We have set a school goal of raising \$800.00 for cancer research and hopefully we will surpass our goal again this year.

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



### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 29th, we will honour Survivors, 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 29<sup>th</sup>. We also invite you, and your family to engage in these conversations at home.

Monday, October 2 is the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and school is not in session.



**ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30**

## English Language Learners

If your child is an English Language Learner, their Annual Instruction Plan (AIP) will be available on Parent Connect to view on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

September 26	Individual Photos
September 27	Terry Fox Run 1:45 PAC Meeting 7:00 in Library
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
October 2	Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School is not in session)
October 9	Thanksgiving (School is not in session)
October 18, 19	Parent Teacher Conferences ( <b>Early Dismissal at 2:00</b> )
October 20	Professional Development Day (School is not in session)

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. J. Mann  
Principal

Ms. T. Sohal  
Vice-principal