

R.M. GRAUER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to another exciting year at Grauer Elementary! We'd like to thank our incredible parent community for your support

in getting the students ready for a successful return to school. We're looking forward to another fun-filled and rewarding year!

GRAUER STAFF 2023-2024

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff members who have joined the Grauer team this year, along with our returning staff. Below is our staff for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Ms. Kolosoff (Grade K)
- Ms. Lyseng (Grade K/1)
- Ms. Toffolo/Ms. Sato (Grade 1/2)
- Ms. Wong (Grade 2/3)
- Ms. Fotheringham (Grade 2/3)
- Ms. Bawa (Gr. 4/5)
- Ms. Brennan (Grade 4/5)
- Mr. Shoub (Grade 6/7)
- Mr. Hunter (Grade 6/7)
- Ms. Mui (Teacher Librarian)
- Mrs. Klomp (ELL)
- Ms. Kullar-Bains (LRT/ELL)
- Ms. Friesen (LRT/ELL)
- Ms. Tsang (LRT/ELL)
- Ms. Chan (LRT/ELL)
- Ms. Chiu (Fine Arts/P.E.)
- Mr. Burrows (Band Teacher)
- Ms. Berry (EA)
- Ms. Todd (EA)
- Ms. Vidal-Wright (EA)
- Ms. Chu (EA)
- Ms. Ho (EA)
- Ms. Liu (EA)
- Ms. Mercado (EA)
- Ms. Leithman (Counsellor)
- Ms. Massel (Speech/Language)
- Mr. Campbell (Aboriginal Support)
- Ms. Stogan (Aboriginal Support)
- Mr. McCallum (Blended Learning)
- Ms. Magnan/Ms. Mo (StrongStart/JB4)
- Ms. Domingo (Noon-Hour Supervisor)
- Ms. Grafe (Noon-Hour Supervisor)
- Ms. Payumo (Noon-Hour Supervisor)
- Ms. Cordoso (School Nurse)
- Ms. Zhou (S.W.I.S.)
- Ms. Lowden (Custodian)
- Ms. Purewal (Custodian)
- Mr. Hoeckh (Custodian)
- Mr. Plumb (Principal)
- Mrs. Firth (Administrative Assistant)

PAC MEETINGS

Grauer Parent Advisory Council is gearing up for an amazing 2023-24 school year! We are excited to connect with families and to work with you and for you to enhance



your children's school experience!

Our first meeting will be held on this Wednesday, September 20th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the school Library.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our first Professional Development Day will be on Friday, September 22nd. School will be closed that day as staff engage in shared learning opportunities on this Professional Development Day.



MEET THE STAFF NIGHT

Grauer School Staff is pleased to host our "Meet the Staff Night on Thursday, September 21st from 5:30 - 6:15ish p.m. This is an informal time for parents, guardians, and family members to gather and meet the staff.



WEST COAST RECESS AND LUNCH



Just a reminder that children at Grauer will be going outside rain or shine during recess and lunch breaks. We believe that being able to go

outside, breathe lots of fresh oxygen and move around is very good for children's well-being and ability to learn. A well-known Norwegian quote tells us "There is no bad weather, only bad clothing." With this in mind, **please make sure your child has adequate clothing for outside, even in the rain. Please provide them with a change of socks and shoes, rainproof coat with hood or hat and possibly an umbrella.**

NUT-FREE ZONE: Please be aware that Grauer School has many students with severe, life threatening food allergies. All classrooms are designated nut free in order to protect the health of our students. Please do not send nut products into the school, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. Please do not send food to school containing nuts.



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EARLY WARNING, ABSENCES, AND LATE ARRIVALS

Please inform the school by telephone when your child will be late or absent due to illness or an appointment, etc. Our Early Warning line - **604-668-7890** - is available 24 hours a day for parents to leave a message. Please clearly state your child's first and last name, division and reason for absence. If no prior notice of absence is received, we will call home to determine the reason for the absence. Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. are required to enter through the main doors and check-in at the office before going to class.



STUDENT PACKAGE OF FORMS:

We will be sending home a package of permission forms and information forms to be filled out and returned to your child's teacher. It is important that we have up-to-date information, including contact numbers and appropriate medical information. **These forms are due back to your child's teacher on Monday, September 25th.**



PARKING LOT SAFETY



Please help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students only. If you need to come into the school, please park in a designated parking space. Also, a reminder to parents that there are **no left turns permitted before and after school when leaving our parking lot.** Thanks for your cooperation!



- Sept. 20 Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 20 PAC Meeting
- Sept 21 Meet the Staff Night (5:30 – 6:15)
- Sept. 22 Pro-D Day - **School Closed**
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day (Wear Orange)
- Sept. 30 Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct. 2 Day of Truth and Reconciliation Observed – **School Closed**
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving – **School Closed**
- Oct. 20 Pro-D Day - **School Closed**
- Oct. 31 Halloween

SCHOOL HOURS 2023-2024

- Classes Start 8:45 a.m.
- Recess 10:09 – 10:24 a.m.
- Lunch 11:47 – 12:39 p.m.
- School ends 2:45 p.m.



BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Once again, the school district will make available student school supplies at a cost of \$33.00. This covers the cost of such basics as exercise books, duo-tangs, paper, pencils, erasers, crayons, rulers, scrapbooks, glue, construction paper, paints and other art supplies. Other individual items required beyond those supplied by the school, such as agendas, binders, pens, marker pens, and gym clothes will be communicated to you by your child's teacher.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Saturday, September 30th has been named the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation by the federal government of Canada. As this falls on a

Saturday, please note that **all schools will be closed on Monday, October 2** in observation of this important day.



TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run is scheduled for next week on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 20th. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and has appropriate running shoes.

STRONGSTART AT GRAUER

StrongStart is a drop-in program for pre-schoolers and their parents, and is located in Room 109 with a separate entrance (Door 3), at the top of the ramp on the north side of the school. We are open from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. More information can be found at sd38.bc.ca



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child has any allergies or medical conditions that require him/her to be given *prescribed* medication at school, please ensure you complete a Request for Administration of Medication form and return it, along with the medication, to the school office. Thank you for working with us to ensure the health and safety of our students.



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**EVERY DROP COUNTS.
PLEASE CONSERVE WATER.**



B.C. is currently experiencing severe drought conditions. You can help by conserving water and taking actions in your home and around your property to reduce your water use.

- Take shorter showers
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth or shaving
- Run full loads of laundry and full loads in the dishwasher
- Lawn watering is currently not permitted in many areas – make sure you are following local water restrictions
- Collect and reuse water for outdoor plant use

Small changes can help have an impact if we work together — and every drop counts.



Learn how:
gov.bc.ca/drought

