

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A warm welcome to all Earl Grey families! We are excited for another great year, now with our new Playground!

School Council is made up of parents who volunteer their time to support the school and enhance every child's learning experience. We meet once a month with the leadership of the school. These meetings are open to all and we encourage you to attend or call in. We are always looking for more ideas of how we can support the students and school.

YOUR 2025/26 SCHOOL COUNCIL

President – Lynn Krasey
Vice Chair – Lindsey Huston
Treasurer – Ken Beatty
Secretary – Kelsey Gallagher
Volunteer Co-ordinator – open position
Fundraising Co-ordinator – Laura Hubbard
Key Communications – Rihanna Vanin
Casino Co-ordinator – Britt Obuck
Fun Lunch Co-ordinator – Kale Bandura
Playground Co-ordinator – Katie Plintz

NEW PLAYGROUND

The new playground is scheduled to open with the start of school on September 2! An opening celebration will take place on Thursday, Sept 18 from 2:30pm-6:30pm at the playground! Please join us to explore and celebrate this new space to play together and grow together!

Over the summer the new playground, including the new rubber surface, was installed, along with a new asphalt walkway and new sod around the playground.

As part of this project the east side of the playground received new grading and sod to help improve the drainage. Please help us ensure the new sod takes root and the expense and effort to improve this area is protected. We would appreciate the cooperation of you, your children, family and friends to stay off the fenced areas.

We sincerely appreciate the support this project received from its many stakeholders and are excited to open the playground to the Earl Grey students and community!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit www.egplayground.ca



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 at 6:30 pm

VOLUNTEERING AT EARL GREY

Earl Grey depends on the generous volunteering support of the community to be able to run many of the exciting opportunities your child can take part in. This includes volunteering in the classroom, at field trips, extra-curricular events and at the concerts held throughout the school year.

Volunteer sign-up opportunities will be shared in the weekly Principal's Friday message.

All volunteers are required to complete the annual volunteer registration form, [found here](#):

In order to volunteer directly with the students, you need to have a valid police clearance on file with the school. These clearances are valid for 5 years, so please ensure yours is still valid by speaking to the school administrator at the office.

You will also need to have been a resident in Canada for at least 12 months before you can get a police clearance. There are also opportunities to volunteer without police clearance if you are not working directly with students.

For more information about getting clearance to volunteer for Earl Grey [click here](#).

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- **READING PROGRAM** - run by Gordana Cucic (gocucic@cbe.ab.ca) This involves a weekly commitment to come in and read with specific students for between 30 min & 1 hour.
- **TERRY FOX RUN** - cheer on the students & count laps.
- **SCIENCE FAIR** - judging (no scientific knowledge required!).
- **HOLIDAY & SPRING MUSICALS** - help with costumes, props & setup.
- **DAD'S BREAKFAST** - held in June each year, look out for more information soon.
- & MORE

If you don't have a police clearance, there are other ways to get involved:

- Come to **Parent Council Meetings!**
- **FUN LUNCH** - deliver fun lunches to the classrooms. This is a monthly commitment for about 2 hours a month.
- **TEA & COFFEE:** donate tea, coffee or sugar and creamer to the school staff. [Click here to sign up](#)
- **SNACKS:** Sign-up to donate snacks to the office for children who don't have or have forgotten to bring a snack to school. [Click here to sign up](#)
- **CASINO FUNDRAISER:** This is the most important fundraiser of the year and will take place Q2 2026

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for your time, enthusiasm and support of Earl Grey and all the families who call it home. This community is a very special place and we look forward to getting to know more of you as we work together in support of our school!

FUNDRAISING

Council provides learning enhancements that go above and beyond what the CBE provides.

- **Literacy:** The Reading Program (Gordana Cucic), Reading Eggs Online Program, Decodable Books, New Library Books
- **Art:** Quest Theatre, Music Equipment, New Sound System and Microphone
- **Math & Science:** Mathletics Online Program
- **Activities:** Gym Equipment, Gaga Ball Pit, Field Trips
- **Well Being:** Sensory Room Items

The easiest and most impactful way to support School Council is with a direct donation. 100% of your funds go directly to enrichment opportunities for students.

Our other fundraisers are fun and community builders. All donations and fundraising support is optional, should you have the means, we recommend \$25-\$100 a student.

DIRECT DONATION

- 100% of each donation goes directly to Council
- receive a tax receipt
- see if your workplace has a charity gift-matching programme

<https://www.educationmatters.ca/project-matters/earl-grey-school/>

Text to Donate is also available – simply text “EdMatters” followed by EARLG to 30333



FUN LUNCH - monthly

By signing up for an account on the Healthy Hunger website, you can order and pay for your child to receive a fun lunch (<https://healthyhunger.ca/index.php>) Orders need to be the Sunday before the lunch. More details will be sent out in the weekly email from the school.

BLAZE PIZZA - monthly

This is a chance to meet up with Earl Grey Families. On dates below, you can use a code (in the school weekly message) to order at Blaze Pizza on 4th Street, with 20% of the proceeds being donated back to Earl Grey

- Sept 25, Nov 26, Jan 29, Feb 26, May 7

CASINO FUNDRAISER - Q2 2026

This is our biggest fundraising opportunity. We raise between \$70-\$100,000 over 2 days. We will be looking for volunteers to work support shifts at a casino.

HOLIDAY CONCERT BAKE SALE - Dec

You can volunteer to provide baked good at the annual Holiday Concert. Even better, you can purchase a treat or two to take home.

50/50 CAMPAIGN - Dec to Jan

This fundraiser sells tickets to a raffle and provides a cash prize to the lucky recipient.

SKIP THE DEPOT - ongoing

You can support Earl Grey and get your recyclable cans & bottles picked up from your home. All proceeds will go to Earl Grey school. Register an account on www.skipthedepot.com, schedule a pick-up and then select EARL GREY as your charitable organization.

MABELS LABELS - ongoing

By using the link, at no cost to you, you can order personalized labels, and support the school! <https://mabelslabels.ca/en-CA/fundraising/support>

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday Sep 19 - Terry Fox Day

Thurs Sep 25 - Meet the Teacher

Wed Oct 1 - Orange Shirt Day (Observed at School – Actual Date Sept 30)

Friday Nov 7 - Remembrance Day (Observed at school - Actual Date Nov 11)

Nov 8-12 - Fall Break

Nov 27-28 - Parent Teacher conferences

Thurs Dec 11 - Grade 4-6 concert

Jan 20-29 - Alien inline skating for all students

Jan 29 - skating party (6-8 pm)

Feb 26-27 - Parent Teacher conferences

May 7 - Kinder - Grade 3 spring concert

May 25-28 - Camp Chief Hector (grade 6)