

Grey Owl Junior Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 6

Interesting Feature

ECO Gold Certified School

Grey Owl is named after a turn of the century environmentalist. Grey Owl wrote "Pilgrims of the Wild" the first book that focussed on the importance of maintaining our environment. Our School has implemented many initiatives over the last few years to repeatedly have been certified as an ECO gold school. We run an eco club, monitor our garbage, participate in community clean ups and have a yearly class eco challenge. We also monitor our energy consumption and plan on reducing our paper consumption. There are future plans for a school garden.

A great place to be...

Grey Owl Junior Public School was built in 1975. Our school has 14 regular classrooms including 3 Full day kindergarten rooms plus 3 mini rooms for programs in English as a Second Language, and Special Education. Grey Owl is wholeheartedly dedicated to creating a learning environment in which student achievement is consistently improving. Raising standards has involved concurrent work by all stakeholders who have a shared responsibility for student learning. This shared belief is what makes Grey Owl "A Great Place To Be!" Our emphasis on literacy, numeracy, and community partnerships will continue as we expand our professional learning community and strive to implement appropriate interventions for all students.

Grey Owl: A Great Place to Be!

We have a nurturing culture created by our dedicated staff. We have partnerships with our parents and many community agencies. We have regular parent volunteers, student volunteers and our teachers work collaboratively. Our student body is very diverse and many of our students do not speak English as their first language. Some of the many languages spoken include Tamil, Urdu, Hindi, and Gujarati. We have extra resource staff to provide support for our students in our ESL programs as well as those students with special needs. In June 2012, we received the award for most welcoming school for Occasional teachers from the Teachers Federation.





Literacy

We continue to deliver Balanced Literacy programs at all grade levels and ensure that our teachers are continually receiving professional development on the latest instructional strategies. At the school level, we are engaged in Teaching-Learning Critical Pathways. We have a well stocked library and a literacy room for teachers filled with up to date resources.



Numeracy

Our focus is on the continued implementation of Math programs that include 3-part math lessons, 'KWC' charts, effective questioning techniques, and math congress. We use MacBooks in our grade 6 classes. We also have 10 interactive SMART boards. Our teachers use a variety of math manipulatives and teach students using a problem-solving approach to math.



Equity and Inclusion

Grey Owl is committed to ensuring that our stakeholders feel valued and included in all that we do. Our work with our community has expanded to be responsive to its ethnically diverse composition. Teachers are trained in including diverse perspectives in their lessons and in ensuring that learning materials are culturally responsive and relevant to our students.



Great Partners Make a Great School!

We are fortunate to have partnerships with many community agencies who help us to provide all of our stakeholders with the resources and supports necessary to have an outstanding educational experience. Some of our partnerships include our relationships with TAIBU Health Centre, Toronto Public Health, Ontario Early Years, Malvern Library and Malvern Resource Centre.



Additional Features

- Morning Meal Program
- Malvern Resource Afterschool
- Family Anti-bullying night
- Kindergarten Welcome
- Hearing and Vision Screening
- Gold ECO school
- Ontario Early Years



Student Life - Where You Belong

At Grey Owl Junior Public School, students are involved in a wide range of extracurricular activities. In athletics, we offer basketball, cross-country, soccer, volleyball and track and field for our students to excel in. To help mentor and develop positive social skills and attitudes towards school, students can be part our Boys 2 Men group and our Girls' Club. Students develop leadership skills through Student Activity Council and Safety Patrol. Sharp minds at Grey Owl also are part of our STATIS group, Silverbirch reading group and our EcoSchools team members work hard to make Grey Owl a 'greener' place. In the arts, we offer "Step Dance" and drumming. Our focus is to develop the whole child and student life through our wide-range of extracurricular activities is a major part of these efforts.



What Sets Us Apart

Grey Owl Junior Public School is a "community school" which endeavours to provide an inviting environment for our community both inside and outside of the instructional day. We are a "Model School for Inner Cities" which provides supports for our students with tools, resources and unique opportunities. We offer a 5 day meal program, hearing and vision screening, and a Junior Kindergarten Welcome bag. With a new addition to the building, we now have full day Kindergarten. We have also developed take home science kits. We also host a "World Wonder Night" where food, dance and music reflective of our community are highlighted.

Grey Owl is also an inclusive school. In order to engage students in meaningful ways, teachers use curriculum units reflective of the diversity of our students. Relevant materials reflective of social justice issues are an integral part of our Teaching-Learning Critical Pathways in Literacy.





Parent and Community Engagement

The involvement of our parents and community members is paramount to helping us create an outstanding schooling experience for our students. We have an active School Council, as well as many volunteers who assist in the library, classrooms, on excursions, and with co-curricular activities. Parent volunteers help to organize community events e.g., Garage Sale, our snack program, Pizza lunches and sports activities. We celebrate the contributions and experiences of our community in the school through events such as our "Community Link" on Curriculum night and our Family Anti Bullying Night. We also offer, once per week, the Ontario Early Years program for parents of younger children to use the facility and prepare for school life.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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