



# Birchland Elementary School

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Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s),

## **Welcome to Birchland!!**

It is always exciting to welcome new Kindergarten students into our school community. Whether you are registering your first child at Birchland or are already a part of our family, we are waiting with great anticipation to meet and officially welcome your child into our learning community! Please be aware that our Kindergarten students will be attending for the **full day** in the upcoming school year. Please look over the information in this package carefully as we have tried to include answers to questions that you may have about Kindergarten. If you have questions that are not answered by this information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

All Kindergarten students must register at their neighbourhood catchment school. This year, our registration will take place on February 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>. Families interested in attending a school outside of their catchment area should still register at their catchment school and then subsequently follow the "Cross Catchment Process 2012 - 2013" described in the attached notice.

Please bring the following documents to register your child (ren) – see reverse for details:

1. **Status in Canada / Proof of citizenship for parent & child**
2. **Proof of BC residency for parent**
3. **Guardianship** Required of parent or legal guardian\*.

Only those students who are five years of age by December 31, 2012 can be accepted for September 2012.

### **The "Welcome to Kindergarten" event:**

- You and your child are invited to our "Welcome to Kindergarten" event on **Wednesday, May 6, 2012 @ 6 pm** in the library at Birchland. This fun, interactive program allows you and your child to work together through play-based stations alongside facilitators who will discuss the learning that happens through each of the activities. Participants will go home with some new ideas of activities to do at home, a bag of collectables and some new friends!

**Information about September:** Please plan to bring your child to school on the first day Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All students will be dismissed at approximately 9:30am that day. The details of the Kindergarten schedule for the remainder of the first week are yet to be designed. More information is to follow.

We are delighted to welcome you into our Birchland School community, and look forward to meeting and getting to know you and your child.

Yours truly,

Ms. L. Salloum, Principal