

SCHOOL START PLAN FOR KINDERGARTEN

Gradual Entry

September 6 – 16, 2022



Welcome to the Birchland School Community!

It was great meeting everyone at our Connecting to Kindergarten Event. It is our sincere hope that your child is even more excited than before about starting Kindergarten in September. As mentioned earlier, to best welcome kindergarten learners, the Ministry of Education structures the kindergarten hours of instruction to be 25 less hours than children, grades 1-5. This allows schools to create learning opportunities for children in smaller groups and gradually increase their time. Additionally, each family will have the opportunity to participate in a Welcoming Conversation with your child(ren)'s teacher. Our first meeting, on the first day of school – Tuesday, September 6 – is a quick hello, and confirmation of your enrollment.

Children should not attend if they have signs of any illness.

Please inform the office for all absences.

Gradual Entry Schedule

Here is the gradual schedule for all Kindergarten students during the first 2 weeks of school (extending the length of stay each time), from **September 6 – September 16**. You will note the dates for the welcoming conversations. Please complete the Welcoming Conversations survey to indicate your preferred time: [Welcoming Conversations Survey Link](#). Teachers will use this information and provide a confirmation of your Welcoming Conversation Date and Time no later than Friday September 9.

Thank you for your patience.

Please see the Gradual Entry schedule below.

If your child is unable to attend on any given day – please let the office know. The preferred method is to complete an online [absence report](#) or email birchland@sd43.bc.ca – or call the office 604 941-3428.

Tuesday, September 6:

15-minute check-in

Kindergarten students will be assigned their Welcoming Week Classroom, Group (A or B), and their school entrance and exit location. This information will be sent to families the week of August 29, 2022.

This Tuesday September 10, you will receive the information informing you of your child's meeting spot and your assigned time.

Wednesday, September 7:

1.5 hours

Group A → 9:05-10:35

Group B → 11:00-12:30

Kindergarteners are in sessions without families.

Please send a snack & full water bottle for your child.

Thursday, September 8:

1.5 hours

Group A → 9:05-10:35

Group B → 10:50-12:20

Kindergarteners are in sessions without families.

Please send a snack & full water bottle for your child.

Friday, September 9:

2.5 hours

Group A → 9:00-11:30

Group B → 12:15-2:45

Kindergarteners are in sessions without families.

Please send a snack & full water bottle for your child.

Monday, September 12:

Welcoming Conversations – no school

Tuesday, September 13:

Welcoming Conversations – no school

Wednesday, September 14:

1.5 hours

Group A → 9:20-10:50

Group B → 1:10-2:40

Kindergarteners are in sessions without families.

Please send a snack & full water bottle for your child.

Thursday, September 15:

3.5 hours

9:00 -12:30 (Group A and B Together)

Kindergarteners are in sessions without families.

Please send a snack, full water bottle and change for clothes for your child.

Friday, September 16:

3.5 hours

9:00 am to 12:30 pm (Group A and B Together)

Kindergarteners are in sessions without families.

Please send a full water bottle, lunch, and change of clothes for your child – all utensils needed must be brought from home.

Monday, September 20:

Full Days Begin

Full Day – 8:56-2:45

Please send a snack, full water bottle, lunch & change of clothes for your child – all utensils needed must be brought from home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at birchland@sd43.bc.ca

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We are looking forward to learning with you all soon!