



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 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. 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 2018 - 2019" described in the attached notice.

"Welcome to Kindergarten" event:

- You and your child are invited to our "Welcome to Kindergarten" event on **Thursday, May 17th, 2018 @ 5 pm** in the library at Birchland. This fun, interactive program allows you and your child to work together through play-based stations alongside our teachers 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 bring your child to Birchland on the first day, Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 between 8:55 & 9:30 am. You and your child will not need to stay for the whole time but will be asked to sign up for a welcome conversation with your teacher that first week. The details of the Kindergarten schedule for the remainder of the first week are yet to be designed but will involve a gradual start with students attending full time by Monday, September 17th. More information is to follow. School supplies list will be provided before September.

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. Elspeth Anjos, Acting Principal