



Kindergarten Korner Newsletter

Stay in Touch with Central

Communication is something that we value at Central Elementary. There are a number of ways that you can keep current concerning the goings on at the school:

- Via phone during business hours 8:00am-3:30pm (and starting again Aug.27th) at 604 941-0355
- Via email at central@sd43.bc.ca
- By checking your email regularly, and letting the office know if your email address changes.
- Via the school website at: www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/central

Our school calendar for 2018-2019 has been updated on the school website with important information regarding special events and dates. It will continue to be updated throughout the course of next school year.



Welcome to the Central Community School!

Thank you very much for attending our Welcome to Kindergarten orientation this past spring. It is our sincere hope that you and your child enjoyed the event, and that your child is even more excited than before about starting Kindergarten in September. Our staff members look forward to getting to know you and your child over the course of the next school year.

Kindergarten is an exciting rite of passage for children; and many parents look upon entrance into Kindergarten as the arrival of the *big boy* and *big girl* in their child. While this can be exciting, it is sometimes hard on parents to relinquish some of the decision-making control to their once completely dependent children. Willfulness and independence, albeit helpful later on in life, isn't easy to parent. If you find yourselves engaged in battles of will with your kindergartener, perhaps consider celebrating your child's new-found desire to exert control, by encouraging input around clothing to be worn or snacks to be chosen. One green sock and one purple sock? Grapes and fishy crackers for the third day in a row? No problem!

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If your child is anxious about beginning school, please don't be alarmed or surprised by this. Some children lament their departure from preschool or daycare, while others are concerned about being away from Mom and Dad for the first time. Those with older siblings at Central may feel a part of our school community already.

Regardless of your child's specific circumstances, we will all work together to ensure that your child feels included, valued and welcomed in our learning community. While our office will be closed until the week before school resumes, please consider visiting our school playground once or twice over the final week of summer to get your child used to being on the Central school property. Feel free to telephone our office the week before our September 4th starting date, should you wish to bring your child by for a quick visit.

Most importantly, follow your child's lead. Discuss the imminence of Kindergarten only as much as your child is willing. Pushing the topic if your child isn't ready will only prove to be counter-productive if your child is feeling anxious about starting school. A list of popular book titles for soon-to-be-Kindergarteners is on the bottom of page 4.

In this class we...
 SHARE  LOVE
 laugh  grow
 SHOW RESPECT APOLOGIZE
 dance and sing DO OUR
 encourage BEST
 hug make mistakes
 work hard SAY THANK YOU
 LEARN HAVE FUN! PLAY
 We ARE Family!



"Sorry Mom, but what happens in kindergarten stays in kindergarten."

Week One and Beyond for the Kindies

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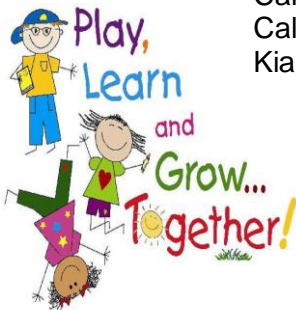
All Kindergarten students will come to the school several times over the course of the first 2 weeks. They may accompany their parent / caregiver for an attendance check on the first day of school (although the child's attendance on the September 4th attendance check is optional). The Kindergarteners will also attend school for eight partial days (extending the length of stay gradually) from Wednesday, September 5 to Friday, September 14; and then they will come for one Welcoming Conversation with their parent(s) / caregiver(s) and our team of Kindergarten teachers. **The first full day of kindergarten will be Monday, September 17th.**

- Tuesday, September 4th: A parent / caregiver of each new Kindie will come to Central from 9:45-10:15am (Kindie child's attendance is optional).
- Where:** school gymnasium
- What:** to confirm attendance, listen to opening day remarks from the Principal and K teachers, and to sign up for a Welcoming Conversation.
- Wednesday, September 5th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry begins: Group A (8:45-10:15), Group B (10:35-12:05).
- Thursday, September 6th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry continues: Group A (8:45-10:15), Group B (10:35-12:05).
- Friday, September 7th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry continues, Group B (8:45-10:15), Group A (10:35-12:05)
- Monday, September 10th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry continues: Group A (8:45-11:00), Group B (1:00-2:45)
- Tuesday, September 11th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry continues: Group B (8:45-11:00), Group A (1:00-2:45)
- Wednesday, September 12^h: Welcoming Conversations / CHEQ surveys: 8:40 – 12:00
Kindergarten Gradual Entry continues: Groups A & B (1:00-2:45)
- Thursday, September 13th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry continues: Groups A & B (8:45 – 12:05)
Welcoming Conversations / CHEQ surveys: 1:00 – 3:00
- Friday, September 14th: Kindergarten Gradual Entry finishes: Groups A & B (8:45 – 12:05)
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- Kindergarten placement letters to be sent home with students at the end of their Gradual Entry class on Friday, September 14th.**
- Monday, September 17th: First full day of Kindergarten (8:44am – 2:45pm)

Gradual Entry

All Kindergarten students are being placed in one of two groups (A and B) for the purpose of Gradual Entry only. Each group will attend Kindergarten for several part mornings and afternoons, spending time in each of our Kindergarten classrooms. **These groups do NOT represent your child's class placement. Class placements will be confirmed at the end of the Gradual Entry process, and will be communicated by means of a letter sent home with children on Friday, September 14th.** Students should bring a nut-free snack and a drink to school each day of gradual entry. The dates and times of each group's gradual entry schedule are specified beside each group. This information is a repeat of the information that was disseminated to Kindergarten families in hard copy form at the end of June.

<u>Group A</u>	<u>Group A Schedule</u>	<u>Group B</u>	<u>Group B Schedule</u>
Jemal A. Senaah A. Mahmoud A.	Wed. Sept.5 8:45 – 10:15	James-Oliver L. Natalie L. Aaliya L.	Wed. Sept.5 10:35 – 12:05
Serena A. Yousef A Masa A. Era A.	Thurs. Sept.6 8:45 – 10:15	Carley M. Wit M. Muntyan M. Arsalan N.	Thurs. Sept.6 10:35 – 12:05
Chanel A. Charlotte B. Raya B-R. Colton C. Eric C.	Fri.. Sept.7 10:35 – 12:05	Ifunanya O. Raiden O. Elanor O. Nathan O. Matias R-C.	Fri. Sept.7 8:45 – 10:15
Alice D. Klaire E. Maya E. Ella E. Reese F. Zachary F.	Mon. Sept.10 8:45 – 11:00	Antonio Z.	Mon. Sept.10 1:00 – 2:45
Lauren H. Maisie J-F. Caleb Jesso Caleb Jolicoeur Kian J.	Tues. Sept.11 1:00 – 2:45	Anita S. Phallita S. Jake S-C. Yin Sum T. Anes T. Nathan Y.	Tues. Sept.11 8:45 – 11:00
	Wed. Sept.12 1:00 – 2:45		Wed. Sept.12 1:00 – 2:45
	Thurs. Sept.13 8:45 – 12:00		Thurs. Sept.13 8:45 – 12:00
	Fri. Sept.14 8:45 – 12:00		Fri. Sept.14 8:45 – 12:00



Ten Popular Book titles for Soon-to-be-Kindergarteners

Countdown to Kindergarten, by Alison McGhee
First Day Jitters, by Julie Danneberg
First Day of School, by Mercer Mayer
Kindergarten, Here I Come, by D.J. Steinberg
Kindergarten Rocks, by Katie Davis

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, by Joseph Slate
Off to Kindergarten, by Tony Johnston
The Berenstain Bears Go To School, by Jan & Stan Berenstain
The Kissing Hand, by Audrey Penn
The Night Before Kindergarten, by Natasha Wing