

HOT off the Press

Important information about

Kindergarten students

September 7th to 16th

Starting school looks a bit different for Kindergarten students than it does for the rest. This sometimes causes confusion for families, especially if it's their first experience with having a child in school.

September 7 – First Day of School

Parents/Caregivers along with their child should arrive at school by 8:45. If your child is attending the **Montessori** program, please go to Room 11. If your child is attending the **regular** program, please go to the gym where you will move through some stations to take care of attendance, have a photo taken and sign up for a welcoming conversation*. If for any reason, your family is unable to attend on the first day, please contact the office either by telephone (604)942-6658 or email cdalgarno@sd43.bc.ca.

* The 30 minute **welcoming conversation** is very important. It is an opportunity for you, your Kindergarten age child and the teacher to become acquainted and we sincerely hope you will be able to make time for it during this first week; however, if that is impossible for you, an alternate time can be arranged with the teacher at a later date. You are welcome to bring other members of the family along as well.

September 7 to 9

During this first week, Kindergarten children will attend only during their welcoming conversation, and not at any other time, unless arranged for with the teacher.

September 12 to 16

On Monday and Tuesday (12th & 13th), students will be attending for a half day, as follows:

Monday, the 12th: K students will arrive at 12:50 to spend the afternoon with their grade 1 peers. They will be dismissed at 2:50 with the others.

Tuesday, the 13th: K students will arrive at 8:50. Please send a healthy snack and a good lunch – these should be things you know the child will enjoy eating. Always ensure the child is able to open any container you send. Dismissal will be at 12:20, after students eat lunch.

Please be prompt in picking up your child after school.

On Wednesday, September 14, Kindergarten students will attend the full day.

We look forward to seeing your child at school on Tuesday. You can rest assured they will be well-cared for, and that they will adjust quickly! Before you know it, both you and your child will be accustomed to the routine, and they'll be on their way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by either calling the office (604)942-6658 or emailing as follows:

School Secretary: cdalgarno@sd43.bc.ca (registration, absence, scheduling questions)

School Principal: pkintzinger@sd43.bc.ca

Following are example of the kinds of things you might discuss in the welcoming conversation and are **for your information** only – you do not need to print a copy. We will provide a copy of any form we wish you to complete.

Dear Families,

When you come to our Welcoming Conversation, please bring a family photo or anything you might like to share with me, the teacher. Here are some questions we might talk about...

Child:

- What do you like to do?
- What are you interested in?
- What does your family like to do together?
- What are you looking forward to about coming to school?
- What would you like the teacher to know about your family?

Parent/Caregiver:

- What would you like me to know about your child?
- What do you think your child will especially enjoy about Kindergarten?
- Is there any information you would like me to know about your child's preschool experience?
- Does your child know any other children coming to Kindergarten?
- Does your child have any other special friends in the school?
- Are there any other questions you have for me?