



Birchland Elementary School

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Kindergarten Gradual Entry 2015

For those of you who already have students in Birchland you will notice that we are making some changes to our gradual entry this year. We are doing this to generate a higher comfort level for our students in the classroom through engaging them with the teachers in small groups.

Tue, September 8

- Kindergarten students need to check-in with our kindergarten teacher in the front foyer (between 9:00 – 9:30 if possible)
- Families will sign up for a welcoming conversations time with the teacher
- Families will sign up for gradual entry times

Wed, Sept 9 – Fri Sept 11

- Children will each attend two 1¼ hour gradual entry times with a small group of other students.
- Children and Parents will attend a welcoming conversation meeting with the Kindergarten teacher.

Mon, Sept 14 and Tue, Sept 15

- Children will attend for half a day with a smaller group of students

Wed, Sept 16

- Kindergarten students will attend for the full day (8:55 – 2:50)

Currently we have one class of kindergarten students which will be taught by Mrs. Rutherford. Although there is still some space in the class it is starting to get full, please understand that if we register more students than we are able to place in one class we will need to reassess our class structure and likely need to create two Kindergarten / Grade 1 blended classes in order to accommodate all the children. If this happens it could alter the schedule noted above.

The beginning of kindergarten is very special time for both children and parents. If you have any questions or concerns about the process please feel free to get in touch with me at any time to discuss.

Have a great summer,

Frank Pearse.
Principal