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Dear Kindergarten Parents.

We are very pleased to welcome your child to Kindergarten at Blue Mountain Elementary. Our full day program offers young children meaningful learning opportunities in a play based/hands on environment. For many children, Kindergarten is the first step in transitioning from small preschool/daycare settings or home environments to a formal school setting where there is one adult with up to 20 children. In order to help children in this transition, we offer and support a gradual entry process, which includes smaller groups, an increasingly longer day and an opportunity for you and your child to meet individually with your child's teacher. We have found that this proactive approach to school entry provides a safe, comfortable, and smooth start to your child's school career.

The gradual entry process that Blue Mountain Elementary will be using is as follows:

- **Welcome Meeting: Tuesday September 6th OR Wednesday, September 7th**
You and your child will meet individually with one of the Kindergarten teachers for a 20 minute welcome meeting. **Please ensure that you bring your child, their school supplies, their Kindergarten supply fee of \$30 (cash/cheque payable to Blue Mountain Elementary), and the completed Getting Acquainted information sheet** along with any questions, concerns or information you feel the school needs to be aware of.
- **Half day gradual entry: Thursday September 8th and Friday September 9th**
Children will attend in small groups ("A" or "B") for ½ a day, either in the morning or afternoon, equipped with a healthy snack & a water bottle.

	8:30 am – 11:05 am	11:45 am – 2:20 pm
Thursday Sept. 8th	A	B
Friday Sept. 9th	A	B

- Group A 8:30-1:00 gradual entry: Monday September 12th**
 Group A will attend school from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. They will need to bring a healthy snack and water bottle for snack time in addition to a healthy lunch for lunch time. Group B students have a day off.
- Group B 8:30-1:00 gradual entry: Tuesday September 13th**
 Group B will attend school from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. They will need to bring a healthy snack and water bottle for snack time in addition to a healthy lunch for lunch time. Group A students have a day off.
- All students 8:30-1:00 gradual entry: Wednesday September 14th to Friday September 16th**
 All children will attend in their class groups from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. They will need to bring a healthy snack, lunch, and a water bottle.
- Full day begins Monday, September 19th**
 All children will attend their first official full day of Kindergarten from 8:30 am – 2:25 pm.

Please check the list below for your child's welcome meeting time and their gradual entry group.

Student Name	Welcome Meeting Date and Time	Group (A/B)
Adeline B	Tuesday, Sept 6th 12:40-1:00pm	A
Nicole B	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:00-1:20pm	A
Benjamin B	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:20-1:40pm	A
Kingston C	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:40- 2:00pm	A
Calin D	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:00-2:20pm	A
Ivy E	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:20-2:40pm	A
Scarlette F	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:40-3:00pm	A
Takumi H	Wednesday, Sept 7th 8:20-8:40am	A
Hannah H	Wednesday, Sept 7th 8:40-9:00am	A

Amraj H	Wednesday, Sept 7th 9:00-9:20am	A
Ryder J	Wednesday, Sept 7th 9:20-9:40am	B
Sophia K	Wednesday, Sept 7th 9:40-10:00am	B
Dmitry K	Wednesday, Sept 7th 10:00-10:20am	B
Logan M	Wednesday, Sept 7th 10:40-11:00am	B
Emily O	Wednesday, Sept 7th 11:00-11:20am	B
Roseleen S	Wednesday, Sept 7th 11:20-11:40am	B
Arnav S	Wednesday, Sept 7th 11:40-12:00pm	B
Finn T	Wednesday, Sept 7th 12:00-12:20pm	B
Daniel V	Wednesday, Sept 7th 1:10-1:30pm	B
Nathan W	Wednesday, Sept 7th 1:30-1:50pm	B
Kai A	Tuesday, Sept 6th 12:20-12:40pm	A
Daxton F	Tuesday, Sept 6th 12:40-1:00pm	A
Callie G	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:00-1:20pm	A
Katelyn H	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:20-1:40pm	A
River K	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:40- 2:00pm	A
Spencer K	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:00-2:20pm	A
Noah N	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:20-2:40pm	A
Violet N	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:40-3:00pm	A
Oriana P	Tuesday, Sept 6th 3:00-3:20pm	A
Barrett B	Tuesday, Sept 6th 12:20-12:40pm	A
Liam B	Tuesday, Sept 6th 12:40-1:00pm	A
Conor C	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:00-1:20pm	A
Ellie D	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:20-1:40pm	A
McKenna E	Tuesday, Sept 6th 1:40- 2:00pm	A
Cole L	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:00-2:20pm	A
Ryan S	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:20-2:40pm	A
Alexander T	Tuesday, Sept 6th 2:40-3:00pm	A
Darius Z	Tuesday, Sept 6th 3:00-3:20pm	A

Since implementing full day Kindergarten, this gradual entry process has proven to be successful and highly beneficial. It promotes a safe and healthy start to full time attendance and allows children to gradually understand routines, make friends, connect with their teacher, and feel comfortable at school. It also provides parents with comfort and reassurance that their child's adjustment needs have been well considered. If you believe your child requires a longer period to transition to a full day Kindergarten Program, please

discuss this with your child's teacher/principal so that school staff can collaboratively plan with you to ensure your child is successful.

If you are unable to attend your child's welcome meeting time or have any questions, please contact us at bm_reception@sd42.ca. We are looking forward to having you child as part of our Blue Mountain Elementary Family. Have a safe and happy summer.

Yours sincerely,
Blue Mountain Kindergarten Team
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