

May 26, 2026

Dear Parents,

We are very pleased to welcome your child to kindergarten in School District 42. Our full day kindergarten 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. 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 stress free start to your child's school career.

The gradual entry process that your child's school will be using will be the following:

- Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> - You and your child will be provided with an opportunity to meet with Kindergarten teachers either one on one or in a small group.
- Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Children will attend for ½ a day, 8:30 – 11:50.
- Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Children will attend a slightly longer day and stay for lunch, 8:30 -12:30 pm.
- Regular hours begin on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 – 2:25 pm.

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.

We are looking forward to having your child as part of our School District 42 family.

Yours sincerely,



David Vandergugten  
Assistant Superintendent

SEPTEMBER 2026 Gradual Entry – K/1

|               | Mon. Sept 7 | Tues. Sept 8         | Wed. Sept 9     |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 8:30 – 11:00  | Labour Day  | School Staff Meeting | Intake meetings |
| 11:00 – 11:40 |             | Lunch                | Lunch           |
| 11:40 – 2:25  |             | Intake meetings      | Intake meetings |

|               | Thur. Sept 10                               | Fri. Sept 11                                |
|---------------|---|---|
| 8:30 – 11:50  | K & Gr. 1's<br>(K group dismissed at 11:50) | K & Gr. 1's<br>(K group dismissed at 11:50) |
| 11:50 – 12:30 | Lunch                                       | Lunch                                       |
| 12:30 – 2:25  | Gr. 1's                                     | Gr. 1's                                     |

|              | Mon. Sept 14               | Tues. Sept 15              | Wed. Sept 16               | Thurs Sept 17              | Fri. Sept 18               |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8:30 – 12:30 | K Group dismissed at 12:30 | K Group dismissed at 12:30 | K Group dismissed at 12:30 | K Group dismissed at 12:30 | K Group dismissed at 12:30 |
| 12:30 -2:25  | Gr. 1's                    | Gr. 1's                    | Gr. 1's                    | Gr. 1's                    | Gr. 1's                    |

|             | Mon Sept 21   | Tues Sept 2 | Wed. Sept 23 | Thurs Sept 24 | Fri Sept 25 |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 8:30 – 2:25 | Regular Hours |             |              |               |             |