



# YENNADON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents of New Kindergarten Students,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Yennadon Elementary. **We will begin the year with a gradual entry process.** Gradual entry promotes a safe and healthy start to full time attendance and allows children to gradually understand routines, make friends, connect with teachers, and feel comfortable at school. It also provides parents with comfort and reassurance that their child's adjustment needs have been well considered.

Please note that your child will visit different rooms on the first and second days of school. This will give them an opportunity to meet with the different kindergarten teachers, and to work with a variety of classmates from different groups. It also gives the kindergarten team an opportunity to meet the children, to get a sense of their learning styles, and to create balanced classes. **Please refer to your Parent Portal message for your child's group and see the attached calendar for more details.**

**Your child is either in the AM (Morning) or PM (Afternoon) Group.**

At Yennadon Elementary, our West Coast Recess means that we go outside each day rain or shine. Inside days are reserved for more extreme weather conditions. Please ensure that your child is prepared for all types of weather. Also, please note that your child's **school supply fee for Kindergarten is \$50** (payable to your child's teacher or via the Parent Portal).

There is **no school** for new Kindergarten students on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**. You will be contacted regarding a specific scheduled appointment if necessary.

**Wednesday – Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Things your child will need:**

- a backpack, labeled with your child's name on the outside
- one healthy **snack** (peanut/nut/seed free)
- a cloth bag, labeled with your child's name, containing one full change of clothes, including underwear, socks, pants, and a top (to be kept in the backpack for the first week of school)

- inside shoes, labeled with your child's name or initials, Velcro or slip-on runners with non-marking soles
- appropriate outdoor wear for Recess (boots, raincoats, umbrellas, hats)

**Instructions:** **Morning Group attends 8:30 – 11:05am and Afternoon Group attends 11:45am – 2:20pm.** Please meet at the outside Gym doors of the Yennadon Annex at the beginning and at the end of your child's time.

You will know your child's teacher by **Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. **Class lists will be posted in the Annex Gym, where a sign-up sheet for intake meetings will also be available.** Please sign up for your preferred time (on either Monday or Tuesday), otherwise a time will be provided for you. If you know in advance that you need a specific time, please call the school and speak to the vice-principal, Mrs. Walker, and we will try to make suitable arrangements.

**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Intake Meetings** will take place in your child's classroom. It is important that we meet with each child and his/her parent(s). Please be prompt in arriving and leaving for your meeting. You will have a chance at this time to ask any questions and give any additional information to your child's teacher. Please mark these dates/times on your calendar.

**Wednesday – Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Things your child will need:**

- same as above, plus
- one healthy **snack** and one **lunch** (peanut/nut free)

**Instructions:** **All students will attend from 8:30am - 1:00pm.** As part of the gradual entry process, we will be spending time teaching the children lunchtime routines, such as washing hands, sitting while we eat, opening containers, and discussing healthy food choices. The children will have an opportunity to integrate with the rest of the school for lunchtime play. Kindergarten teachers will be working alongside noon hour supervisors to ensure the safety of all children.

**Full Days Begin Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Regular school hours begin this week: 8:30am - 2:20pm.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing soon!

The Kindergarten Teachers

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Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<b>Refer to Parent Portal Message for Group</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			<b>AM – 8:30-11:05</b> <b>PM - 11:45-2:20</b>  Annex Gym  Bring Snack	<b>AM – 8:30-11:05</b> <b>PM - 11:45-2:20</b>  Annex Gym  Bring Snack	<b>AM – 8:30-11:05</b> <b>PM - 11:45-2:20</b>  Room TBA  Bring Snack	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<b>Intake Meetings</b>  Parent and child attend at scheduled time	<b>Intake Meetings</b>  Parent and child attend at scheduled time	<b>Gradual Entry</b> 8:30-1:00  Annex Back Entrance  Bring snack and lunch	<b>Gradual Entry</b> 8:30-1:00  Annex Back Entrance  Bring snack and lunch	<b>Gradual Entry</b> 8:30-1:00  Annex Back Entrance  Bring snack and lunch	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<b>Full Days Begin</b> 8:30-2:20					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Non-instructional Day (no school)		Individual Student Photos			
29	30					

**AM or PM** – Your child attends for one of these time periods Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Gradual Entry** – All Kindergarten students attend 8:30am – 1:00pm Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.

\*Please note: Your child will start each of the first two days of school in the gym of the Yennadon Annex, but will be visiting all four kindergarten classrooms, interacting with each teacher. You will know your child’s teacher by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Class lists will be posted at the back entrance of the Yennadon Annex. You will sign up for an Intake Meeting at that time.