



September 10/11, 2020

Dear Parents of New Kindergarten Students,

Welcome to Kindergarten at Yennadon Elementary. **We will continue 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 refer to your Parent Portal message for your child's teacher and group, as well 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).

### **Monday – Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Things your child will need:**

- a backpack, large enough to easily fit a lunch and books, labeled with your child's name
- 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 your child's teacher's outside door or designated entry/exit door** at the beginning and at the end of your child's time.

**You will know your child's teacher by the end of the day on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Thursday – Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<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 - 1:30pm.** 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 other students for lunchtime play. Kindergarten teachers will be working alongside noon hour supervisors to ensure the safety of all children.

## Full Days Begin Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### No Parking or Drive-Through at the Annex

There are concrete barriers across the parking lot leaving only one handicap parking stall available. The purpose of these barriers is to remind everyone that the **Annex parking lot is closed to parents for parking during morning drop-off and after-school pick-up times.** The barriers also provide a safe area for pedestrians to stand/wait in the morning and after school. In addition, the remaining parking stall is for valid handicap parking only.

In the morning and after school, we ask that you **find parking in the neighbourhood and walk to drop-off/pick-up your child.** Please remember to be mindful of our neighbours when you park your car in the neighbourhood. We sometimes receive calls from people when driveways are partially blocked by parked cars.

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

The Kindergarten Team

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

**AM or PM** – Your child attends for one of these time periods Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Gradual Entry** – All Kindergarten students attend 8:30am – 1:30pm Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>.