



June 2026

Dear Kindergarten Families,

This year school begins for most children on **Tuesday, September 8**. On that day, only grades 1-6 attend half the day. Kindergarten students do not attend.

Wednesday September 9 and Thursday September 10 are Kindergarten family meeting days. You and your child are invited to meet with their teacher privately for about 20 min. It is a time to ask questions, get acquainted, and visit the classroom and outdoor spaces. After this meeting, parents are invited to the library to complete the CHEQ survey.

Please sign up for a meeting time here:
[Kindergarten Family Meeting Sign-Up Sheet](#)

Your child has been placed in a gradual entry group. We invite half the class to attend school on alternate days. This allows the students and teacher to become familiar with a smaller group of children before joining the whole class. Half of the class is invited to attend on **Friday September 11th (GROUP A)**, and the other half of the class will attend **Monday September 15th (GROUP B)**.

Your child has been placed in gradual entry **GROUP B**.

Group A attends September 11,15,17. **Group B** attends September 14,16,18.

All students are welcome to attend on **Monday September 21st**, and every day after.

When your child comes to school, they are **welcome to attend 8:35 – 2:35**. You may like to be available for the first few weeks, or you could have a contact a person who can be available, in case your child becomes overwhelmed or tired. **You are welcome to shorten the day as you wish and pick up your child early if you think that is best.**

It is possible that your child will need more alternate attendance days, and we can accommodate this.

The day will be balanced with active and quiet times, including inside and plenty of outside play. The kindergarten curriculum leaves us lots of time to explore and practice. Children are welcome to attend kindergarten as much as is optimal for everyone. You know your child best, and you decide how long they stay and how often they attend. We encourage only as much attendance as is comfortable for your child.

Students are welcome to ride the school bus. You may call the school district transportation staff at 250 354 4871 to check bus pick up and drop off times in your neighborhood. Once school starts, your child will need:

A **nutritious**, substantial snack and lunch.

A pair of running shoes that can be left at school.

A good-sized backpack to transport papers, library books, and lunch.

A water bottle.

A change of clothes to keep at school.

They should be able to manage these items independently.

A \$45.00 school supply fee is paid to the office (You do not need to purchase school supplies).

This \$45.00 fee can be paid online via our Brent Kennedy school

website: <https://bkes.sd8.bc.ca/pay>

I look forward to meeting with you and your child, and I am looking forward to another exciting year of growth, friendship, and learning.

Sincerely,

Therese Marken – Kindergarten Teacher

Danielle Klassen – Principal