

Windermere Elementary School

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July 4, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Kindergarten at WES! We are looking forward to a fun-filled year. In order to give your child the best possible start to Full Day Kindergarten we will be having a scaffolded transition period from September 3rd to 13th. The purpose of this transition time is for Kindergarten teachers to get to know all of our new students and to ensure your child is comfortable with the classroom setting and the school before we begin full days. As all of our Kindergarten students are new to the school, class lists and grade configurations will not be finalized until after teachers and students have mixed and mingled for a few days in the classroom setting. This will allow teachers to create balanced classes based on number of factors, as we want to ensure that we create the best learning environment for all students.

The first day of school at WES (**Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024**) is from **9:00-10:00am**. We are asking that parents and their child attend our Meet and Greet where children and families are invited to meet together to connect before the start of the school year. This takes place on our school playground and potential teachers will be present. Following this, the gradual schedule looks as follows for the first two weeks. **Your child has been assigned to**

Tuesday, September 3rd: 9:00-10:00am – Meet & Greet on the playground with parents. – **No** bussing available

Wednesday, September 4^h & Thursday, September 5th: 8:28-10:30am – GROUP 1 – bussing available for 8:28am **only**
12:38-2:40pm – GROUP 2 – bussing available for 2:40pm **only**

Friday, September 6th: 8:28-10:30am – GROUP 1 & 2 - all Kindergarten students will attend together – bussing available for 8:28am **only**

Monday, September 9th to Thursday, September 12th: 8:28-10:30am – GROUP 2 – bussing available for 8:28am **only**
12:38-2:40pm – GROUP 1 – bussing available for 2:40pm **only**

Friday, September 13th: 8:28-12:40pm – GROUP 1 & 2 – all Kindergarten students will attend together – bussing available for 8:28am and 12:40pm

Monday, September 16th onward: All Kindergarten students will attend full days and bussing will be available
Mondays-Thursdays 8:28am to 2:40pm and Fridays 8:28am to 12:40pm

Please note: These groups have been formed early so that you have time to make childcare arrangements for the two week staggered entry. The groups will not be changed so that everyone can be prepared.

Please see below for your assigned time to complete the Childhood Experiences Questionnaire with Ms. Gust. This will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.

GROUP 1 – Wednesday, September 4th 10:00am

GROUP 2 – Wednesday, September 4th 2:00pm

We ask if you could please call or email the school after August 19th to confirm your attendance.
(250-342-6640 or nicole.nelson@sd6.bc.ca)

Thank you and we are looking forward to meeting you in September. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Keri Gust, Principal
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