

Welcome to the Kindergarten year at Martin Morigeau Elementary School. This will be an exciting year filled with many new experiences for your child! It is also an important time for parents, and we hope that together we can make this a wonderful year for you and your child.

Kindergarten children in B.C are have fewer instructional hours in a year than other grades. New experiences can be difficult and exhausting for young children, so this alternate schedule provides time to learn new routines, rest and build stamina in the school setting. We understand that this schedule can create some challenges for parents regarding childcare.

During these weeks, you are invited to connect with MMES’s Kindergarten teacher to discuss any concerns or questions you may have. If you feel there is any important information that should be communicated prior to September, then please contact the school. We are here to work with you to provide a successful entry into Kindergarten!

During these first 2 weeks, the teacher will be working to build routines and lessons around social/emotional learning and understandings around being a student at school. Please see the gradual entry schedule attached and plan accordingly for pick up and childcare during this time.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Plan

September 3rd - Warning Bell @ 8:55.

Full days begin September 16th - Warning Bell @ 8:30-3:00 PM M-TH, and

Warning Bell @ 8:30-12:07PM on Friday.

September 4th -13th - Warning Bell @ 8:30 AM each morning.

WEEK 1

Tuesday September 3	Wednesday September 4	Thursday September 5	Friday September 6
9:00-11:00 (send snack)	8:35-10:55 (send snack)	8:35-10:55 (send snack)	8:35-12:07 (send snack)

WEEK 2

Monday September 9	Tuesday September 10	Wednesday September 11	Thursday September 12	Friday September 13
8:35-10:55 (send snack)	8:35-10:55 (send snack)	8:35-10:55 (send snack)	8:35-10:55 (send snack)	8:35-12:07 (send snack)

Important Information:

- Please send your child with “inside shoes” and a washable refillable water bottle on the first day of school. Sturdy running shoes are recommended as they will be used for physical education. All shoes worn at school must be **close-toed** (no flip-flops – sandals).
- Your child will need a recess snack and lunch every school day (once the regular schedule beings). **No lunch required on Fridays – just snack.**
- We encourage “fuel foods” for students during the school day and ask that pop, chips, candy etc. be kept for treats at home.
- Please send food “ready to eat” and with as little waste packaging as possible. Students do NOT have access to microwaves.
- **MMES has a TREE NUT FREE classroom. This year it is the Gr. 2-3 classroom, and the school is a NUT AWARE school, so please pay careful attention to snacks and lunches.**

- *Kindergarten school supplies can be purchased through the school at \$40.00 per student for the year.*
- *If you have any questions, please feel free to phone the school at 250-349-5665.*
- *The office will be open to begin the school year on August 19th, 2024.*

We look forward to seeing you and your child in September for a busy and exciting year of learning!

*Sincerely,
Teresa Vancise,
Principal, Martin Morigeau Elementary School*