



March 9, 2021

Dear Parents:

To aid in planning for the 2021-22 school year, Fox Creek School has begun taking Kindergarten registrations for the next school year. Your child must be 5 years old as of December 31, 2021 to enroll.

Registration forms can be found on the school webpage under “Students and Parents” > “School and Transportation Registration” > “Student Registration Form” or click the link below.

[Fox Creek School Registration Form](#)

Please download and complete the form. **Once the form has been completed, please sign and initial the form where indicated.** The form may be printed, completed and signed manually, or completed and signed digitally in Adobe Reader.

Proof of residency (your physical address) is required for every student who is registered in our school. This might be a utility bill, bank statement, lease agreement, cable bill, etc. which contains your name and your street address or in the case of a rural student, your rural address sign number.

Legal proof of a student’s name and age is required to register for school. Proof of name and age can be provided via a copy of a birth certificate, permanent residency document, Canadian citizenship document or passport.

Submit your child’s registration including: completed signed application, proof of residence and proof of student’s name and age to the school. Scan and email to janice.hailes@ngps.ca, mail or fax your signed application and proof documents to the school or contact the school to make arrangements to drop off your form in person.

A Kindergarten information package is attached, outlining routines, curriculum and answers to common questions.

If you require bus transportation please apply online at ngps.ca, [Busing and Transportation](#).

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A virtual, preliminary Kindergarten registration night will be held for parents on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from 7:00 P.M - 7:30 P.M. Please join us at the following link to get more information and ask questions. You may also make an appointment to come to the school during regular school hours if you prefer.

[Virtual Kindergarten Registration Meeting](#)

Thank-you for taking the time to aid us in moving forward planning for the next school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ronica DeCiccio
Assistant Principal

Ms. d'Entremont
Kindergarten Teacher



Fox Creek School Kindergarten Information



2021 – 2022



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Entering Kindergarten is an exciting time for children. It is a year of opportunities and growth. I believe that parents and teachers should work together to make the transition from home to school as smooth as possible for each child. I am looking forward to teaching your child this upcoming school year.

Learning in Kindergarten

In Kindergarten your child will learn a wide variety of concepts and skills, including numbers, letters, shapes and colours. More importantly, your child will begin to develop the necessary skills to become a lifelong learner.

The curriculum, or *Kindergarten Program Statement*, is developed by Alberta Education in consultation with early childhood educators. It describes what young children need to learn to prepare for entry into Grade 1 and provides a foundation for later grades. Children accomplish these learnings not only in the Kindergarten program, but also in their homes and communities.

Teachers use the curriculum to plan learning activities that meet the Kindergarten children's needs and abilities and to assess their progress. The Kindergarten area is a busy and ever-changing place, with a variety of learning centers.

I believe in a balanced learning environment using both instructional and play-based learning, which will include step-by-step directions to complete a task, as well as daily center time where students can use manipulatives and materials to further their learning. Some activities will include fine motor skills, such as printing, colouring, arts and crafts, along with games. Other activities will include skills like literacy, numeracy, sensory, building, imagination, as well as the use of technology.

In this package you will find some important information. Please retain it for future reference. This information includes; Kindergarten at-a-glance sheet, tentative classroom schedule and a list of what to bring in September.

How Can I Help My Child?

- Talk with your child about their experiences in Kindergarten.
- Encourage your child through at-home activities, such as bedtime reading, listening to music, make decisions by offering choices, practicing fine and gross motor skills such as throwing, catching, balancing, holding a pencil, drawing, cutting, rhyming and doing puzzles.
- Keep in contact with your child's teacher so you are informed about your child's progress and development.
- Be active and involved in your child's Kindergarten experience as much as you can.



Tentative Kindergarten Daily Schedule (Monday – Friday morning program)

****Library & PE still need to be worked into this schedule****

8:40 – 8:50	Students arrive during their scheduled time.
8:50 – 9:00	Students can play before class
9:00 – 9:15	O'Canada Attendance Calendar / weather Movement Break Show and Tell Movement Break
9:15 – 9:45	Literacy/Numeracy Concepts
9:45 – 10:00	Story / Song time
10:00 – 10:05	Get ready for recess
10:05 – 10:20	Outside Recess (supervised on playground)
10:20 – 10:40	Snack Time (inside)
10:40 – 11:00	Theme Units
11:00 – 11:15	Play Based Centers
11:15 – 11:25	End of the day routines (story, agendas, goodbye song, etc.)
11:25 – 11:30	Get ready to go home
11:30 – 11:40	Home Time



Concept Themes for the Year

- Shapes
- Colours
- Numbers (0-10)
- ABC's
- Short Vowels

Unit Themes for the Year

- Fun at School
- Apples
- All About Me
- We Co-operate /Show Respect
- 5 Senses
- Halloween
- Animals
- Christmas
- Winter Fun
- Valentine's
- Bears
- St. Patrick's
- Nursery Rhymes
- Easter
- Spring
- Farm Animals
- My Community

Skills and concepts that can be practiced at home:

- First and Last Name
- Birthdate
- Telephone Number
- Zippers
- Tying Shoes



What to Bring in September (supplies)

- ✓ Inside running shoes (Non-marking)
- ✓ Extra change of clothes (In a bag with the name of your child on it)
- ✓ Lunch kit
- ✓ Backpack
- ✓ Pencil case
- ✓ Supply list is attached at the back of this booklet

Technology & Maintenance

Equitable access to technology for all students supports the cultivation of social responsibility and the development of critical thinking skills through that are relevant, responsive and meaningful. The technology integration fee levied on behalf of NGPS ensures that students have access to devices that can be used both at school and at home; to software that is connected to and complements curriculum; and to process that both reinforce and encourage the demonstration of learner competencies.

In moving forward with the ongoing technology evergreen plan, schools will be collecting a technology and maintenance fee to offset the total annual costs. This fee will be pro-rated for each half time Kindergarten student. The fee amounts for the next school year have not yet been determined.

Consistent with Government legislation, a board shall not charge any fees or costs for textbooks, workbooks or photocopying, printing or paper supplies. NGPS students and families will not pay fees for the any of the above.



General Information

- ❖ **Kindergarten will be half days, Monday to Friday**
- ❖ **Starting Date** – September 1, 2021
- ❖ **Snacks** – You will need to pack 1 snack every day.
 - On some Fridays we will be cooking/baking, but this activity will be communicated well in advance.
- ❖ **Library** – The students will be allowed to take out 1 book each library class, if they bring the one from the week before back. ***(Library date and time to be announced in September)***
- ❖ **Scholastic Book Club** - Approximately once a month your child will bring home a book order form with the return date stamped on it. **This is completely optional**
- ❖ **Show & Tell** – A Show & Tell calendar will be attached to the Kindergarten newsletter each month indicating your child's special day. There will also be a copy of the calendar posted outside of the classroom.

I am looking forward to meeting you and working with your child!

Ms. d'Entremont



FOX CREEK SCHOOL

2021-2022 SUPPLY LIST

KINDERGARTEN

- 20** HB pencils - please do not send pens with your child
- 1** pair of scissors (child safe)
- 1** box of 12 or more wax crayons
- 1** package of 12 or more pencil crayons sharpened please
- 3** erasers – white
- 8** large solid glue stick
- 1** pair of Indoor running shoes – appropriate for gym, white soles (with flat shoe laces or Velcro if your child cannot tie their shoes)
- 1** paint shirt
- 1** backpack and lunch kit
- 1** complete change of clothes in a plastic bag
- 1** bottle of white glue
- 1** box of markers
- 1** Courier bag (15” x 10.2” – available at Dollarama)

PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD’S SUPPLIES AS THERE CAN BE NO SHARING THIS YEAR.

- Please make sure you send the supplies in a plastic bag labelled with your child’s name.
- May need to be replenished during the school year.
- Suggested brands: Crayola, Papermate, Staples and Laurentien due to their better quality and durability.