



Full Day Gradual Entry Schedule

Gradual Entry – all in attendance Full Day by Monday, September 16, 2024

More information will be sent at the of June with which Group your student will be in.

In the last week of August more information will be sent home as to where your student(s) will be lining up and how to sign up for meetings with kindergarten teachers.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Labour Day - No school	3 Kindergarten Students do not attend	4 <u>Group A</u> 9:00-10:00 <u>Group B</u> 11:00-12:00	5 <u>Group A</u> 9:00-10:30 <u>Group B</u> 11:00-12:30	6 <u>Group A</u> 9:00-11:00 (Bring snack) <u>Group B</u> 12:30-2:30 (Bring snack)
9 <u>Group A/B</u> 8:48-10:50 (Bring snack) Afternoon Family Meetings	10 <u>Group A/B</u> 8:48-10:50 (Bring snack) Afternoon- Family Meetings	11 <u>Group A/B</u> 8:48-12:50 (Bring snack and lunch) Afternoon- Family Meetings	12 <u>Group A/B</u> 8:48-12:50 (Bring snack and lunch) Afternoon Family Meetings	13 <u>Group A/B</u> 8:48-1:20 (Bring snack and lunch)
16 Full Day Kindergarten Begins 8:48-2:33	17 8:48-2:33	18 8:48-2:33	19 8:48-2:33	20 8:48-2:33

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Families,

Starting school is an important time of transition for children as they move from the home environment to being part of the school community. We are very excited to have the class of 2036 start their learning journey with us next year! Our team is looking forward to a great year of learning and connection. We also know that as your children's first and best teachers you have already started them on this journey and the school will continue to support and expand this growth as we always have.

Here are some of the things you can do help your child transition to kindergarten:

- Help your child recognize his/her own printed name.
- Handle books together. Teach respect for books and enjoyment of pictures. If your child asks what a word is, tell him or her. When reading, let your finger move from left to right with the printed word.
- Encourage your child to use small scissors, thick crayons, paints, pencils, and chalk to develop fine motor skills.
- Encourage your child to have a good try at buttoning buttons, zippers, and fasteners.
- Practice having your child say clearly when he/she needs to go to the washroom. Practice and teach the importance of washing your hands.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, reassure him/her by talking happily about school and show no anxiety yourself about the new venture.
- Find opportunities in your daily life to draw attention to:
 - Letter names and simple words such as signs, labels on food boxes, etc.
 - Letter sounds at the beginning of words by playing, "I spy" with sounds.
 - Numbers such as counting out cookies, change for the store.
 - Colour names of clothing or crayons and paints when colouring.

We would like to invite you to our Kindergarten Welcome event on May 24, 2024, from 12:30pm-2:00pm. We would love the opportunity to meet your child, engage in some fun activities, and provide you with some wonderful materials and ideas to play with over the coming months.

Towards the end of June, you will also be given a tentative gradual entry schedule. Please know that there may also be a change to this schedule as enrollment and staffing changes.

- School Website <https://richardbulpitt.sd35.bc.ca/>
- [Subscribe to News & Alerts](#) for up-to-date information. Mr. Oliver, our principal, posts a weekly newsletter on the website/Facebook page. ([facebook.com/RichardBulpittSchool](https://www.facebook.com/RichardBulpittSchool)).
- [Subscribing to our online calendars](#) is a great way to stay up-to-date on various devices and in various applications.
- [District Calendars](#)
- [P.A.C – Parent Advisory Committee](#) - The [PAC Website](#) and [PAC Facebook group](#). This is a great resource to keep us all connected and well informed about what is going on in our school and community. The group is secure and private and only those approved can see or access posts.

You are also welcome to participate in any of our Early Years Programs this Spring! Program information can be found here: [Feb 2024 SD35 Early Years Programs.pdf](#)

Please let your child know we are so excited to meet them and welcome your family to the Richard Bulpitt Elementary community!

Warm Regards,

[Mr. Oliver](#)

Principal

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