

May 18, 2017

Dear Kindergarten Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to École Brantford Elementary. Although there are still four months until September, the new school year will be soon upon us. As we anticipate your child's Kindergarten year, we have prepared some information that we feel would be beneficial for you and your child. Once the school year begins, you will be provided with further information on the individual kindergarten classrooms and programs.

#### Gradual Entry Schedule

The start of the school year can be an exciting time, and beginning kindergarten is a big step. To help your child best adjust and have a positive experience, a gradual entry program has been arranged. Attached you will find a schedule that explains the gradual entry process that will occur over the first two weeks of the school year.

On Tuesday, September 5, you are invited to the Kindergarten classroom (English: room 117 & French: room 116) to "check-in" and confirm your "Welcoming Conversation" time and group anytime between 9:00 and 10:00am. This casual meeting is not anticipated to take longer than 5 minutes. You are welcome to bring your child but it is not mandatory.

#### Kindergarten Intake Questionnaire

Attached you will also find a Kindergarten Intake Questionnaire. This questionnaire is designed to provide us with important information about your child. Although there is much more to your child than the questions we can ask on the questionnaire, it will provide us with a beginning to getting to know and understand your child. If you could fill out the questionnaire and return it to your child's Kindergarten intake interview, it would be greatly appreciated, as it may be referred to during the interview. Please fill out the questionnaire as honestly as possible, as this makes the information most meaningful. Also, do not worry if you have difficulty answering any of the questions, as we can assist you with this at the interview.

#### School Supplies

As the kindergarten programs use communal school supplies in the classroom, there is no need for families to purchase individual school supplies for their child. To cover the costs of these classroom supplies, as well as various baking and special art activities throughout the year, we are requesting a kindergarten supply fee of \$40.00. This fee, in the form of cash or cheque can be paid directly to your child's teacher at your child's Kindergarten Welcoming Conversation. You also have the option of paying for this fee through School Cash Online (available through the Brantford school website – [www.brantford.sd41.bc.ca](http://www.brantford.sd41.bc.ca))

#### Student Picture

We invite your child to draw a picture of something they want their teacher to know about them on the attached piece of yellow paper. For example, your child may choose to draw about a summer memory, their family, or something else that is special about them. This provides an opportunity for your child to share and talk to their teacher at the "Welcoming Conversation".

We look forward to starting the Kindergarten year with you and your child. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! We can also answer your questions via email at the following addresses: [Jennifer.Capitanio@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Capitanio@sd41.bc.ca), [Chiara.Mauro@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:Chiara.Mauro@sd41.bc.ca), [Stephanie.Parks@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:Stephanie.Parks@sd41.bc.ca), [Stefanie.Tataren@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:Stefanie.Tataren@sd41.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

The Brantford Kindergarten Team



# École Brantford Elementary

## Kindergarten Gradual Entry 2017



Below you will find the gradual entry schedule for both the English and French classes for 2017. We know how difficult it can be to arrange schedules during the gradual entry process. We are thankful for your understanding and patience as your child adjusts to Kindergarten.

<b>Tuesday Sept. 5</b>			
<u>Welcome: Meet and Greet</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten Classrooms</li> <li>• English: Rm. 117</li> <li>• French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	Drop-in anytime between 9:00 – 10:00 for a casual, short “check-in” with teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet and Greet with Kindergarten teachers</li> <li>• If you do not already have a meeting time and group, you will Sign-up for Group A or B and meeting time (you will only attend one 10-minute meeting on either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday afternoon)</li> </ul>	
<b>Wednesday Sept. 6</b>			
<u>Small group Classroom Visit</u> (1 hour, 10 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English: Rm. 117</li> <li>• French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	<u>Group A:</u> 8:50 – 10:00am <u>Group B:</u> 10:30 – 11:40am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour of classroom &amp; school</li> <li>• Carpet/Story</li> <li>• Welcome song</li> </ul>	**bring backpack (not necessary, but welcome to bring if you want)
<u>Welcoming Conversations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English: Rm. 117</li> <li>• French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	1:00 – 3:00 pm (10 min conversation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign up on Tuesday at Meet &amp; Greet</li> </ul>	**bring Kindergarten Intake Questionnaire & \$40 supply fee
<b>Thursday Sept. 7</b>			
<u>Small Group Classroom Visit</u> (1hour, 20min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English: Rm. 117</li> <li>• French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	<u>Group A:</u> 8:50 – 10:10am <u>Group B:</u> 10:30 – 11:50am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carpet/Story</li> <li>• Welcome song &amp; activity</li> <li>• Introduce snack time</li> </ul>	**bring back pack, <b>snack</b> & water bottle
<u>Welcoming Conversations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English: Rm. 117</li> <li>• French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	1:00 – 3:00 pm (10 min conversation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign up on Tuesday at Meet &amp; Greet</li> </ul>	**bring Kindergarten Intake Questionnaire & \$40 supply fee
<b>Friday Sept. 8</b>			
<u>Small Group Classroom Visit</u> (1 hour, 30 mins.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English: Rm. 117</li> <li>• French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	<u>Group A:</u> 8:50am – 10:20am <u>Group B:</u> 10:30 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carpet/Story</li> <li>• Welcome song &amp; activity</li> <li>• Review snack</li> </ul>	**bring back pack, snack & water bottle
<u>Welcoming Conversations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English: Rm. 117</li> <li>• French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	1:00 – 3:00 pm (10 min conversation)	Sign up on Tuesday at Meet & Greet	**bring Kindergarten Intake Questionnaire & \$40 supply fee

<b>Monday Sept. 11</b>			
<u>Classroom Visit</u> (2 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: Rm. 117</li> <li>French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	<u>Group A &amp; B</u> 8:50am – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carpet/Story</li> <li>Welcome Song</li> <li>Review snack</li> <li>Introduce recess</li> <li>Introduce play centres</li> </ul>	**bring back pack, snack & water bottle (and any other supplies your child's kindergarten teacher has requested)

<b>Tuesday Sept. 12</b>			
<u>Classroom Visit</u> (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: Rm. 117</li> <li>French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	<u>Group A &amp; B</u> 8:50am – 12:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carpet/Story</li> <li>Activity</li> <li>Review snack &amp; recess</li> <li>Review play centres</li> </ul>	**bring back pack, snack & water bottle (and any other supplies your child's kindergarten teacher has requested)

<b>Wednesday Sept. 13</b>			
<u>Classroom Visit</u> (3 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: Rm. 117</li> <li>French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	8:50am – 12:00pm (both groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carpet/Story</li> <li>Activity</li> <li>Review snack &amp; recess</li> <li>Review play centres</li> </ul>	**bring back pack, snack & water bottle (and any other supplies your child's kindergarten teacher has requested)

<b>Thursday Sept. 14</b>			
<u>Classroom Visit</u> (4 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: Rm. 117</li> <li>French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	8:50am – 1:00pm (both groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce lunch</li> </ul>	**bring back pack, snack, water bottle & <b>lunch</b>

<b>Friday Sept. 15</b>			
<u>Classroom Visit</u> (5 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: Rm. 117</li> <li>French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	8:50am – 2:00pm (both groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue with all activities introduced including snack and lunch</li> </ul>	**bring back pack, snack, water bottle & lunch

<b>Monday Sept. 18</b>			
<u>First Full day of School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English: Rm. 117</li> <li>French: Rm. 116</li> </ul>	8:50am – 2:00pm (every Monday dismissal is at 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular Kindergarten day</li> </ul>	**bring back pack, snack, water bottle & lunch

**\*\* Our regular Kindergarten Day begins with first bell at 8:50am and ends at 3:00pm.**

**On Mondays dismissal takes place at 2:00pm\*\***



## Items/Supplies needed for Kindergarten

### École Brantford Elementary 2017-18

#### Items needed by Friday, Sept. 15th:

- \$40 kindergarten supply fee.** Payable by cash, cheque (payable to: École Brantford Elementary), or through School Cash (online through the École Brantford Elementary website – [www.brantford.sd41.bc.ca](http://www.brantford.sd41.bc.ca)) This fee not only covers the basic communal school supplies used by the students during the school year, but will also go towards special art activities and cooking supplies. Please bring this fee to your scheduled Welcoming Conversation.
- Student Verification form, Walking permission, Photo permission** (sent home in the first days of school, together in one package) – please check the info on the student verification form and make any adjustments before returning. Please read and sign the attached permission slips pertaining to walking/photo permission.
- Inside shoes** – runners (Velcro or slip-on preferred) (\*\*to be kept at school – may be sent in during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school)
- Change of Clothes** – 2 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of underwear, a shirt, and a pair of pants. Please send in a large Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. (\*\*to be kept at school – may be sent in during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school)
- Box of Kleenex**

#### Every day Items:

- Full-size back-pack** (labeled with your child's name). This back pack will need to be able to hold their student planner along with their lunch bag.
- Closable water bottle** (labeled with your child's name). A 'sip' top rather than a screw-top bottle is preferred as it prevents classroom spills.
- Children need to wear **clothing appropriate for school play** (arts & crafts, sand play, etc.) **and the weather** (i.e. coats, sweaters, mittens, etc.). On rainy days, a waterproof jacket and boots must be worn. Children will be playing outside in rainy weather and need to be dressed appropriately.
- Home & Back bag/Student planner** (will be coming home shortly)
- Healthy packed lunch and recess snack**
  - o First day for snack: Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> (and every day following)
  - o First day for snack & lunch: Thursday, Sept, 14<sup>th</sup> (and every day following)



# Kindergarten Intake Questionnaire

Child's full name:

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Child's preferred name (likes to be called): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Address:

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Mom's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from

child's): \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from

child's): \_\_\_\_\_

Other family member names (please include sibling's ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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Other people who have permission to pick-up my child from school: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daycare info:

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