

You Have Arrived!



Welcome to Kindergarten at Ellison Elementary

Your Kindergarten Teachers Are So Excited to Meet You!



Mrs. Rupy Aujla

Mrs. Alison Jensen

In kindergarten, I really value the home school relationship and the emotional wellbeing of your child.

For me, the most magical part of teaching kindergarten is watching a child fall in love with learning.

Gradual Entry/Mini Days: September 6-13

Children attend some of the days on a gradual entry schedule, rotating between both teachers. After getting to know all the children, classes will be formed. Parent Teacher conferences will be scheduled once classes are set, to occur during this gradual entry week. Schedules will be sent in the mail towards the end of June.

- Tuesday, September 6: Drop in Open House 9:00 – 10:00
- Wednesday, September 7: Mini Sessions (AM or PM)
- Thursday, September 8: Mini Session (AM or PM)
- Friday, September 9: Mini Session (AM or PM)
- Monday, September 12: Mini Session (AM or PM)
- Tuesday, September 13: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, September 14: Full-Day Attendance



Parents and caregivers are the first teachers of their children. We welcome your valuable knowledge and would love to learn about your child's unique gifts, interests, and ways that we might help to wrap around them holistically.

Kindergarten is a bridge between home and school where the foundation is built for future learning. A smooth transition "can increase the likelihood of children's positive social, emotional, and academic outcomes in years to come" (Harvard Family Research Project, 2015, p. 2).

Ways of wrapping around your child:

- Going on picnics as an invitation to gain confidence by washing their hands, opening their food, and packing it away after. Picnics can even take place on the floor at home!
- Singing songs, sharing rhymes, reading stories and making connections.
- Encouraging your sweet one to feel independent by practicing putting on, taking off, and hanging up jackets, backpacks, and shoes. It will help to bring even more joy when transitioning to recess and outdoor learning!
- Exploring what their name looks like to help them find their cubby and feel connected in our community's space.
- Engage in joyful play alongside your child.



At Ellison, we are a team that will wrap around your child to feel cared for and supported. We are here for you and your family during this new journey.



**Mr. Brad
Kuhn**
Principal



**Mrs. Tracy
Csuka**
Administrative
Assistant



**Mrs. Lisa
Kurio**
Librarian
and ELL



**Mrs. Janet
Brucker**
Music
Teacher

Throughout your child's kindergarten journey, there are many staff members here to support them:

- Indigenous Advocate- Ms. Barb Haldane
- Learning Assistance Teacher- Mrs. Meghan Neufeld
- School Counsellor - Mrs. Taunya Shaw
- Speech Language Pathologist- Ms. Candice Boden
- Resource Teacher - TBD

The BC Ministry of Education's Early Learning Framework Principles

- Children are strong, capable in their uniqueness, and full of potential.
- Families have the most important role in contributing to children's well-being and learning.
- Educators are researchers and collaborators.
- Early years spaces are inclusive.
- People build connection and reconnection to land, culture, community and place.
- Environments are integral to well-being and learning.
- Play is integral to well-being and learning.
- Relationships are the context for well-being and learning.
- Learning is holistic.

The BC ELF Guide for Families is in your child's grab bag.

Arrival and Dismissal

Between 8:10am-8:25am there is supervision on the playground. When the bell goes, your child will line up outside their classroom door. When school is over at 2:30pm, the teacher will dismiss each child after making eye-contact with their parent/caregiver outside of their classroom door.



Please help us keep students with allergies safe by not bringing nut products to school.



For information on School Bus Routes and to apply, fill out the application [here](#) by May 31st



You're Invited to Our Kindergarten Playground Playdate

Friday, August 26th from 10:30-11:30am.
Juice and a snack will be provided.

A Message of Hope and Belonging

"As a parent, I think I was feeling more nervous and anxious than my child! It is such a pivotal moment in our lives to let go of our hearts that live outside of our bodies. Kindergarten teachers know early childhood development and how to nurture the spirits of our children in such a beautiful and meaningful way. It has been a gift to watch my daughter thrive and grow under the care and gentle guidance of the incredible educators at her school who care deeply about this important work. If I had one piece of advice, it would be to know that you belong as a part of the school community and your child and family's overall wellbeing, and funds of knowledge are vital to the success of any kindergarten program."

- Parent of a kindergartener