



McCLOSKEY Elementary School

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Hello Kindergarten Families,

Thank-you to those families who came to our "Welcome to Kindergarten" events. It was great to meet you and get to know your child!

McCloskey is a special place where we strive to connect with parents/guardians and provide a safe, caring environment for your children. Mrs. Hearn and Ms. Carr are looking forward to meeting you all, and seeing the smiles on our new and upcoming Kindergarteners' faces!

School begins on September 6th. Kindergarten students meet in the Gym at 10:00am. They have Kindergarten Expo activities that will run to 11:00am. Parents must stay with their child.

September 7th students will meet in the gym at 9:15 and be called into their assigned classes. They will stay until 10:15am. Parent do not stay with their child once they leave the Gym.

For the rest of the week they will be divided into Group A and Group B and continue gradual entry until their first full day on September 19th (see attached schedule).

There will be a new Administrative team at McCloskey next year. Mr. Niels Nielson will be the Principal and Mr. John Mann will be the Vice-Principal. You will meet them in September.

Yours truly,

Mrs. B. Nelmes
Principal

On behalf of our Kindergarten Teaching Team.

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

Your child _____ is in group _____.

Tuesday September 6 th	Kindergarten Expo in the Gym 10:00 – 11:00 There will be stations set up in the gym for children to complete with their parent/guardian!
Wednesday September 7 th	9:15 – 10:15 All students meet in the gym at 9:15. They will be told who their teacher is and then walk back to their class. Parents can pick their child up outside their classroom door at 10:15. Please sign up for a meeting time with your child's teacher outside their classroom door.
Thursday September 8 th	Group A 8:55 – 9:45 Group B 10:15 – 11:00 <i>no snacks or lunch needed</i>
Friday September 9 th	Group A 8:55 – 9:45 Group B 10:15 – 11:00 <i>no snacks or lunch needed</i>
Monday September 12 th	<i>All students will now attend together.</i> 8:55 – 10:30 <i>no snacks or lunch needed</i>
Tuesday September 13 th	8:55 – 11:30 Students need to bring a healthy snack (something that is quick and easy for them to eat) and a water bottle.
Wednesday September 14 th	8:55 – 11:30 Students need to bring a healthy snack and a water bottle.
Thursday September 15 th	8:55 – 12:30 Students need to bring a healthy snack AND a lunch today and every day from now on. Please make sure their food is easy for them to open and ready to eat. Only water bottles are allowed. Please label all containers.
Friday September 16 th	8:55 – 1:30 <i>Don't forget your child's snack, lunch and water bottle!</i>
Monday September 19 th	8:55 – 3:00 Students begin coming for full days starting today!



♥ KINDERGARTEN ♥

We are looking forward to a wonderful, exciting and enriching year of learning with your child!

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Please note that information in this booklet may change due to government Covid regulations

Welcome to kindergarten!

We are excited to have you join our McCloskey family! Here is some general information that will help you get ready for September.

For Kindergarten, your child will need:

- Regular sized backpack (not mini)
 - Lunch kit
 - Water bottle
 - Indoor velcro shoes
- Extra set of clothes to keep at school
(shirt, pants, underwear, socks)

*****Please label all your child's items and containers*****

School Supplies

Kindergarten students do not need to buy supplies over the summer. In the beginning of September, parents will be asked for a \$50 supply fee that will cover the costs of supplies bought by the teacher. If there are any leftover funds, it will go towards special activities in the classroom.

General School Information

The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 6th. Please refer to the gradual entry schedule that you received for the altered start and finish times for

Kindergarten. The first regular day of classes for Kindergarten children is Monday, September 19th when the students attend from 9:00 to 3:00.

Kindergarten is a full day program. It is important that your child is on time in the mornings so they can start their day with the rest of the class. Please be aware that the first bell rings at 8:55 and doors will close at 9:00. Those who are late must check in with the office before coming to class. The Kindergarten classroom doors cannot be opened between 9:00 and 3:00 during the day so do not knock on the door, instead go to the office if you are late or picking up your child early.

Please try to pick up your child promptly at 3:00 as children typically become upset when they don't see their pick-up person there when they are dismissed. On the rare occasion that you are unavoidably detained, please contact the school at (604) 596-9554 so that we can inform and reassure your child that you are on your way.

School Bell Schedule



8:55 The first bell rings to start the day. Children are to line up outside their classroom door and will enter when the door is opened.

9:00 A second bell rings, doors close and attendance is taken.

12:10 -1:00 Lunch

3:00 Dismissal - The children will be dismissed through the same door that they entered at 9:00. There is no bell at this time.

DO NOT drive or park in the staff parking lot, school driveway or roundabout when you pick up or drop off your child. This area needs to be clear for staff, buses and emergency vehicles. There is a vehicle drop off area on 116th St or you can park on 80th Ave and walk up to the school. Thank you for respecting our rules!

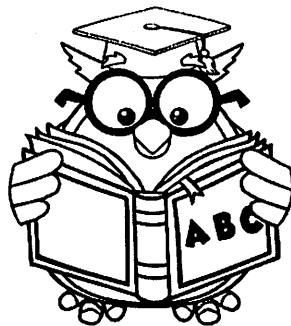
Home/School Communication

We feel that communication between home and school is an essential part of school success. Please feel free to meet with us at any time regarding your child's progress. Also, in order to keep you informed about how your child is doing at school, there will be three written reports sent home (December, March and June) as well as a student-led conference in second term and parent-teacher conferences by request.

Every month a school newsletter will be posted on our school's website or emailed to you, giving you information about upcoming events and school activities. Please make a point of checking the website regularly for important information. As well, your child's teacher will keep you informed of what is going on in the classroom by sending home a "Peek at the Week" every Friday.

Attendance

All children are expected to attend school every day. If your child is ill and cannot attend, please phone the school at 604-596-9554 before classes begin to report your child's absence. This is for your child's safety. Your call also prevents the office staff from having to phone your home or work place to locate your child. Out of consideration for your child, other students and staff, please do not send your child to school if they are ill. If your child arrives late to school (after the 9:00 bell) please take him/her to the office to obtain a late slip.



PLEASE KEEP THE OFFICE UPDATED OF ANY CHANGES YOUR PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL OR ADDRESS. IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION, YOU MAY MISS IMPORTANT NOTICES REGARDING YOUR CHILD.

Clothing

Kindergarten children will require a pair of indoor shoes to keep at school. Ideally these would be velcro runners that are easy to put on. Please dress your child in comfortable clothes that are okay to get dirty as we will be spending a lot of time outside, rain or shine. You will be receiving a gym schedule so that you can dress your child appropriately on those days. Kindergarten children do not need gym strip for our gym days. We will be using the outside playground on a regular basis so please keep this in mind when dressing your child. Make sure they are wearing proper rainboots and jackets for the wet weather we often have! Bring an extra set of labeled clothes (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) to be left at school in your child's cubby in case they are needed.

Snacks and Lunch



Please make sure that:

- Your child is able to open their lunch containers on their own
- The snack is small enough to be eaten in approximately 10 minutes.
- The snack is nutritious (fruit, vegetables, cheese, crackers, muffins, etc.)
- Fruit and vegetables are peeled and sliced and ready to eat.
- Please note that only healthy snacks and water will be allowed during recess, so make sure there is a healthy snack available. Treats can be eaten at lunch.
- Every child must have a water bottle to drink from daily
- Food can be sent in a lunch kit and will be kept in your child's backpack until snack and lunchtime.
- Candy or pop is not allowed at school.
- Please do not bring food with peanuts or other nuts in it

Parent Involvement

We really encourage parents to get involved in the PAC - Parents Advisory Committee! This is a great way to meet other parents and support the school!