



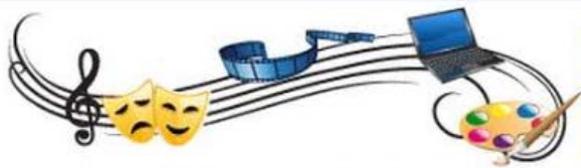
**École Brentwood
Elementary School**

♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten



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Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to École Brentwood Elementary School. Thank you for registering your child in our Kindergarten Program. We are proud to offer programming in both French and English. At Brentwood, we offer a full day program that runs Monday through Friday. This option mirrors our Grade 1 – 6 schedule. We also provide the option to attend part-time in the English stream. These students attend school Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and are integrated into the full time program. Our goal is to provide programming that fits the diverse needs of families. The choice is yours!

Our kindergarten programs provide the following:

- Instruction from highly experienced and trained teachers
- Experienced and caring support staff
- A quality child-centered education in a safe and caring environment
- Strong emphasis on readiness skills for literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy (math)
- Recognition and attention to individual academic, social, emotional and creative needs
- Character development, environmental awareness and social responsibility
- Well-equipped classrooms
- Access to technology
- Opportunities for parent and community involvement
- Support for students with special needs
- Access to the division's educational consultants, psychologists and specialized programs
- Partnerships with the Regional Health Authority

The information included in this package is intended to help you make your child's transition to school a positive experience. The relationship between school and home is very important. We encourage you to become an active participant in your child's education. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the school.

Yours in Education,

Cori Hampson - Principal



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2018 – 19 Kindergarten Orientation

(Please save this information.)

Kindergarten students will attend an orientation in the first week of September. Kindergarten will end a few days earlier at the end of June than the grade 1-6 students to allow for transition meetings to occur. Students in our part time programs will be integrated into the full day programs in a manner that accommodates parents and best provides for the needs of students.



Our Kindergarten teachers share a passion for teaching our youngest students and welcome parent involvement in their classrooms. There will be many opportunities for volunteering. In order to volunteer, you must have police and family services record checks. Forms are available at the school office.

When your child starts kindergarten in September, you will be given a newsletter that will provide you with information about our school. This will be an important newsletter to read and save. You will receive regular information updates through the kindergarten and school newsletters, our website, Facebook and Instagram.

Busing is optional and there is no cost to parents. Busing can be arranged by visiting the Golden Hills School Division website.

ORIENTATION: Students will come on one of two orientation days. This introduces your child to kindergarten as part of a small group that allows for more individual teacher time for students. We want your child's first experience to be amazing!

Parents are welcome to bring their children into the classroom on orientation day but it is recommended that you not stay. Please use the front kindergarten door (middle door on the north side of the school) for orientation. Students will use their regular playground entrance doors to enter the school with all the other students when they start school after the half-day orientation day. These doors will be determined in August.

**Your child will attend Orientation on ONE of the following days:
Sept. 4 or Sept. 5**

** Parents will be notified about which class their child will be in and which day their child will attend orientation.

After Orientation, the first regular day of Kindergarten for all students is September 6, 2018.

Everything you need to know about kindergarten...

The following important information will help ensure your child's transition to Kindergarten goes smoothly.



1. **FOOTWEAR:** Please purchase a pair of **non-marking** running shoes. These shoes will remain at school to be worn indoors and in the gym. Please be sure the shoes you choose for your child do not require help to be put on, done up, undone or taken off. This includes outdoor shoes or boots. Please do not purchase shoes or boots that require tying up.
2. **CLOTHING:** We encourage students to dress themselves. As with the shoes, we expect your child to put on, do up, and undo their own outdoor clothing with minimal assistance. Of course, instruction and help will be given when needed but independence will be encouraged from the start. It may be beneficial to encourage your child to start practicing on their own to do up buttons, zipper, snaps, etc. Please ensure that all footwear and clothing items are clearly labeled.
3. **LUNCH/SNACKS:** Healthy living is a large part of the health and physical education curriculum. During snack time, we encourage children to choose something healthy to eat such as yogurt, cheese strings, fruit, vegetables, half of their sandwich, cheese and crackers, etc. A juice box (preferably without added sugar), container of milk or water will also be allowed at snack and lunch time. We would like each child to have a water bottle at school. During lunch each child will be encouraged to eat their sandwich, bun or thermos contents (or whatever healthy option has been packed for them to eat at lunch time) before choosing other items in their lunch. We do not have microwaves in our kindergarten classrooms. If you would like your child to have a warm lunch, please heat it at home and send it in a thermos.
4. **HOT LUNCH and MILK PROGRAM:** Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to order hot lunch and milk.
5. **LABEL ALL ITEMS:** Please print your child's name in all clothing, shoes, lunch containers, water bottles, etc. with a permanent felt pen.
6. **SUPPLIES:** You will be given a list when your child has been assigned to a class. A large backpack is also recommended.

** Our students will print their own name on their work at school. We teach them to print the first letter of their name as a capital and the rest in lowercase letters. It is helpful for them to practice this way at home, as well.

BUS STUDENTS: Initially, staff will be on hand to ensure students go on the correct bus at the end of the day.

21st CENTURY LEARNING SKILLS

Our students are 21st century learners and as a school we are focused on helping them develop the skills and attitudes they will need to be successful global citizens. An excellent tool to accomplish this is educational technology. You can help your child develop many valuable readiness skills through the use of computers and the Internet. We are often asked by parents for suggestions on where to look for good resources. Here are a few great educational websites:

www.starfall.com

www.abcya.com

www.onlinemathlearning.com

Many YouTube videos are also excellent to ways to promote learning in young children.

As a start, you may want to look for:

- Super Simple Songs
- Jean Feldman Songs
- Jack Hartmann Songs



You may also want to search YouTube for famous author's books such as Eric Carle, Ezra Jack Keats, Jan Brett, Pat Hutchins, Lois Elhert, etc.

Your child's registration information will be used for Alberta Education records and any emergency situation. **It is important to contact the school (403-934-5013) whenever there are changes to the registration information.**

Please save this information. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the office at 403-934-5013 or brentwood@ghsd75.ca.

