



WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL

Buckingham Elementary School 2021-2022



DEAR FAMILIES;

A warm welcome to all Kindergarteners! We are so excited that you will be joining the Buckingham learning community in September. Entering Kindergarten is the important first step in a child's educational journey. It's a time for students to expand their love of learning, their general knowledge, and their ability to get along with others. Our full day Kindergarten program offers young children meaningful learning opportunities in a play-based environment. For many children, Kindergarten is the first step in transitioning from preschools, daycare settings, or home environments to a formal school setting where there is one adult with up to 20 children.

Typically, this time of year we would be welcoming families to the school for a 'meet and greet' and tour, but unfortunately that can't happen in the same way this year. In lieu of our in-person greeting, we are sending three Welcome to Our School videos, linked below. The videos introduce Kindergarten at Buckingham and our school staff. Please share these videos with your child so that they are familiar with the school and staff that will supporting them at Buckingham.



Please watch with your child...

[All Are Welcome Video](#)

[Meet the Buckingham Staff Video](#)

[Kindergarten at Buckingham Video](#)

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE



We are anticipating that we will be in Stage 1 of the BC Ministry Education Restart Plan, should we be operating under a stage other than Stage 1, the plans outlined below may change. We will contact Kindergarten families in late August to confirm the schedule and provide additional information.

September 7th and 8th: *Welcoming Conversations*

Students will attend a scheduled meeting with their parent(s)/guardian(s) and our kindergarten teachers. Please contact Mrs. Anania, our administrative secretary, at (604) 296-9004 to schedule a meeting time.

September 10th (morning): *Welcome to Our School Orientation*

Our Kindergarten Orientation will take place in small groups in our outdoor undercover area. More information to follow in late August.

September 13th to 20th: *Gradual Entry*

During this week, the children attend school in smaller groups with an increasingly longer day. Gradual Entry allows children to connect with their teacher, feel comfortable at school, make friends, and understand routines. If you believe your child requires a longer period to transition to a full day Kindergarten program, please discuss this with your child's teacher so that school staff can collaboratively plan with you to ensure your child is successful. Specific gradual entry schedules will follow in late August.

September 20th onward: *Kindergarten students- full days*

Starting September 20th, gradual entry for most Kindergarten students is finished and they will attend Buckingham for full days for the rest of the school year.

We look forward to meeting you all in September.

