



Sandy Hill Elementary

Kindergarten Start-up Schedule

September 7 - September 22

July 2021

Welcome to Kindergarten at Sandy Hill Elementary! We are looking forward to the coming year and have been busy making plans and getting materials ready for an exciting year of Kindergarten learning. We have planned for a gradual entry, but plans may change depending upon circumstances pertaining to the pandemic. We can't wait to meet you in September and start a new school year... We hope that you are excited too!

Class placements will be determined in September following gradual entry and is based on professional criteria including a balance of gender, age, and social / emotional needs. Please see the principal if you have questions regarding placement.

The first few days of Kindergarten are very special ones for students, teachers and parents. During these days we will have a chance to meet and get to know each other. The BC Ministry of Education provides this gradual entry schedule for all kindergarten students to begin the transition to public school. It is also a great time to begin to learn about the new routines and to make friends. Here is the tentative schedule:

Tuesday, September 7th thru Friday September 10th, each child will come with their parent(s) for a **personal visit** in the classroom. During this time, your child will be able to have a closer look at the classroom and our school.

You would have signed up in June. An email with a link to view the schedule will be provided in August if you do not remember when your session is.

From **Monday September 13th to Thursday, September 16th**, we will have our gradual entry mini sessions. Be sure to include a water bottle for your child - **no juice boxes in Kindergarten please**. Please be sure that your child has a good snack/lunch at home.

Group	Monday September 13 th	Tuesday September 14 th	Wednesday September 15 th	Thursday September 16 th
A	9:00am – 10:00am	1:15pm – 2:15pm	9:00am – 11:00am	12:00pm – 2:00pm
B	10:15am – 11:15am	12:00pm – 1:00pm		
C	12:00pm – 1:00pm	10:15am – 11:15am	12:00pm – 2:00pm	9:00am – 11:00am
D	1:15pm – 2:15pm	9:00am – 10:00am		

A copy of the group times is also posted on our school website sandyhill.abbysschools.ca

Friday, September 17th **ALL** kindergarten students will attend from 9:00am – 11:20am.

Monday, September 20th **ALL** kindergarten students will attend from 9:00am – 12:20pm.

- Please pack a peanut free snack

A small nutritious snack for your child could include fruit, vegetables and dip, sandwich, muffin, etc. in reusable containers. Practice opening and closing containers with your child. Do not send any foods that contain peanut or peanut products due to severe allergies in the classroom/

Tuesday, September 21st ALL kindergarten students will attend from 9:00am – 1:20pm.

- Please pack a peanut free snack and lunch.

Wednesday, September 22nd will begin regular hours of instruction. Please note that there are separate bell times for French and English and that the bell times may change by a couple of minutes in September. Finalized class lists will be posted Wednesday morning before the start of school.

- **Please note that this is also our school's class and individual photo day. Please do not send your child in green or white clothing.**

SCHOOL HOURS

Schedule A (French)

8:30 classes in session
10:20 recess
10:35 classes in session
11:45 lunch recess
12:15 eating time
12:30 classes in session
2:26 dismissal

Schedule B (English)

8:45 classes in session
10:35 recess
10:50 classes in session
12:15 eating time
12:30 lunch recess
1:00 classes in session
2:41 dismissal

Before school begins, you will need to get one zipper style backpack large enough to hold library books, duotangs, a binder, a sweater, snacks, and a lunch. No wheeled backpacks please. You will also need a pair of velcro or slip-on shoes to keep at school as "inside/gym" shoes. Please no laces, even if your child can tie, our transitions need to be fast and laces take more time.

School supply lists are posted on our website at: <http://sandyhill.abbyschools.ca/> under the **Parents and Students** tab. Please label all items as requested on the supply lists with your child's name.

Also, please take a moment to discuss the upcoming school year. Talk to your child about coming to school and the changes it will make in his or her life. Try to accentuate the positive (new friends, new things to do and learn, using the gym, etc...). It is also wise to discuss any fears he or she may have about leaving you and facing a new situation. Please reinforce your confidence in their ability to use their strategies to be successful in new situations as they have done in the past. Should your child shed a few tears when it's time to leave, please do not despair. A little separation anxiety in a new situation is not unusual. Please give your child a quick hug and reassure him / her you'll return soon and **quickly leave**. Please do not hover around the doors or windows as that can convey anxiety on your part to the students. If your child is unable to settle, we will call you. We look forward to having your child attend École Sandy Hill Elementary. Please mark all these important dates on your calendar and record any questions that you might have to ask when we meet in September. Please bookmark and check the school website **sandyhill.abbyschools.ca** throughout the year for updated information. Enjoy the rest of your summer knowing that school will soon be underway!

Take care and see you soon.

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