

July 7, 2023



Dear Parents/ Guardians:

We are writing to welcome you to Deep Cove School and let you know about our gradual entry process for kindergarten. We are also including some important information about the start of the school year. All kindergarten students will be attending in small groups for the first week to help them adjust to their start in school. These small groups are organized by the letters “A”, “B” and “C”, not teachers. **Your child has been placed in group ___**. Final class placements will be communicated to families at end-of-day, Friday Sept. 7. **Below is a timeline for your child’s September kindergarten gradual entry:**

August 28 - Sept. 1: School office is open from 9am-3pm. Phone and email will be monitored.	
DAY	TIME
Tuesday, Sept. 5	no school for kindergarten students
Wednesday, Sept. 6 (meet in outside covered area between office and gym)	Small groups begin. Kindergarten students attend in small groups for 90 minutes. Group A: 9:00 am - 10:30 am Group B: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Group C: 1:10 pm - 2:40 pm Bring: snack, water, inside shoes Bring: lunch, water, inside shoes Bring: snack, water, inside shoes
Thursday Sept. 7 (meet in covered area)	Small groups continue: Group C: 9:00 am - 10:30 am Group A: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Group B: 1:10 pm - 2:40 pm Bring: snack, water, inside shoes Bring: lunch, water, inside shoes Bring: snack, water, inside shoes
Friday Sept. 8 (covered area)	Small groups continue: Group B: 9:00 am - 10:30 am Group C: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Group A: 1:10 pm - 2:40 pm Bring: snack, water, inside shoes Bring: lunch, water, inside shoes Bring: snack, water, inside shoes
Monday, Sept. 11 (classroom door)	1/2 class, 1/2 day: Your time will be emailed to you end-of-day, Friday Sept. 8. 8:40-11:14 - one half of the class attends. OR 12:14-2:48 - the other half attends.
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Full class, shortened day: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm for all kindergarten students
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Full days begin. School starts at 8:40 am and ends at 2:48 pm. Buses are now available for drop off and pick up. Please register for this service on the district website. Bring: snack, water and lunch each school day.

Although not a full day of school, these beginning days are a very important time for students to learn the routines and expectations of our school, meet the teachers and make social connections with new friends. Teachers have time to really get to know your child before full days and full classes start. Thank you in advance for adjusting your schedule in support of your child's kindergarten start at Deep Cove.

School Supply Information: 2023-2024 School Year: Deep Cove will continue to offer the opportunity for parents to leave the school supply shopping to classroom teachers. This option is more environmentally friendly, saves families time and money, and allows for supply additions throughout the year if your child runs out. The price remains the same as last year: \$45.00. You will receive an email in August, at which time you will be able to choose the School Supply Purchase Option for the 2023-24 School Year and pay online. Another option will be to send a cheque to your child's teacher in September, with your child's full name on the memo line.

Additional information: While teachers will have more information in September, here are general guidelines:

Snacks/Lunches: Snacks should include healthy choices that can be unpacked and eaten independently (i.e. raw veggies, pieces of fruit, crackers, cheese, raisins, small muffin, etc.). Consider pre-peeling fruit, or making a cut in wrappers (eg. granola bars). Lunches should follow similar guidelines, please. Note: we are not able to heat lunches for children. We encourage children to drink water throughout the school day. We have several water fountains. Please send an "anti-spill" water bottle/sippy cup in their lunch. Please use re-usable food containers as much as possible, as we try to limit the amount of plastic wrap, packaging, etc. that is sent to the landfill. Practise having your child open and close these containers on their own. **Required materials**, beyond school supplies listed above:

- 1) Inside shoes:** one pair of clean Velcro or slip-on shoes that can remain at school for indoor use and in the gym. No laces, please. Students will be changing their shoes on their own, several times every day.
- 2) Raingear:** Children should have rain pants and rubber boots for wet days as we go outside almost every day. These may be left at school.
- 3) Backpack:** Please ensure that it is large enough to carry a lunch kit, water bottle, library book, notices, extra clothing, etc. to and from school, as this will really help your child to keep their belongings organized. Help your child practice packing it, using the zippers and taking it on and off themselves. Please check it frequently so it does not become too heavy.
- 4) Extra clothes:** Because accidents happen, please send a spare pair of underwear, pants, socks and a shirt to be left at school. *Please put your child's name on every article of clothing as well as the bag they are packed in.

We look forward to a wonderful school year!

Respectfully,

Philip Jungen

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