



BLACKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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Kindergarten Start-Up for September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Blackburn! We are looking forward to working with you and your child this school year.

In our school district, we do gradual entry where small groups of students come for short amounts of time each day for two weeks. This year at Blackburn, we will be having a straight Kindergarten class and a Kindergarten/Grade 1 class. Part of the reason for gradual entry is to allow all staff to have time to work with your child and recommend an appropriate placement. The schedule allows teachers a chance to meet with each student.

Parents will need to drive and pick up their child during gradual entry. Regular bussing will begin on Tuesday, September 20th when gradual entry is finished and the regular Kindergarten schedule begins.

We will be holding a kindergarten information session **in Room 132**. Please line up outside the blue primary doors that are facing the field. Children are expected to sit quietly colouring for this session. This session will be held on:

Date:	Session:	Time:
Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022	Session 1: Information Session	8:30 – 9:30am

- Kindergarten children and parent/guardian will attend for **60 minutes**.
- Please ensure only one parent/guardian attends with their child for the session. Please **do not bring younger siblings** for this event as we have limited space to allow for social distancing.

Wednesday, Sept. 7 to Friday, Sept. 9 – One Hour Group Sessions

- These one hour sessions are designed to allow teachers to observe children and place children appropriately in the K or K/1 classroom. These are important sessions to attend.
- Your child will be assigned to a temporary group placement (A,B or C). Please see the end of this letter for your child's assigned group. Please bring your child only during the time specified for his/her group.
- Parents will not be permitted to stay in the classroom on gradual entry days.
- Starting on **Monday, Sept. 12**, students will begin gradual entry in their permanent classes.

Date:	Grouping:	Time:
Wednesday Sept. 7, 2022	Group A	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
	Group B	10:30 p.m. – 11:30 a.m.
	Group C	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Thursday Sept. 8, 2022	Group A	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
	Group B	10:30 p.m. – 11:30 a.m.
	Group C	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Friday Sept. 9, 2022	Group A	8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
	Group B	10:30 p.m. – 11:30 a.m.
	Group C	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Students will be assigned to a specific class starting Monday September 12th, 2022. Class lists will be posted for parents.

Monday Sept. 12 and Tuesday Sept. 13

Date:	Grouping:	Time:
Monday Sept. 12, 2022	All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom.	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Sept. 13, 2022	All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom.	8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

- We will begin to practice the recess routine on Monday, Sept. 12. On this day and for the rest of gradual entry your child is to bring a small healthy snack (no drink).

Wednesday Sept. 14, to Friday Sept. 16

All students will attend from 8:30 – 12:30

Date:	Grouping:	Time:
Wednesday Sept. 14, 2022	All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom.	8:30 – 12:30 p.m.
Thursday Sept 15, 2022	All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom.	8:30 – 12:30 p.m.
Friday Sept 16, 2022	All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom.	8:30 – 12:30 p.m.

- Please have bussing information, to go HOME, ready to give to teachers before full time Kindergarten begins on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, 2022. Pin bussing information to go HOME on your child's backpack.
- We will begin to practice the lunch routine starting on Wednesday, Sept. 14th.
- Your child will need to bring a healthy lunch and drink.
- Please send school supplies on one of these days.
- It is very important to keep snacks for recess separate from lunch items. We suggest you put recess snack in a different part of your child's pack. Please show your child where recess and lunch items are in his/her pack.

Tuesday, Sept. 20st Full Day Kindergarten Begins

Regular Kindergarten times (8:15am to 2:10pm) and bussing begins.

Please call us at the school (250-963-7060) if you have any questions.

Tracy Bourque
Kindergarten Teacher

Karrie Kugler
K/1 Teacher

Kristy Greenfield
Principal