



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

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## Kindergarten Start-Up for September 2021

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 Monday, September 20, 2021 when gradual entry is finished and the regular Kindergarten schedule begins.

| Date:                         | Session:  | Time:                 |
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| <b>Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021</b> | <b>Parent Information Session</b><br>All Kindergarten Parents attend with their Kindergarten child/children | <b>9:00 - 9:45 am</b> |

- Kindergarten children and parent/guardian will attend for **45 minutes**.
- Please ensure only one parent/guardian attends with their child for the session. Please **do not bring younger siblings** for this event.
- Please come in the blue doors by Mrs. Bourque's door just prior to the session. Her room is facing the front primary playground. The first double blue doors on the way to the office. Mrs. Bourque will be there to greet you.

### **Wednesday, Sept. 8 to Friday, Sept. 10 – 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. Currently, we have projected enrollment of 24 Kindergarten students. Based on current enrollment, 20 will be assigned to Mrs. Bourque's K class and 4 will be assigned to Mrs. Kugler's K/1 split. Please note: These numbers are very tentative and could change significantly over the summer.
- Your child will be assigned to a temporary group placement this summer (A,B or C). You will receive an email with this information in August. 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. 13**, students will begin gradual entry in their permanent classes.

| Date:                          | Grouping: | Time:                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday Sept. 8, 2021</b> | 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.  |
| <b>Thursday Sept. 9, 2021</b>  | 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.  |

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| <b>Friday Sept. 10, 2021</b> | 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Class lists will be posted for parents.***

***\*\*\* Please send school supplies on Monday Sept. 13, 2021***

### **Monday Sept 13 and Tuesday Sept 14, 2021**

| <b>Date:</b>                  | <b>Grouping:</b>   | <b>Time:</b>      |
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| <b>Monday Sept. 13, 2021</b>  | All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom. | 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. |
| <b>Tuesday Sept. 14, 2021</b> | All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom. | 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. |

- We will begin to practice the recess routine on Monday. Sept. 13, 2021. On this day and for the rest of gradual entry your child is to bring a small healthy snack (no drink).

### **Wednesday Sept. 15, and Thursday Sept. 16, 2021**

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

| <b>Date:</b>                    | <b>Grouping:</b>   | <b>Time:</b>      |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| <b>Wednesday Sept. 15, 2021</b> | All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom. | 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. |
| <b>Thursday Sept 16, 2021</b>   | All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom. | 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. |
| <b>Friday Sept 17, 2021</b>     | All Kindergarten students attend their assigned classroom. | 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. |

- We will begin to practice the lunch routine starting on Wednesday, Sept. 15.
- Your child will need to bring a healthy lunch and drink.
- 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.

### **Monday, Sept. 20, 2021**

Regular Kindergarten times (8:15 a.m. to 2:12 p.m.) and bussing begins.

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

***Sarah J Petrisor***

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Principal - Blackburn and Giscome Elementary Schools

On behalf of:

Tracy Bourque - Kindergarten Teacher

Karrie Kugler - K/1 Teacher