



# KERRISDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## Welcome to Kindergarten at Kerrisdale Elementary!

We are excited to welcome your child and your family to the Kerrisdale Elementary Learning Community. We help Kindergarten students transition to their school journey by designing a gradual entry process for them. Please read the following information carefully for gradual entry details.

**If your CHILD'S last name starts with "A" through "L": your child is in GROUP GRIZZLIES**

**If your CHILD'S last name starts with "M" through "Z": your child is in GROUP RAVENS**

**Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

– GROUP GRIZZLIES ONLY – 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

– GROUP RAVENS ONLY – 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM

**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

– GROUP RAVENS ONLY – 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

– GROUP GRIZZLIES ONLY – 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM

**Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

– GROUP GRIZZLIES ONLY – 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

– GROUP RAVENS ONLY – 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM

**What to bring:** The children should not bring anything on these days.

**Where to drop off your child:** Please bring your child to the North side of the school on the pathway beside the bike racks (closest to 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Kindergarten students will line up in this area and your teachers will meet you there.

**What will we do:** Kindergarten students will take part in lessons led by both Kindergarten teachers introducing the children to Kindergarten activities, games, routines, and expectations.

**Where to pick up your child:** Please pick up your child from the same area that you dropped them off.

**Individual Meetings:** You will be invited to sign up for an individual 15 minute meeting with a Kindergarten teacher, which can take place during the afternoons of our Gradual Entry week.

### **More information:**

Once the class lists are finalized you will receive an e-mail from your child's teacher. This e-mail will indicate your child's new Division, teacher name, and drop-off/pick-up location.

**Please check the gradual entry schedule carefully to ensure that you come to school on the right days!**

## **Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 12:00 PM**

**What to bring:** Please pack a snack, a water bottle, lunch, and a backpack (containing the supplies listed below):

### **Backpack Contents:**

The children will need to bring a large (21L min.) backpack to school every day. We recommend that the backpack has:

- A divider or large separate pocket that will allow them to keep their folders, duo-tangs, and/or agendas organized
- A large, sturdy main compartment with a zipper that, even when the backpack is open, does not let all the contents fall out
- A handle on the top to use when hanging backpacks in the classroom

### **Water Bottle**

• Please provide a durable, leakproof (even when open) water bottle that is easy for your child to open, refill, and close on their own. It may be thrown into their backpack with other items and should be able to be turned upside-down (open and closed) without spilling.

### **Indoor Shoes**

• A pair of indoor shoes to stay at school that the children will wear when indoors and during physical education. We recommend that the shoes are supportive (running shoes/sneakers). No slippers and no shoelaces please!

### **Spare Clothes Bag**

• Each student needs to keep an extra change of clothes, clearly labeled in a large Ziploc bag with their name on each clothing item, at school. The change of clothes must include:

- 1 extra shirt
- 1 extra pair of pants
- 2 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of underwear
- box of tissues (optional donation)

## **Kindergarten “Meet the Teachers”**

Meet the Teacher will take place in the Kindergarten classrooms after pick-up (shortly after 12:00 pm) on **Monday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

During this meeting, you will learn about our Kindergarten program, and have an opportunity to ask some of your questions. When the group discussion ends, you are welcome to discuss individual matters pertaining to your child with the teachers.

## **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 1:30 PM**

**What to bring:** Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack

## **Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – ALL STUDENTS ATTEND FULL DAY – 8:55 AM – 2:58 PM**

**What to bring:** Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack

## **From September 10th onwards - All students attend school 8:55 AM – 2:58 PM**

Thank you for taking the time to read through this information carefully. Please ensure that you come to school on the correct days.

Thank you!

We look forward to a great year together.

Kerrisdale Elementary Kindergarten Team

*Please print out this Gradual Entry Schedule and post it for easy reference.*

<b>Wed. Sept. 3</b>	<b>GROUP GRIZZLIES ONLY – 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM</b> <b>GROUP RAVENS ONLY – 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM</b>
<b>Thurs. Sept. 4</b>	<b>GROUP RAVENS ONLY – 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM</b> <b>GROUP GRIZZLIES ONLY – 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM</b>
<b>Fri. Sept. 5</b>	<b>GROUP GRIZZLIES ONLY – 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM</b> <b>GROUP RAVENS ONLY – 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM</b>
<b>Mon. Sept. 8</b>	<b>ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 12:00 PM</b> Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack *Kindergarten “Meet the Teachers” – shortly after 12:00 PM
<b>Tues. Sept. 9</b>	<b>ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 1:30 PM</b> Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack
<b>Wed. Sept. 10</b>	<b>ALL STUDENTS ATTEND FULL DAY – 8:55 AM – 2:58 PM</b> Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack
<b>Thurs. Sept. 11</b>	<b>Full Day K</b> Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack
<b>Fri. Sept. 12</b>	<b>Full Day K</b> Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack

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