



## Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary School

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Dear Fleming Kindergarten Community:

Welcome to Fleming Elementary School. Listed below is quite a substantial amount of information for your child's upcoming Kindergarten year. We thank you in advance for taking the time to read this email carefully and follow through with requests. You will receive more information in September from our school office and from the Kindergarten teacher(s) regarding specific items your child will need at school.

We look forward to meeting you and getting to know your family better. We also look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, September 4, 2024**, the first day of school for Kindergarten students (Tuesday, Sept 3 is the first day for grade 1 - 7 students).

Kindergarten usually runs Monday to Friday, 9:00 am – 2:58 pm every day. However, we follow a gradual entry schedule for the first 5 days of school for **all Kindergarten students only**. The gradual entry is in place to facilitate your child's transition into Kindergarten. The children will meet all teachers and after the end of the five days, each child will be assigned a specific teacher.

Attending on September 4 is very important as our confirmed enrolment determines our school's organization. If your child is unable to attend on this day, but you hope to keep your child's spot at Fleming for the 2024/25 school year, please phone the office (604) 713-4793 during the week of **August 26 – 30** between **8:30 AM – 3:00 PM** to let us know. Please leave a message if no one is available to answer your call.

On **Wednesday, September 4, 2024** all Kindergarten students should meet at the front entrance of the school, outside the school at either **9:10am, or 11:00am** (depending on child's assigned group – please see the chart at the end of this email titled Gradual Entry Groups). The purpose of the meeting time is to avoid the grade 1 – 7 arrival of students and the recess crowds so please do not arrive earlier than indicated.

## **Welcoming Tours**

Since we had interviews with each family in May and June, we are now offering welcome tours on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for a chance to meet the Kindergarten teachers, see the classrooms and ask questions. See below for your assigned time slot. Please remember that your child will be assigned to their teacher in the second or third week of September.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES FEE:**

(Information only as the fee is paid in September . . . )

Kindergarten students will be asked to pay a fee of \$35.00 for school supplies. The supplies will be purchased in bulk and kept in the classroom for students to use. This way the children can share materials without having to be responsible for too many of their own supplies. Students will also need a medium sized backpack to bring snack and lunch in, and to take home some of their learning.

Besides school supplies, here are the other fees (a letter will be sent home the first week of school with a clear explanation):

School Performances – \$12

Garden - \$5

Book Bag - \$10

Field trips — determined throughout the year at classroom level

## **SCHOOL CASH ONLINE:**

The Vancouver School Board uses School Cash Online at Fleming as the method of payment for all school fees, including everything from field trips to yearbooks. This secure system helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily online.

This system puts all of the school fees available to your child(ren) online for purchase, keeping you informed of your child's activities and needs. We will post items through the system and assign the relevant fees to your child. You can then choose to pay these fees online with one of three different methods, including credit cards. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention. The system strictly adheres to Canada's privacy and anti-spam legislation and meets the latest industry standards for payment security.

You will receive information to create an account in September.

## **INDOOR SHOES:**

Students are asked to bring a pair of running shoes (Velcro and labeled with child's name) to be worn indoors at school for gym, and when it is rainy. The easier they are to put on, the better!

**SNACK AND LUNCH:**

Each day the children will have a healthy snack break. I am sure your child will appreciate having a bite to eat – perhaps apples, raisins, carrot sticks or crackers. We are a “nut aware” school. Please do not send any nuts, peanuts, or nut products to school.

Please send a water bottle only to school with only water inside.

Lunch begins at 12:10 for outside playground time supervised by Supervision Aides. At 12:35 students come into the school to eat their lunch. Children are expected to be outside rain or shine during recess and lunch. Please dress them appropriately.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school at (604) 713-4793. We hope you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

We look forward to the new school year and beginning our partnership with you together so we can support and enhance all aspects of your child’s learning at Fleming Elementary School.

We hope the gradual entry process and this information make for a successful start for your child.

Sincerely,

Kindergarten Teachers, Office and Leadership Team

### GRADUAL ENTRY TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Labour Day School Closed	3 <b>No Classes for New K Students</b>	4 9:10AM–10:10 AM (Groups A, B, C)  11:000 AM – 12:00PM (Groups D, E, F)	5 9:10AM–10:10 AM (Groups D, E, F)  11:000 AM – 12:00PM (Groups A, B, C)	6 9:10-1:15 PM (Groups A, B, C)  <b>Send Snack and Lunch</b>
9 9:10-1:15 PM (Groups D, E, F)  <b>Send Snack and Lunch</b>	10 9:10AM - 1:15PM (All students)  <b>Send snack and lunch</b>	11 Full day 8:55AM– 2:58PM (All students)  <b>Send snack &amp; lunch</b>	12 Full-day 8:55AM – 2:58PM  <b>Send snack &amp; lunch</b>	13 Full-day 8:55AM – 2:58PM  <b>Send snack &amp; lunch</b>

### SEPTEMBER GRADUAL ENTRY GROUPS

Group A	Group B	Group C
Sama	Rei	Easton
Katrina	Jayden C	Kaylee C
Bani	Emilio	Austin
Jarius Glen	Ryder	Harksukhman
Kaylee L	Tessa	Leni
David	Alexander	Lucas Anthony
Jaxell	Atharav	Jayden P
Alex	Isla	Liam
Daya	Aaron	Leia
Jesandi	Rhea	Silvester

Group D	Group E	Group F
Shantnu	Atty	Xofhia Claire
Sia	Harshaan	Jade
Zia	Lincoln	Amitoj
Thedas	Sid	Migalavy
Sarrinah	Ram	Kabir
Taneshsha	Kaelyn	Winston
Sahib	Rose	Sara
Premganesh	Jannat	Kunj
Anthony	Yumi	Isaac Y
Iniyavan		

**SEPTEMBER KINDERGARTEN WELCOMING TOURS SCHEDULE**

Welcoming Tours Schedule			
Wed. Sept. 4th 1:00-1:30pm	Sama	Rei	Easton
	Shantnu	Atty	Xofhia Claire
	Katrina	Jayden C	Kaylee C
	Sia	Harshaan	Jade
	Daya	Aaron	Leia
Wed. Sept. 4th 2:00-2:30pm	Bani	Emilio	Austin
	Jarius Glen	Ryder	Harksukhman
	Zia	Lincoln	Amitoj
	Thedas	Sid	Migalavy
	Anthony	Yumi	Isaac
Thurs. Sept. 5th 1:00-1:30pm	Kaylee L	Tessa	Leni
	David	Alexander	Lucas Anthony
	Sarrinah	Ram	Kabir
	Taneshsha	Kaelyn	Winston
	Jesandi	Rhea	Silvester
Thurs. Sept. 5th 2:00-2:30pm	Jaxell	Atharav	Jayden P
	Alex	Isla	Liam
	Sahib	Rose	Sara
	Premganesh	Jannat	Kunj
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## School App

To stay up to date with school information, please download our school app to your device. It is available in various platforms. Please go to the app store and type Fleming School. Download it now.

## Further Resources

Videos from Fleming highlighting Kindergarten:

<https://vimeo.com/949268793?share=copy>

<https://youtu.be/ip5F5PRzFMU>

<https://youtu.be/SIBUn3BtXIM>

Activities:

- [Learning Through Play videos](#)
- [When I go to Kindergarten](#)

The Learning Partnership Website

The Welcome to Kindergarten website contains links to learning videos, Kindergarten music, the Family Cookbook and more. Check it out at

<https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/programs/welcome-to-kindergarten>