



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

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

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

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

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

Thursday, September 10th, 2026

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

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

What to bring: a backpack containing the supplies listed below:

Backpack Contents:

The children will need to bring a large, plain (decoration free), 21L minimum 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 upsidedown (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)

Where to drop off your child: Please bring your child to the front of the school by the picnic tables. Kindergarten students will line up along the fence and your teacher will meet you there.

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 the Kindergarten teacher, which can take place during the afternoons of our Gradual Entry week.

Friday, September 11th, 2026 – ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 11:30 AM

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

Kindergarten Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher will take place in the Kindergarten classroom after pick-up (shortly after 11:30 am) on **Friday, Sept. 11th, 2026.**

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 teacher.

Monday, September 14th, 2026 – ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 – 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 16th, 2026 – 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 daily

From September 16th 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 and with the correct supplies for the day.

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.

Wed. Sept. 9	GROUP GRIZZLIES ONLY – 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM GROUP RAVENS ONLY – 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM Please pack a water bottle, indoor shoes, and spare clothes into the backpack
Thurs. Sept. 10	GROUP RAVENS ONLY – 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM GROUP GRIZZLIES ONLY – 10:50 AM – 12:05 PM Please pack a water bottle, indoor shoes, and spare clothes into the backpack
Fri. Sept. 11	ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 11:30 AM Please pack a snack and a water bottle into the backpack *Kindergarten Meet the Teacher – shortly after 11:30 AM
Mon. Sept. 14	ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 12:00 PM Please pack a snack and a water bottle into the backpack
Tues. Sept. 15	ALL STUDENTS – 8:55 AM – 1:30 PM Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack
Wed. Sept. 16	ALL STUDENTS ATTEND FULL DAY – 8:55 AM – 2:58 PM Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack
Thurs. Sept. 17	Full Day K Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack
Fri. Sept. 18	Full Day K Please pack a snack, a water bottle, and lunch into the backpack

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