



Welcome
to
KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION

Meeting Norms

- o Microphone off
- o Hand up for a question
- o Use the chat for questions
- o Etc.



Welcome to The FDK Program at Guy B. Brown Elementary School



About our Staff

- o JSA- Mrs. Griffiths/Mrs. Tomlinson
- o JSB- Mme. Moore/Mrs. Currington
- o JSC- Mrs. Bethune/Miss Bothen
- o JSD- Mrs. Mann Da Silva/Mrs. Kiss/Mrs. Corbin

Getting to know your child is our priority

- o Educators observe each child to find their interests, their strengths and their learning needs
- o Observation and assessment shape the play-based learning program
- o Educators plan programming to meet each child's needs based on skills and strategies demonstrated
- o Educators communicate with parents in many ways



**Tuesday September 7, 2021
(Regular Start Up Non-Covid)**

**Year 1 Students
“ New to School”
Classroom Visits**

Wednesday September 8, 2021
(Regular Start Up Non-Covid)

All Year 1 and Year 2 students
will attend

Please note further information will be shared as we are still waiting direction for what September will look like, so dates are subject to change. Information will be shared with families in August about start date!



♥ Welcome to
Kindergarten

Staggered Entry:

Elementary School – Adjusted Staggered Start

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	Staff Transition to New Assignments	Staff Transition to New Assignments	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health JK Orientation	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health JK Orientation
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18
GROUP A Last Name Alpha A to K (approximately ½ class)	GROUP B Last Name Alpha L to Z (approximately ½ class)	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)

Balanced Day

- Guy Brown follows a balanced day schedule that allows for three instructional blocks separated by two nutrition breaks.



School Entry

8:35am

Instructional Block

Nutrition Break #1

Instructional Block

Nutrition Break #2

Instructional Block

Dismissal

2:55pm

Drop Off/Pick Up

Drop Off

- Bell time is **8:35am** please do not drop off your child before 8:20am
- Classes will have to line up in designated spot until entry bell rings (standing 2 meters apart)
- Only one parent is able to drop off/pick up each day
- Parents are unable to enter the Kindergarten pen
- Any parent dropping off or picking up must be wearing a mask
- Please do not park in the staff parking lot

Pick Up

- Bell time is **2:55pm** however due to staggered dismissal we will begin dismissing around 2:45pm from your designated dismissal area
- We do 1:1 dismissal and masks must be worn on school property
- **We will show you at your visit where our designated spot is!**
- Please bring photo ID as we familiarize ourselves with parents and guardians

About the Full-Day Early Learning Program

- o Our program is based on the **Ontario Ministry of Education – Kindergarten Program**
- o 2 year program
- o based on learning through play-based inquiry

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/kindercu_rrb.pdf



Absences

- ❖ If your child is ill, or will be absent from school for any reason, please log their absence into the safe arrival system
- ❖ Notes in advance of family events/trips are also appreciated.

School Phone Number: (905) 689-8254



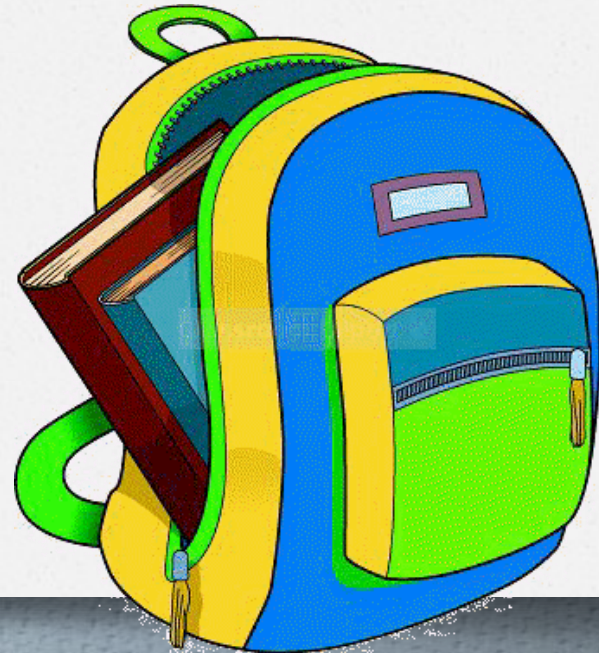
What if my child is ill?

- o have a plan in place in case your child wakes up ill
- o Enter their absence into the safe arrival system
- o you will be contacted by the office or a teacher if your child appears ill while at school – please have a plan for these circumstances



What do they need for school?

- o play clothes
- o velcro or slip-on shoes/boots for outdoor play
- o indoor gym shoes
- o outer wear suitable for the weather
- o good sized backpack
- o lunch bag
- o extra clothes to be kept at school



What do they need for lunch?

- o 2 nutrition breaks (20 minutes)
- o 1 lunch bag with snacks labelled #1 and #2 or Balanced Day lunch bag – 2 separate sections
- o several nutritious choices, refillable water bottle & utensils
- o check that your child can open containers



Allergy Alert

- o Please be aware that there are students in our school with severe allergies.
- o Be sure that any food items coming to school **DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS.**
- o Guy B. Brown is a NUT-SENSITIVE school.



Eating At School

Due to COVID regulations classroom teachers cannot touch student's food packaging. Here are some things you can do to help your child eat their lunch safely and efficiently:

Tip 1: Place items in containers that your child can open and close with ease.



Tip 2: Open the corner of pre-packaged foods so your child can finish opening it independently.



Tip 3: Remember that students cannot use a microwave.



Tip 4: Cut up fruit and place it into a container or start the peeling process for them on fruits such as oranges and bananas.



Tip 5: Avoid fruit cups and yogurt tubes as these are the most common hard to open items. Consider pouring these foods into easy to open containers.



Tip 6: Pack a napkin for your child to place on their desk at meal times.



**PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS
COMING TO SCHOOL**

This includes: shoes, socks, pants, shirts, hats, mitts, snow pants, water bottles, Tupperware, lunch pails etc.

**There is a re-fill station we can use if your child runs out of water.



Shoes



We encourage parents to send shoes with Velcro fasteners (no laces). Due to COVID and following health protocols your child will need to be able to take their shoes on and off independently.

Boots are welcome for rainy days and we will worry about Winter when it gets to that.

*Same will go for zippers – please practice at home

Clothing

Please send in a complete extra set of clothing (including a **spare shirt, pants, socks and underwear all labeled**) to be left at school. This is not only for children who have the rare toileting accidents but is also for spills and other unforeseen incidents. We will leave the spare clothing in their backpacks.

** Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather (we will be outdoors everyday rain or shine).



Masks

Your child must wear a mask, please send a minimum of 2 clean masks per school day. All masks must be labelled.

A pencil case or safety lanyard attached is suggested so masks are not being lost.

To Note...

- o Please do not send your child with any toys, stuffies or blankies. We are trying to limit what enters the room.
- o All items in cubbies must come home at the end of each day for sanitization purposes.



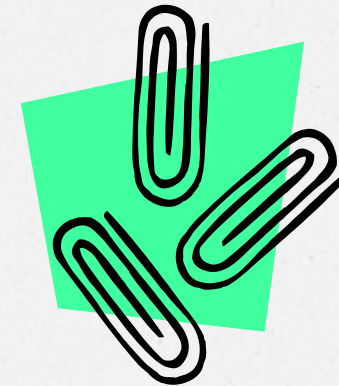
School Supplies

- o Send in a little Kleenex package for your child that they can keep in their cubby bin
- o Your teacher will update you if anything else is needed



Donations

- o Chat with your teacher if you wish to support



Inform Us!

- o If you feel that your child has special needs of any kind or if there is anything specific for us to know please inform the Learning Resource teacher (Tanya Bye) or your child's teacher as early as you can
- o tbye@hwdsb.on.ca



Communication of Learning

- o Fall - Initial Observations report
- o Winter and Spring - Communication of Learning reports

Full day Kindergarten: Understanding Your Child's Reports <http://bit.ly/2V7xqxC>

Ontario Ministry of Education Kindergarten Communication of Learning Initial Observations Board Logo

Date:

Student:	DE#: _____	Days Absent:	Total Days Absent:
Year 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher:	Times Late:	Total Times Late:
Early Childhood Educator:	Early Childhood Educator:		
Board:	School:		
Address:	Address:		
	Principal:	Telephone:	

Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning ESL IEP

[Comments about student learning should be entered in a font size that is clear and legible.]

ESL – English as a Second Language
IEP – Individual Education Plan

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How can I prepare my child for learning in Kindergarten?

- o read to your child each night
- o encourage fine motor activities
- o play games as a family
- o letter/number learning opportunities around you
- o name printing/ practicing letter names and sounds



Birthday Celebrations

- o Birthday celebrations are very important for children
- o Our classes will celebrate in a special way, which might include a card, sticker, crown or a friendly serenade of “Happy Birthday”
- o We will be sure to celebrate all the July and August birthdays at the end of the year
- o **Birthday Book Program:** If you wish to send something to school for your child’s birthday instead of a food item you are encouraged to donate a book to our classroom library. You may include your child’s picture and inscription inside the book. We will read the story on your child’s special day and place the book in our library for our class and future students to enjoy.



What is Kindergarten like during a pandemic?





The **COUNTDOWN** to the **first day** of school!

- Visit your family doctor – immunizations
- Get a vision test – free eyeglasses in JK year: hwdsb.info/2PRmreS
- Address speech concerns – Early Words: hwdsb.info/2Rszrlo
 - *(Referrals only possible up to August 31 of a child's first year in kindergarten).*



Resources:

- Attend a Check It Out Clinic: hwdsb.info/2SrbfXe
- Review the FREE LookSee Developmental Screen: www.lookseechecklist.com
- Summer – play groups, sleep routines, independent skills
- Find resources at www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/

Questions!



Our Promise

We promise to make this the best experience we can for your child. We will show up each day ready to laugh, learn and have fun.

This is a huge learning process for us and we promise to do our best to make your child's experience the best one we can given the circumstances.

Our number one concern is safety and the mental health of your child.

We promise to show love and kindness to your child.
To make school a fun a safe place to be!

We look forward to working alongside you to help your child think, play, grow, reach!

