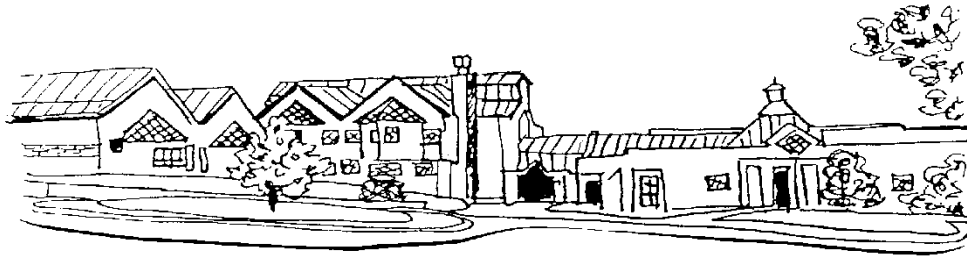


Edgemont School



Frequently Asked Questions about Kindergarten 2017 -2018

- **When is the first day of school?** Tuesday, September 5th, 2017
- **How many Kindergarten classes are at Edgemont?** We have 3 full day teachers who teach our 6 half day Kindergarten Programs. All classes work together in Rooms 1 and 3 which are the same classrooms we are using this school year.
- **Where do I drop off and pick up my child?** Due to safety concerns and traffic congestion in front of school, please observe these specifically designated areas:
Drop Off Area - Please park your car in the Edgemont Community Centre parking lot and walk your child to the main entrance and wait until the teachers arrive. Please keep in mind that the traffic circle in front of the school is a no parking zone.
Pick Up Area - Please park your car and walk to the main entrance area of the school to pick up your child. We ask that parents wait outside and then teachers will ensure that children and parents are paired up.
Further information on parking and traffic flow is provided on our Edgemont's website main page. On the left hand side below the weather there is a link to click on for all traffic regulations pertaining to our school.

If there is to be a change and your child will be picked up by someone else, please let your child's teacher know by sending a note.

- **What are the times for Kindergarten?** Our hours for 2016-2017 are:
Morning Kindergarten: 8:55 - 11:35 AM
Afternoon Kindergarten: 12:45 - 3:25 PM
There may be slight changes for the coming year and we will share these at our "Welcome to Kindergarten" meeting on June 1.
- **What is the plan for the opening days of Kindergarten?** The first week of school will begin with "staggered entry." Each group (morning and afternoon) will be divided in half and will attend school on two of the four days. For example: one half of the AM students will attend on Tuesday and Thursday and the other half will attend on Wednesday and Friday mornings. One half of the PM students will attend on Tuesday and

Thursday and the other half will attend on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. This will provide a calmer environment for the students because only half the class is present and will also allow the teachers time to get to know the children.

- **What do I do if my child is late for school?** Please ring the buzzer inside our foyer to the right of the school front doors and bring your child to the office to sign them into school. Our secretary will provide your child with a late slip and then your child will walk up to class independently as we will have taught this routine.
- **What about bussing?** Bus registrations will be available in mid-June and need to be filled out as soon as possible (even if you do not pay until September). Bus maps will be available in August on the CBE website. When our school office opens on August 31st maps will be available across from the office on the bulletin board and also on our website.
 - **My 1st Ride:** The CBE offers a school bus orientation program for first-time riders and their parents, called My 1st Ride. Registration will likely begin in April. If you are interested please check this link to the CBE webpage: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/my-1st-ride-program.aspx> which will likely be updated in April.
- **Waiver Forms?** Waiver forms will be available in the school office mid-June or online. To qualify for a waiver you must provide a copy of Alberta Works Health Benefits letter and card for the current year. If you do not meet the criteria then you will need to come to the office to discuss your situation.
- **What does my child need to bring to school?** Your child should bring a backpack large enough to carry a small snack, a book from library and notices from school. They should also bring their own snack in a container that the child can open independently. Snacks should be small, healthy and nut free. Children do not share snacks so please just send enough for your own child. Please also send a water-bottle. Children require a pair of indoor running shoes. All other supplies will be purchased by the school. Children are asked not to bring toys to school.
- **How can I communicate with my child's teacher?** We will provide each child with a communication folder for sending messages back and forth as needed. Please check the folder every day. Phone calls before and after school as well as emails, are also welcome. Please note that we do not interrupt teachers while they are teaching. Teachers will share their email addresses in the fall.
- **Can I volunteer in the classroom/school?** We welcome parent volunteers in our classrooms and on field trips and appreciate the support they provide to our students. All volunteers must complete a security clearance. Each teacher determines the volunteer roles needed for a period of time and then schedules parents according to

their availability and interests. For insurance reasons siblings are not permitted in the classroom or on field trips when parents volunteer.

- **Will the Kindergarten children go on Field-trips?** Yes. Details and costs for each individual trip will be sent home during the school year. Sometimes, teachers will hire a service provider to come to the school rather than having an offsite trip. These decisions are made throughout the year as we schedule experiences that will enhance our program.
- **Do the Kindergarten children have swimming lessons?** Yes, the swimming lessons are booked usually for the month of May. The swimming lessons are part of the physical education program and there will be an additional cost for these lessons.