



The Westhaven French Immersion and English Kindergarten teachers invite you and your child to attend the open houses on March 14 and 15, 2018.

On any of these days you and your child can drop in between 9:00 and 11:30 am or 5:00 and 7:00 pm to meet the teachers and see the classrooms. (If neither of these days work for you alternate arrangements can be made.)



Kindergarten

2018-19

Offering Both French Immersion and English programs

École Westhaven School

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What Makes École Westhaven Kindergarten Programs Special?

Full day, five day Kindergarten Program offers your child:

- *Speech Assessment & Services*
- *OT Activities*
- *Creative Learning Strategies*
- *Play based learning*
- *Daily Physical Activity*
- *Hands on Learning*
- *Field trips/ Experiential learning*
- *Parental Involvement Opportunities*
- *Early Introduction to technology*
- *A Safe and Caring Learning Community*

(Please discuss with the teacher or principal part time options, if you feel your child would benefit from this.)

Things we learn in Kindergarten:

- ♦ Recognize and identify letter names and sounds in words
- ♦ Print our names and begin to copy print
- ♦ The concept of a letter, word and sentence
- ♦ Comprehension strategies— predicting, connecting, recalling details in a story
- ♦ Participate in discussions and express ideas and feelings appropriately
- ♦ Count objects and compare quantities
- ♦ Develop a number sense
- ♦ Explore shapes in our environment
- ♦ Create and continue patterns
- ♦ The importance of daily physical activity and nutrition
- ♦ How to be a friend and work with others cooperatively
- ♦ An appreciation of fine arts

Making the First Day Great!

- ◆ Start the routine your child will follow in September, a few weeks before school starts
- ◆ Get everything ready a day or two in advance
- ◆ Give yourself and your child a lot of time to get ready to arrive at school on time without being rushed
- ◆ You might like to take a picture of your child's first day at school
- ◆ Try not to communicate your feelings of anxiety and separation to your child
- ◆ When you say good-bye to your child, make it quick, light, and reassuring
- ◆ Many parents experience sadness to see their child entering school. If you think you might feel that way, try to plan something special for yourself during the first few days
- ◆ At the end of the day encourage your child to share their experiences

Getting Ready for September



- ◆ Tell your first and last name
- ◆ Print your first name
- ◆ Tidy up your toys when you're finished playing
- ◆ Go to the bathroom, flush the toilet and wash your hands by yourself.
- ◆ Read and talk about stories
- ◆ Learn finger plays and nursery rhymes
- ◆ Put on your shoes and jacket independently
- ◆ Identify colors, numbers and body parts
- ◆ Provide lots of opportunities with scissors, paper, pencils and other art media
- ◆ Make your child comfortable spending time away from you
- ◆ Have your child play with peers



Kindergarten Supplies

Please label the following supplies clearly:

- ◆ Backpack (supplied by school for 2018-19)
- ◆ Indoor running shoes to be kept at school
- ◆ Lunch kit
- ◆ Complete change of clothes which will remain in your child's backpack/locker
- ◆ We will provide all school supplies for the 2018-19 school year.

Bussing



For information regarding bussing please contact the transportation department of the school division (780-723-4471). For the 2018-19 school year there will be no bussing fees for Kindergarten students, condition to availability.



Parental Involvement

If you have time to spare, please feel free to come to your child's classroom. We welcome volunteers.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to come to help.

Throughout the year there will be field trips planned which will provide another opportunity for you to be part of your child's education.

If you are unable to volunteer in the classroom and still would like to help, see your child's teacher for activities you can make at home.

If you have an area of expertise and you would like to share with your child's class, please talk to us.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council) and CPF (Canadian Parents for French) are always looking for new active members. The first meeting will be in September. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month.

