

Let's Get Ready to Learn!

Starting your learning journey in Kindergarten is an exciting time for children and for their families and we welcome everyone to begin with us at École Westhaven School. To ensure your child gets the best start in September, we have put together some information to help make your planning as smooth as possible. If you want to learn more, we invite you to call us at 780-723-3397. You will also find information below to help you prepare your child for entering school.

We operate a full, five-day Kindergarten program at our school. Of course, we also offer the flexibility of shorter days/weeks if this is more suitable to meet the needs of your child. Depending on how comfortable your child's transition to school is, you can always make the decision to increase the days later in the year. At Westhaven School, we take pride in providing the best individualized learning program to ensure educational success for every child.

Welcome to Kindergarten – let's get ready to learn together!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacy McGowan, Principal

Important Resources for 'Getting Ready to Learn'

If you have a child starting Kindergarten, we invite you to check out these helpful resources:

- [School Brochure/ Parent Handbook \(on westhavenschool.ca website, click on for parents, kindergarten button\)](#)
- [Kindergarten FAQ's \(On www.westhavenschool.ca website, click on for parents, kindergarten button\)](#)
- [Learnalberta.ca](#)
- [GYPSD Kindergarten Brochure \(On www.westhavenschool.ca website, under parents, kindergarten button\)](#)
- [Learning Services – Early Childhood Services Information \(On www.westhavenschool.ca website, under parents, kindergarten button, link to Early Childhood Services\)](#)

When Can My Child Start Kindergarten?

To register for Kindergarten in the 2020–2021 school year, your child must be five years old on or before **December 31, 2020**.

Registration

To assist in our planning for next year, we encourage families to register their new Kindergarteners, and make transportation arrangements if needed, as soon as possible. Registration is completed using the online registration icon, under GYPSD.

Programming Options

Our Kindergarten classrooms provide literacy-rich, play-based programming which are led by welcoming and dedicated early childhood teachers and enthusiastic educational assistants. In addition, all of our early learners have access to our division's School Linked Team to help your child succeed. This team's dedicated members include: *a speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, learning support teacher, technology lead teacher and Family School Liaison counselor.*

French Immersion

At École Westhaven School, we are pleased to offer both English and French Immersion programming beginning at the Kindergarten level.

Student Transportation

We invite you to contact our transportation department directly to learn more or get started early to reserve your child's seat on the bus by registering online at www.westhavenschool.ca. Bussing availability is limited for students within 2.4 km from the school, so please register early.

Family Involvement

Family engagement is one of our priorities at Westhaven School as your involvement is a key component in the success of your child's learning. We encourage you to get involved in your school community such as joining the [School Council \(www.westhavenschool.ca -click on quick links, click on school council\)](http://www.westhavenschool.ca) at your school, volunteering at the school, or by talking with your child's teacher.