

Welcome to Kindergarten!

West Haven Public School offers half day kindergarten programs. The morning Kindergarten class time is from 8:30 – 11:23am and the afternoon class time is from 12:22 – 3:15pm. Our Kindergarten program follows the regular Black Gold School Division calendar, except on the first Wednesday of each month there will be NO kindergarten classes. These days for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows: **Wednesdays** - October 6, November 10, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1. These days will be highlighted in both the school and the classroom handouts, and email reminders throughout the year.

Kindergarten begins with staggered entry dates. These days will be the first four days of the school year, August 30, 31, September 1, and 2. Your child will only attend one of these dates. This allows you and your child to meet the teacher and a small group of classmates in a positive, gentle environment. A letter will be mailed out in August outlining the staggered entry dates and information more clearly. The first official day of Kindergarten will be September 3, 2021.

Parent rostering is not mandatory in our Kindergarten Program. If the current health regulations allow for it, there will be opportunities for you to volunteer in the classroom if you wish. If you love to volunteer and are looking at ways to be active in the school, please join the School Council.

The fee for the ten month Kindergarten program is \$100.00, divided into bi-yearly payments of \$50.00. This fee includes all craft supplies, general classroom supplies like notebooks, glue and whiteboard markers, field trip costs (including busing), and special presentations. Parents of Kindergarten students are required to provide the following items at their own cost: indoor shoes, a backpack, and a healthy snack and drink each day.

Black Gold busing is available one way for eligible students. Busing is available TO school for the AM students and FROM school for the PM students. Please contact Sue Timmermans, Black Gold Division School Transportation Manager, regarding busing at 780-955-6034 for further information. There are also several daycares that provide transportation before and after Kindergarten. Please check with your daycare directly for more information and ensure they are aware of class times.

We follow the Kindergarten Program Statement and the Alberta Education Program of Studies for Kindergarten. A day in Kindergarten will start with outdoor play. We believe in the benefits of physical activity and fresh air, so we spend a lot of time nurturing students' curiosity while spending time in nature. Our days include many opportunities for hands-on activities and play-based learning through literacy and numeracy centers. Along with learning through play, Kindergarten loves going on field trips. On several occasions throughout the year Kindergarten participates in field trips or special presentations. We also love celebrating all the special schools days and holidays throughout the year.



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Raymond Cable, M.Ed
Principal

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Assistant Principal

We believe that a child's love of lifelong learning is developed in Kindergarten. Our love of children and knowledge of Early Childhood Education will create a fun and safe environment for your child to learn and grow into a wonderful life-long learner!

Thank you!

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Brenneis