

École Crescent Park Elementary

Kindergarten Information Package

Welcome Kindergarten Families...



A Circle of Friends

We've joined together as classmates, as the new year begins,
A year full of learning, while we become friends.
We'll share and be kind, as we work and play.
And our friendships will grow, with each passing day.
Welcome to Kindergarten!

School Year 2025-2026

Gradual Entry Schedule September 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Labour Day (No School)	2 Confirm Registration 10:00 - 10:30 am All Students	3 2 Hour Class Group A: 8:45 - 10:45 Group B: 12:28 - 2:28	4 2 Hour Class Group A: 8:45 - 10:45 Group B: 12:28 - 2:28	5 2 Hour Class Group A: 8:45 - 10:45 Group B: 12:28 - 2:28
8 Parent / Teacher Conferences No students	9 2 Hour Class All Students 8:30 - 11:30 am Bring a snack PM: Parent/Teacher Conferences	10 3 Hour Class All Students 8:30 - 11:30 am Bring a snack	11 4 Hour Class All Students 8:30 - 12:28 pm Bring a snack & lunch	12 4 Hour Class All Students 8:30 - 12:28 pm Bring a snack & lunch
15 Full Time 8:30 - 2:28 pm Snack and Lunch every day	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29 Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)	30 Stat Holiday Truth & Reconciliation School is closed			

GROUP A			GROUP B		
Arthur	Guran	Lily	Chimobim	Jasper	Rehat
Ayla	Lemy	Mack	Easton	Luca	Scottie
Brody	Levi	Molly	Emerson	Matthew	Sophie
Everly	Thorin	Jagraj	Aria	Nash	Sydney
Nova	Nadia	Avroop	Gracie	Nolan	Myles
Coco			Kendall		

Kindergarten is an important educational milestone. In order to help you prepare for your child's entry into school, we have compiled a brief information package. This package contains:

- Detailed information on Gradual Entry
- School start / end times
- Pick-up and drop-off instructions
- General classroom routines and expectations
- Parent questionnaire



Please read the following package carefully, and let us know if you have any questions or special concerns. We look forward to starting a brand new year with your child. The Kindergarten Teachers of Ecole Crescent Park Elementary

Kindergarten Gradual Entry September 2025

Purpose: Gradual entry is a policy set out by the Ministry of Education in order to ease the transition of kindergarten children from home to school and builds a solid foundation for school life by providing:

- 1) Shorter school sessions to support children's transitions to their new environment, teacher and peers.
- 2) Time for each family to share important information about their child and begin building positive home-school relationships.
- 3) Smaller group sessions that allow teachers to introduce classroom routines and procedures, as well as place additional focus on each child so they will feel comfortable and valued as new members of the school community.

The first weeks of September are carefully planned to ensure that each child has a positive, comfortable and successful experience. To achieve this objective, Gradual Entry includes: During Gradual Entry, important information is gathered. First, we observe students working in small groups and take notes on group dynamics, academic abilities, behaviour, etc. Based on our notes, we compile two tentative class lists, and proceed to interview parents/guardians to obtain additional, individualized information.



General Routines

1. Hours

Warning Bell:	8:30 am
Start Time:	8:35 am
Recess:	10:15 - 10:30 am
Lunch Break:	11:43 - 12:05 pm (outside play) 12:05 - 12:28 pm (inside eating time)
Dismissal:	2:28 pm

The children will line up outside the north door, along the wall, until the warning bell rings at 8:30 am. Students will line up along the same wall for dismissal to their parents/guardians. If your child will be absent, please call (604-535-9101) or email (crescentpark@surreyschools.ca) to let us know.

2. Dismissal

Please meet your child outside of the school. Please be prompt for pick up. Children can become anxious when they do not see a parents at dismissal time. For the safety of the students, parents must pick their children up at the same location where the students line up in the morning. Teachers will then know that the child is safely in their guardian's care.

3. Classroom Volunteers

Parents are a vital part of our kindergarten program, and there are many ways to volunteer. Parents often assist at centres, reading books with students, completing preparatory work at home (cutting, pasting, colouring, etc.) and/or volunteer for fieldtrips. Posted sign-up sheets outside our classroom door or emails will let you know of our classroom needs. Please check to see if a day or activity will work for you!

4. Physical Education

On the warmer fall days and in the spring, we take the children outside. We also have access to the gym two days per week. Please bring a pair of inside shoes (running shoes which your child can slip easily on him/herself; no laces, if possible, unless they are able to tie them themselves) to school. The shoes will be kept at school and need to be clearly labeled with your child's name or initials.

5. Forest Friday

Outdoor play is a big part of healthy growth, learning, investigating curiosities and allows opportunities to use their imagination and be creative. We will spend a portion of each day learning outside with every second Friday outside for a longer period of time. This type of unstructured learning helps to build confidence, it teaches responsibility over their own behaviours as well as nature's creatures, gets the children moving, and makes them think in a different way. During this time, the children will lead the learning process and we will investigate our findings organically. Often, the wonders and questions that arise from our nature walks will guide our learning in the classroom for the following weeks. We will go outside for Forest Friday rain or shine. Permission form will be required for this event.

6. Library

We have a weekly book exchange at school. Children have an opportunity to take a new book out when they return their old book. Please ensure that your child transports the library books in a plastic bag.

7. Music

We have a specialty trained music teacher who teaches 30 minute lessons twice a week.

8. Absences

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, you must inform the office. The school phone number is 604-535-9101 or email crescentpark@surreyschools.ca.

9. Clothing

Children should be dressed for comfort as they are involved in many play activities, which may require working on the floor and using a wide variety of potentially "messy" materials, clothing designed for wear and tear is recommended. Please send an extra set of clothes in a clearly labeled bag. This bag will be left on your child's coat hook. In the event of a bathroom accident or wet playground mishap, clean dry clothes will be readily available. Students will need to have a separate pair of indoor shoes, in order to keep our carpets clean. (No flip flops or laces).

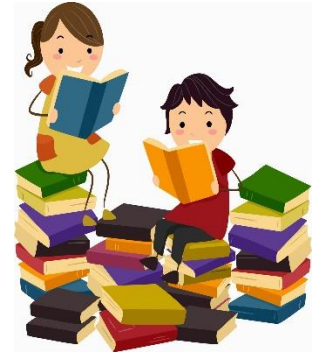
10. School Supplies

For ease of teacher use, and to assist parent planning, approximately \$55.00 will be charged for general kindergarten supplies. School fees are paid online using School Cash Online (instructions on how to register for School Cash Online are attached). Payment will be required in September 2025.

Kindergarten Transitions – Social and Emotional Books

(These books should be available at your school or local library)

- "What Does it Mean to be Brave?" by Kelly Shuto
- "Invisible String" by Patrice Karst
- "Only One You" by Linda Kranz
- "The Most Magnificent Thing" by Ashley Spires
- "In My Heart: A Book of Feelings" by Jo Witek



School News

At Crescent Park elementary, the school communicates with parents using email.

Newsletters are also posted on the school website.



Crescent Park PAC is meant to offer parents a way to be involved in and influence the culture of their child's school. Our PAC believes strongly in supporting the school's community and accordingly, we plan activities and FUNdraising projects that bring children and families together. All members of PAC are volunteers – for the PAC to be effective and representative of the school, it is important to have involvement from as many parents as possible.



First Week Reminders

- ✓ **Registration Day:** Tuesday, September 3rd is a registration day only. All kindergarten children and parents will meet in one of the kindergarten classrooms (signs will be posted outside playground doors) at 10:00 – 10:30 am for a head count to confirm registration numbers. If your child will not attend school this day, please call to let the office know he/she is still registered and planning to attend Ecole Crescent Park Elementary.
- ✓ **Snacks:** Your child will require a **small snack beginning Tuesday, September 10th**. Please ensure that snacks are nutritious. Some example are raw vegetables, fruit, crackers, and cheese or popcorn. Although water is available from the school fountains, students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home. Students should have foods and packaging that is easily accessible by their tiny fingers. Thank you for understanding in this matter.
- ✓ **Lunches:** Kindergarten children will be **eating their lunches at school starting Thursday, September 12th**. Kindergarten teachers initially will be going out with the students for the lunchtime recess. For easy identification, the little ones will be wearing red pinnies.

Special Note: Many classroom at Ecole Crescent Park are nut-free environments. Therefore, for the health and safety of all students, no peanuts or tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts, etc.) will be allowed in the kindergarten classrooms.

Register Today!

Create Your Profile

Go to <https://surreyschools.schoolcashonline.com> and click on "Get Started Today".

Confirm Your Email

Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details. Stay connected by selecting "Yes" to email notifications about upcoming fees.

☒ I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.

Add a Student

Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Why sign up for School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that is safe, fast and convenient way to pay for school activity fees.

- ✓ Pay for your child's school fees online.
- ✓ Stop sending your child to school with money.
- ✓ Get automatic email notifications about upcoming school fees and activities

Which Payment methods are accepted?



Credit Card

Pay with Visa or MasterCard on School Cash Online by entering your credit card number, CVV number (the three digits on the back of your card), card expiry date and billing information



eCheck

An electronic version of a paper check used to make payments online. Anyone with a checking or savings account can pay by eCheck on School Cash Online.

For more information, contact Parent Helpdesk at

parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

1-866-961-1803

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Each child is special and unique and we look forward to getting to know each of your children this coming school year. Please take a moment to answer the following questions about your child. Please include any information that you would like for us to know about what makes your child special, what your goals are for Kindergarten and what you wish for your child this year. This will help us be the best teacher we can be for your child. Thank you for your help!

Name of your child _____

Birthday _____

Siblings (names and ages)

Language spoken at home _____

Did your child attend preschool, daycare and/or Strong Start? (If yes, name of facility and duration attended)

Which is your child's dominant hand for writing? Right Left

What makes your child special? (talents, needs, anxieties, interests, etc)

What are your goals for your child this year? (ie, to make friends, to gain a love for reading, better understanding of numbers, to use their imagination and think outside the box, to develop perseverance, etc)

What are your wishes for your child this year? (To make new friends, to enjoy school, to be happy, to feel safe at school, to gain a better sense of self, etc)

Any health/emotional concerns you would like us to know about your child? (ie, My child has a peanut allergy, my child doesn't like to eat in front of other people, my child is scared of dogs, etc)
