



Ellendale Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Children:

RE: OPENING WEEK PROCEDURES FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017-18 STUDENTS

Welcome to Ellendale and we hope that you and your child are excited about the upcoming fall and the start of their formal education at Ellendale Elementary, "*The best School in Surrey*". The transition from home to school in September is a significant one for all children, but it is especially so for children entering kindergarten. While your child may have daycare and or pre-school experience, elementary school life is unique. A 13 year journey begins on **Tuesday, September 5th** for you, your child and the staff in the public school system and it is important that we start slowly to ensure a very positive beginning to this journey.

During the first week and a half, schools in Surrey have a gradual entry process for kindergarten students and Ellendale Elementary is no exception. It is important that all children come for a short session to confirm registration on **Tuesday, September 5th, from 10:00-11:00 am**. **You are welcome to join the school for a short welcome assembly in the gym at 10:00am. Please have your child sit with YOU. Once the assembly is over, please meet outside the Kindergarten classroom door.**

Kindergarten children **will not attend** as a group on **Wednesday, September 6th** to allow time for individual student/parent/teacher interviews. This interview time is an opportunity for sharing important information about your child and allows you and your child to ask any questions you may have. There will be a sign up sheet for interview appointment times in the kindergarten classroom when you come in on September 5th.

Your child will then attend two shortened days in two separate groups on **Thursday Sept 7th and Friday, Sep 8th**. The two groups will be combined and will attend for two shortened morning sessions on **Monday, Sept 11th and Tuesday, Sept 12th**. Please note which group your child is in and the appropriate time for that group to attend on these shortened days (see attached Kindergarten Calendar). Full-time attendance (8:35 am to 2:30 pm) for Kindergarten students begins on **Wednesday, September 13th**.

Your child's teacher will send a letter home in the first week of September outlining school supplies fees, what types of snacks to send etc.

We have a very active Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) at Ellendale Elementary. This is an opportunity for you to be involved in your child's education. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. We have child minding available. You can join the Ellendale Parent Group on Facebook. Meeting dates are posted once a month on Facebook.

We look forward to you and your child joining the Ellendale community. Please feel free to give the school a call **after August 28th** if you have any questions or concerns about the information contained in this letter.

Sincerely,

Ms. B Sayson,
Principal