



Welcome to Cherry Hill Elementary New Kindergarten Families

We are very excited to welcome our newest cohort of young learners to Cherry Hill Elementary. Our Kindergarten students participate in a gradual entry program during the first two weeks of September. Please see details and dates below regarding our gradual entry program, as well as other important information regarding school year start for our Kindergarten students:

Gradual Entry

- **Parents only** are asked to attend the first day of school, **Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019**. Parents will meet with Cherry Hills's kindergarten teachers **at 9am**. At this time gradual entry schedules will be explained and parents will sign up for individual interview times. Parents will also learn about classroom supplies, comfort necessities and yearly activities. Finally, parents will be shown how to pay for supply and activity fees through our online payment service.
- Each child will be assigned an **individual interview time** of approx. 20 minutes. These interviews will take place on **Wednesday, September 4th and Thursday, September 5th**. Both parent and student will attend these interviews.
- Kindergarten students are **not in session on Friday, September 6th**, as Kindergarten teachers around the District attend professional development workshops.
- **Gradual Entry (part-time attendance) will begin on Monday, September 9th and finish on Friday, September 13th**. Students will either attend morning sessions, afternoon sessions, or a rotation of morning and afternoon sessions. Parents are asked to wait outside the school until the bell rings (morning and end of day). Should you require to visit the school during instructional times please report to the office first.
- **Monday, September 16th will be the start of regular full-day Kindergarten classes, 8:30 – 2:23pm**

Other Important Start-Up Information

- Kindergarten students do not need school supplies. Each student is charged a school supply fee of \$30 in September. Each Kindergarten teacher purchases class supplies so that quality, quantity and uniformity can be assured. At this time a \$20 cooking supply fee is also collected. The Kindergarten classes will be provided the opportunity to participate in cooking/food tasting activities at least twice a month. Please see your child's teacher for alternative payment options if you are not able to cover these fees by September 30th, 2019. Payment can be made online at <https://mpsd.schoolcashonline.com/>.
- Your child will need to have a backpack, lunch kit, inside runners (**student can put on by themselves please!**) and a change of clothes at school by September 16th. Please make sure to label all of your child's belongings including their runners.
- If your child is feeling nervous about attending Kindergarten, please come and visit during the last week of August; have a picnic at the playground, practise walking to school or phone to set up a meeting with one of the Kindergarten teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school at 604-826-9239.

See you soon,

The Kindergarten Teachers at Cherry Hill