

Gradual Entry Schedule for September 2022

Our Kindergarten students participate in a gradual entry program during the beginning of September. A calendar has been attached for your convenience.

- **Tuesday, September 6th: Parent Information Session**

Parents only are asked to attend the 30-minute session from 9:00-9:30am on the first day of school. If a parent cannot attend, a close relative can attend in their place.

You will meet with kindergarten teachers to:

1. confirm your child's registration for kindergarten at Cherry Hill.
2. learn about the gradual entry process and confirm whether your child is in group A or group B.
3. sign up or confirm you have signed up for family interview times, which will be held on Wednesday September 7th and Thursday September 8th.
4. learn about fees for classroom supplies and yearly activities plus comfort necessities
5. be shown how to pay for supply and field trip fees through our School Cash online payment service.

- **Wednesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 8th:**

Interviews between teachers and parents/students are used to help us learn about your child. This information helps our team learn of any unique learning needs or strengths. It also gives parents a chance to ask questions in a smaller setting. ***Parents can sign up for an interview time on September 6th when they are at the school. Interviews are about 20 minutes in length and time slots will be offered during regular school hours.***

- **Friday, September 9th:**

The kindergarten teachers are attending a professional development session in the morning and students will be attending for 1 hour, either from 12:15-1:15pm or 1:15-2:15pm.

- **Monday, September 12th and Tuesday, September 13th:**

Students attend school for 2.5 hours on each day, either from 8:30 to 11:00am or 11:45-2:15pm. Please be sure to pack a snack for your child.

- **Wednesday, September 14th:**

Students attend for 4 hours from 8:30-12:30pm. Please be sure to pack a full snack for your child.

- **Thursday, September 15th:**

Students attend school for 3 hours, from 8:30-11:30am. Please be sure to pack a snack for your child.

- **Friday, September 16th:** Students attend school for 5.0 hours from 8:30 to 1:30pm. Please remember to pack a whole lunch (in addition to a snack) for your child as this will be the first day they have a full lunch with us at Cherry Hill.

- **Monday, September 20th:** All students begin full days from 8:30 to 2:23pm. Please pack a snack and a lunch for the day. Students will be with their assigned teacher and classmates for the remainder of the year.

Other Important Start-Up Information

- Kindergarten students do not need school supplies. Each student is charged a **school supply fee of \$40** 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.

For field trips, fees will be charged for each trip separately. Payments will be made online through School Cash.

Please see your child's teacher for alternative payment options if you are not able to cover these fees by September 30th, 2022. Payment can be made online at <https://mpsd.schoolcashonline.com/>.

- Your child will need to have the following items, all labelled with their name by September 20th:
 1. a backpack
 2. a lunch kit with a water bottle
 3. inside runners; **Velcro or slip-on ones are best; that way students can put them on independently**
 4. a full change of clothes, including socks and underwear. Kids frequently get wet and dirty while playing outside and some may have accidents in the washroom.
- 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,

Mrs. Grewal
Principal

Mrs. Blair/Mrs. Wall
Kindergarten Teachers

Mrs. Hodson
Kindergarten Teacher