



# Confederation Park Elementary School

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

We are very pleased to welcome your child to Kindergarten in Burnaby. Our Kindergarten program offers young children meaningful learning opportunities in a play-based environment. For many children, Kindergarten is the first step in transitioning from preschools, daycare settings, or home environments to a formal school setting where there is one adult with up to 20 children.

In order to help children in this transition, we offer and support a Gradual Entry process, which includes smaller groups, an increasingly longer day and an opportunity for you and your child to have a Welcoming Conversation with your child's teacher. We have found that this proactive approach to school entry provides a safe and comfortable start to your child's school career.

Gradual entry allows children to connect with their teacher, feel comfortable at school, make friends and understand routines. If you believe your child requires a longer period to transition to a full day Kindergarten program, please discuss this with your child's teacher so that school staff can collaboratively plan with you to ensure your child's transition is successful.

The Gradual Entry schedule will take place from September 9 – 18. Welcoming Conversations will take place in the afternoons from September 14-17. Detailed information about the Gradual Entry schedule and a booking link for Welcoming Conversations will be sent to families by email towards the end of June, 2026.

Following gradual entry, all Kindergarten students will begin full time instruction on **Monday, September 21** (with unique exceptions determined by parent/teacher/school).

We are looking forward to having your child as part of our school community.

Please note these important dates:

- September 8: Welcome to our School Event, 1:30-2:45 in our School Gym
- September 9-18: Gradual Entry
- September 14-17: Welcoming Conversations in the afternoons
- September 21: Full day Kindergarten begins

Sincerely,

Jill McQueen  
Principal  
Confederation Park Elementary