

**FW HOWAY ELEMENTARY**

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Mr. J. Sadler, Principal

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# Welcome to Kindergarten!

On behalf of the F.W. Howay Elementary School staff, we would like to welcome you to our school! We are looking forward to working with you and your family to provide the best educational experience for your child. Here is some information you will need as we begin the new school year!

## Important Information about F.W. Howay

<b>School Phone Number:</b>	(604) 517-6020
<b>School Address:</b>	91 Courtney Crescent, New Westminster, B.C.
<b>School Website:</b>	www.howay.ca
<b>Principal:</b>	Mr. Jamie Sadler
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs. Lisa Nugent
<b>Kindergarten Teachers:</b>	Mrs. Tanya Scott
<b>Counselor:</b>	TBA
<b>Librarian:</b>	Mrs. Janet Dupuis
<b>Resource Teacher:</b>	Mrs. Gertrude Kashemeire
<b>Aboriginal Support Worker:</b>	Ms. Roslyn Swanson
<b>Police Liaison Officer:</b>	Mr. Gary Lau
<b>Settlement Worker:</b>	Ms. Ghada Shawil
<b>Custodian:</b>	Mr. Kent Charles
<b>Public Health Nurse:</b>	Ms. Farah Ali
<b>Parent Advisory Council Contact:</b>	Mrs. Kathleen Carlson/Mr. Garry Self



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## **When does school begin?**

Kindergarten children follow a gradual entry to school in September for the first two weeks. This process allows us to get to know you and your child so that we can plan a personalized, meaningful and challenging Kindergarten program.

Interviews with Kindergarten parents and Kindergarten students will be scheduled with Mrs. Scott on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>. If these times do not work, please contact Mrs. Scott to arrange a convenient time to meet with you and your child.

We understand that many parents choose to take a day off work to bring their children to the first day of school. The first day will be a quick registration confirmation and an opportunity to sign up for an interview for the parent(s), child and the Kindergarten teacher. If you are unable to attend the first day of school, please make attending an interview with the teacher a priority. Caregivers can bring your child to school on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for registration and sign-up for an interview. Interviews can also be scheduled by calling Mrs. Scott on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (after 10:00 a.m.) at 604-517-6020.

## **What will my child need?**

### **1. School Supplies**

- Will be bought in bulk by the school to keep the price down
- Payment (approximately \$20.00-\$30.00) can be made in September
- Supply list will be provided in September if you prefer to shop on your own

### **2. Small Backpack**

- To carry snack, lunch and books
- Note: Large backpacks are difficult to accommodate in our classroom coat areas

### **3. Indoor “classroom” shoes (running shoes with white soles) that will be left at school**

- Children should be able to do up their shoes independently (Velcro works well)



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## **How can I help my child be ready for Kindergarten?**

Parents are children's first and most important teachers. You started your child's education when he or she was born and now we will partner with you to continue the learning journey. These are skills that your child should practice over the summer so they are ready for school in September:

1. Put on and zip up their own coats
2. Throw, catch and bounce a ball
3. Recognize and print their own names
4. Identify colours
5. Know the names of some simple shapes: circle, square, triangle
6. Count up to 10 objects
7. Draw a picture of themselves
8. Unpack a lunch, identify the main entrée, eat independently, put containers back into the lunch bag
9. Sing the ABC Song

## **How can I ease my child's transition into Kindergarten?**

Kindergarten is a big transition for many children and parents. We understand that you might be feeling both excitement and anxiety as your child enters the public school system. Some ways to ease this transition are to:

1. **Be positive.** Assure your child that school is going to be great!
2. **Reassure.** Let your child know that he/she is ready for school.
3. **Rest.** Ensure your child gets 10 to 11 hours of sleep a night.
4. **Communicate with teachers.** Let us know if your child is feeling anxious about beginning school.

We look forward to meeting again in September! Please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-517-6020 if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The FW Howay Team

# September 2016 Calendar for Kindergarten

<b>Week 1</b>	<b><u>Monday, Sep. 5</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday, Sep. 6</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday, Sep. 7</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday, Sep. 8</u></b>	<b><u>Friday, Sep. 9</u></b>
September 5-9  Welcome & Interviews	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b> <b>School is closed</b>	<b>First day of School</b> <b><u>9:05-9:30</u></b>  Meet in the gym for registration confirmation and sign up for a Kindergarten interview.	<b>Kindergarten Interviews</b>  Mrs. Scott  (parents and students)  *Note: Students do not attend this day unless they have an interview scheduled.	<b>Kindergarten Interviews</b>  Mrs. Scott  (parents and students)  *Note: Students do not attend this day unless they have an interview scheduled.	<b>Kindergarten Interviews</b>  Mrs. Scott  (parents and students)  *Note: Students do not attend this day unless they have an interview scheduled.
<b>Week 2</b>  September 12-16  Gradual Entry	<b><u>Monday, Sep. 12</u></b>  <b><u>9:00-11:00 a.m.</u></b>  Group A (Bring a snack)  <b><u>12:45-2:45 p.m.</u></b>  Group B (Bring a snack)	<b><u>Tuesday, Sep. 13</u></b>  <b><u>9:00-11:00 a.m.</u></b>  Group B (Bring a snack)  <b><u>12:45-2:45 p.m.</u></b>  Group A (Bring a snack)	<b><u>Wed., Sep. 14</u></b>  <b><u>9:00-11:30 p.m.</u></b>  All students attend (Bring a snack)	<b><u>Thurs., Sep. 15</u></b>  <b><u>(9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)</u></b>  All students attend (Bring a snack & a lunch)	<b><u>Friday, Sep. 16</u></b>  <b><u>(9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)</u></b>  All students attend (Bring a snack & a lunch)
<b>Week 3</b>  September 19-23  Regular Classes Begin	<b><u>9:00 a.m. – 2:53 p.m.</u></b>  All students attend (Bring a snack & a lunch)				