Welcome to
Alexander Muir Public School

Thank you for joining us!

Welcome to Kindergarten Evening 2014
The Full-Day Kindergarten Program

- Children attend school every day
- Two educators (Kindergarten Teacher & Designated Early Childhood Educator) working as a team to support your child’s learning and development in the six learning areas.
The Ministry’s Full-Day Early Learning-Kindergarten Program is a two-year continuum and addresses learning in:

- Personal and Social Development
- Language (Literacy)
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Health and Physical Activity
- The Arts
Personal and Social Development

Big Ideas:

Children are connected to others and contribute to their world.

Children have a strong sense of identity and well-being.

The Program includes learning in the following areas:

• Social Development
• Emotional Development
Big Idea: 
*Children are effective communicators.*

The Program includes learning in the following strands:

- Oral Communication
- Reading
- Writing
- Understanding of Media Materials
Big Idea:

*Young children have a conceptual understanding of mathematics and of mathematical thinking and reasoning.*

The Program includes learning in the following five strands:

- Number Sense and Numeration
- Measurement
- Geometry and Spatial Sense
- Patterning
- Data Management and Probability
Big Idea:

Children are curious and connect prior knowledge to new contexts in order to understand the world around them.

The Program includes learning in the following areas:

- Exploration and Experimentation
- Use of Technology
Health and Physical Activity

Big Idea:

Children make healthy choices and develop physical skills.

The Program includes learning in the following areas:

• Health and Well-Being
• Physical Development and Activity
Big Idea:

Young children have an innate openness to artistic activities.

The Program includes learning in the following strands:

- Drama and Dance
- Music
- Visual Arts
• Supervision begins at 7:45 am in the Kindergarten yard
• Entry bell rings at 7:55 am and class begins at 8:00 am. Please bring your child to school early so that you are not rushed
• Snack/Recess is 9:40 am-10:10 am
• Lunch/Recess is 11:50 am-12:50 pm
• The day consists of play-based learning where literacy, math, and science are embedded into the child’s daily program
Snacks and Lunches

• All snacks and lunches need to be nut-free
• Nutritious snacks such as yogurt, apple sauce, cheese, crackers, fruits, vegetables
• Water for snacks, juice boxes or milk for lunch
• Easy to open containers, labelled with child’s name
• Food that does not require heating
• Identifying snacks (1) and lunch (2) for child
• Prepare lunches and snacks the night before
Washroom and Self-Help Routines

• At school, children:
  – Use washroom independently
  – Wash hands with soap
  – Dress and undress
    • belts
    • overalls
    • zippers
    • buttons
    • coat, boots, hats, mittens, shoes
Dressing for Success

- Washable clothing
- Dress for activity (recess/gym)
- Change of clothing
  - Pants, shirt, underwear, socks
  - Kept at school in a labelled bag
- Label everything
- Velcro indoor shoes left at school with child’s name on them
• Be at school early/on time in the morning and pick up child after school on time.
• Child should independently put on coat, shoes, snowpants, mittens.
• Give your child a kiss and say goodbye, then leave. Do not worry, your child will be safe with their teacher.
School Supplies

- Backpack large enough to hold a lunch bag and large library books
- Lunch/snack bag
- Indoor shoes (to be left at school)
- Extra change of clothes in a large, labelled bag (to be left at school)

** Please label all clothing/items!
Preparing for the First Day of School

- Over the summer:
  - Walk to school and have a picnic.
  - Play in the school yard.
  - Establish bedtime routines and morning routines.
  - Make up a fun goodbye routine and practice it in other situations before school starts.
  - Enroll your child in Community Programs such as Early Years Centre, Library programs, and Parks and Recreation Programs.
Activities to DO at Home
(all supplies found in your WTK bag!)

• Sort your magnetic letters and numbers
• Colour with crayons, pencils
• Cut with construction paper
• Draw in the notebook
• Create using the glue stick and scissors
• Read story books
• Play and sing with the ball and CD
First Day of School

- Make the first day fun with a special breakfast.
- Get up in time to get everything done without rushing.
- Be calm.
- Talk about the fun things he/she will be doing.
- Take your child to the bus stop or to the school.
- Make sure your child gets to school on time and is picked up on time.

The first day of school is a big event in the life of a family, make it a positive one!
Saying Goodbye on the first day of school...

• Introduce your child to a buddy from his/her class.

• Give your child a kiss and say goodbye.

• Practise your goodbye routine ahead of time.

• Reassure your child that you know he’ll/she’ll be okay and that you will see him/her at the end of the day!