

Kindergarten Information Session at Phoebe Gilman Public School

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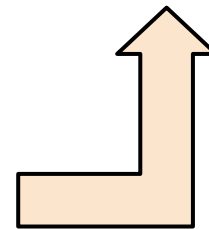
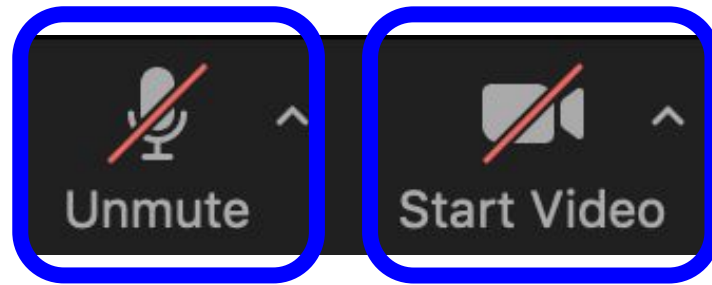
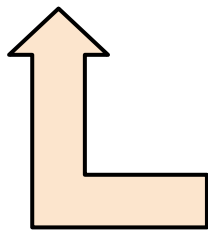
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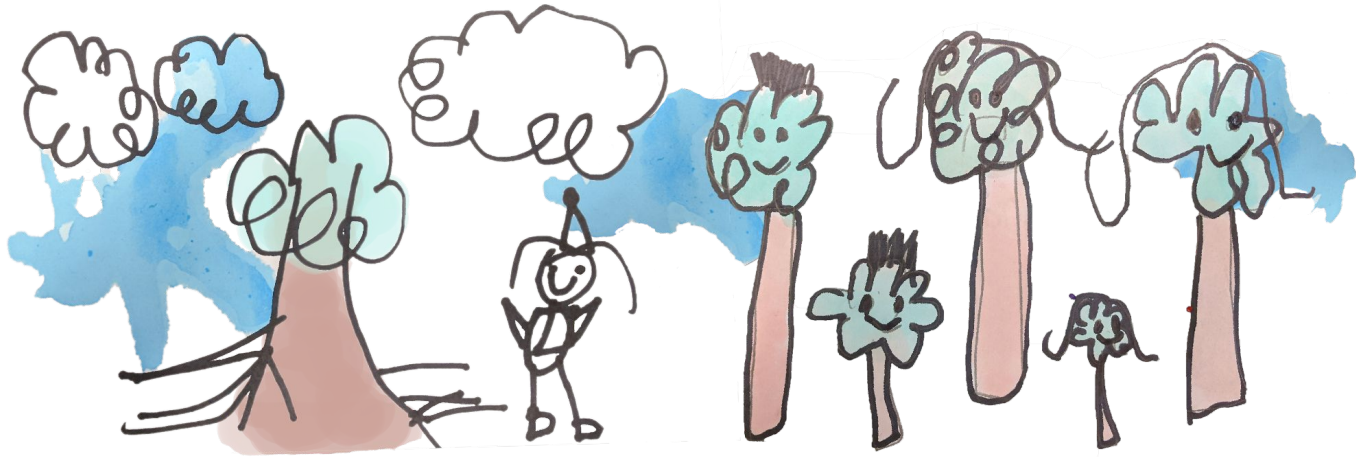
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Land Acknowledgement



I take care of the land.

Welcome to Our Kindergarten Information Session!

You are your child's first teacher and are the most powerful influence on their learning, development, health, and well-being.



We can't wait to partner with you as your child begins kindergarten at Phoebe Gilman Public School!



Kindergarten in YRDSB



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Kindergarten at Phoebe Gilman Public School



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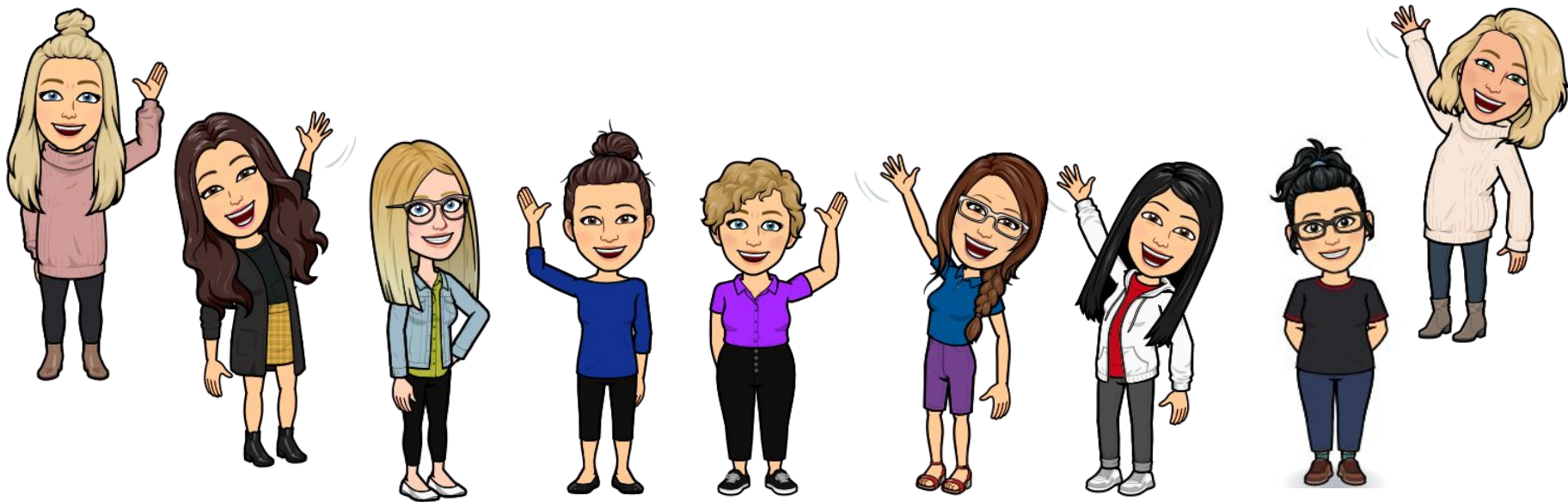
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[School Website](#)

Our Current Kindergarten Educator Team

Classroom Teachers & Designated Early Childhood Educators (DECEs)



Kindergarten is for all Children

In kindergarten, we view each child as capable, competent and full of potential.

Each child is unique and develops at their own pace. Our kindergarten learning spaces are inclusive and the learning experiences offer opportunities for children to build on their own strengths and be empowered as learners.



Inclusive & Equitable Learning in Kindergarten

Play-based learning in kindergarten honours and reflects children's lived experiences, interests, social identities and home languages.



The Kindergarten Program

Kindergarten is a play-based learning program. There are no subjects in Kindergarten, but rather, there are four interconnected frames for learning:

- Belonging and Contributing
- Self Regulation and Well Being
- Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours
- Problem Solving and Innovating.

These four frames reflect how all children naturally learn in an integrated way during their exploration, play and inquiry, both indoors and outdoors.



Play-Based Learning Indoors

Children have opportunities throughout the day to choose from a variety of play-based learning experiences that integrate many areas of learning from our Kindergarten Program.



Play-Based Learning Outdoors

Learning in the outdoors is an integral part of each day in Kindergarten.



Kindergarten Arrival Routines



- **Direct Entry:** 8:15-8:30
- Families remain outside of the Kindergarten gate while students walk indoors directly to their classrooms
- Families are kindly asked to ensure masks are worn while on school property

Arrival: Kiss & Ride

Kiss & Ride Etiquette

With your cooperation, our Kiss & Ride area can be a safe and efficient area for drop off and pick up for our students.

- Park to the right side of the loop & put your car in park
- Please do not leave your vehicle unattended or blocking the throughway
- Please maintain the flow of the driveway by ensuring that when your child has safely disembarked from the vehicle, you exit the Kiss & Ride and remember to turn right out of the driveway.



Kindergarten Dismissal Routines

- The bell rings at 3:00pm
- Students line up at the safety wall in the Kinder-Yard
- Teacher dismisses each child individually after making eye-contact with parent/caregiver
- Parents/caregivers wait at fence



Recess Time

Children enjoy outdoor recess time twice daily in addition to their weekly scheduled Outdoor Education.

Dressing for the weather is required.



Lunch & Snack



Routines for Lunch & Snacks

Snack Routines: washing hands (20 seconds with soap)
Eating time 30 minutes
Whole group snack

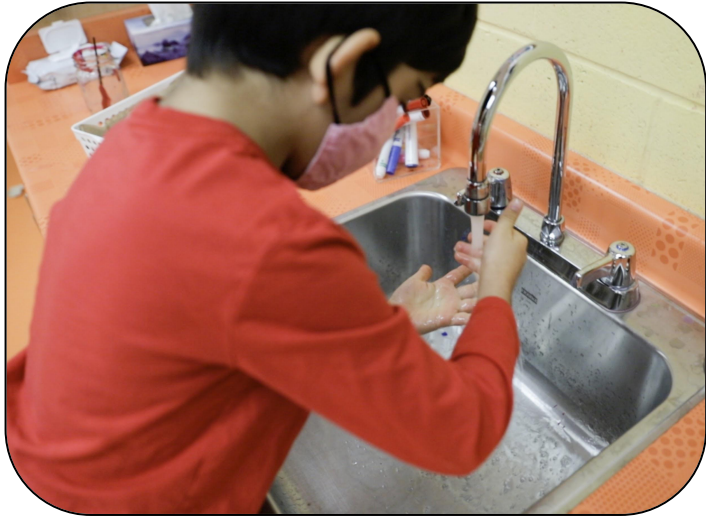
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Tips for Kindergarten Lunch & Snacks

- use containers that are easy for your child to open independently; practice opening them together at home
- consider litterless lunches and snacks
- ensure food products are **nut-free**
- ask your children to help you prepare lunches and snacks
- label containers, lunch bags and reusable water bottles, students will be filling them up at the sink

Washroom and Self-Help Routines



Children are encouraged, as independently as possible to:

- use the washroom
- wash their hands with soap and water
- dress and undress themselves (zippers, buttons, shoes, etc.)

Educators support children as they learn these new classroom routines.

Before and After Child Care Program

If you require a Before and After Child Care Program for your child, please contact:

Denison Child Care

Before and After Program

(905)-715-8251

For more information about child care, please visit the YRDSB board website:

www.yrdsb.ca/schools/ChildCare/Pages/default.aspx

Will Your Child be Taking the Bus?



Families can access the Student Transportation Service of York Region website - net.schoolbuscity.com to:

- check if your child is eligible for the school bus
- find out where your child's bus stop will be located

The First Day of Kindergarten



The first day of the 2021-2022 school year is

Thursday, September 9th

Typically, a Year 1 student's first day of school is from 8:25-12:20.

Further communication will be sent via an email regarding your child's first day.

Tips For a Successful First Day



1. Get up in time to allow for a relaxed morning routine
2. Send a family photo in your child's backpack so they can 'visit you' throughout the day if they need to feel connected to you
3. Remind your child of who is picking them up after school
4. Use a goodbye routine you have practiced with your child
5. Remember to remain cheerful and reassure your child that they will be okay!

Looking Forward to September

We are all looking forward to September and realize that you might be wondering what this will look like for your child starting Kindergarten.

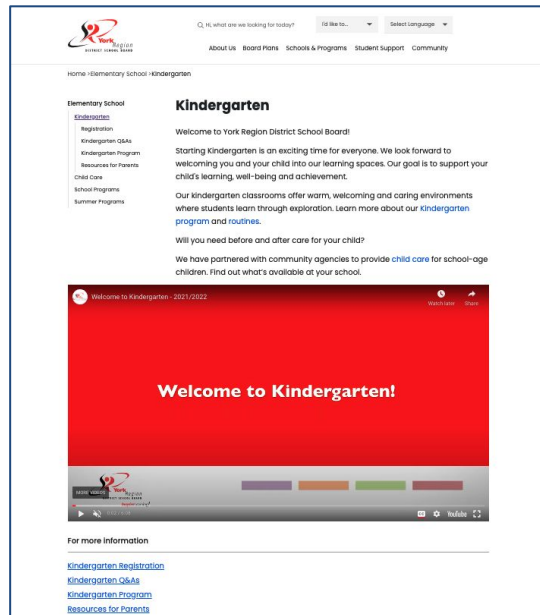
While we may not know exactly what September will look like yet, the YRDSB continues to work very closely with York Region Public Health to ensure we are taking all appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff and families

Please continue to check www.yrdsb.ca for the most up-to-date information.



For More Information About Kindergarten

YRDSB Kindergarten Website:
www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten



Thank You and See You Soon!



We invite you to visit our school website to view this information at your convenience.

Questions

