

Kindergarten Information 2017-2018

The Glen Allan Kindergarten Program follows Alberta Education's Kindergarten curriculum. This curriculum recognizes that young children are developing socially, physically, intellectually, creatively and emotionally. The Kindergarten Program provides learning experiences that meet the developmental needs of all children.

The foundation of Glen Allan's Kindergarten Program is based on the following beliefs:

- Children develop through similar stages, but at individual rates. Our Kindergarten program will provide learning experiences that will meet individual needs, interests and developmental levels.
- Young children are naturally curious and eager to learn. We believe that it is important for children to develop positive relationships with others, including children of their own age. Our program will provide students with many opportunities to learn about their learning environment through organized play and cooperation with others.
- We believe that parents are their children's first and most important teachers. Our program supports and respects the dignity and worth of the family and encourages parents to participate in their child's education.

We invite parents to join hands with us in our most important job – preparing happy and confident children who are ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow's world.

Our school office opens August 24, 2017 and we will be available to answer any questions you may have.

1. General Information for Kindergarten Orientation Days

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Morning Orientation 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Orientation 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 31, 2017

Morning Orientation 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Orientation 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, September 1, 2017

Morning Orientation 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Afternoon Orientation 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Each group of children (morning or afternoon) is divided into three sessions. On each of the three orientation days one group of students attend. Therefore, each child will attend only **one** of the three designated days. An orientation date is assigned for each student. A letter with the assigned orientation days is mailed to each family towards the end of June each year. Please note that on the designated orientation day, **parents are invited to attend for the first twenty minutes to fill out forms and to make sure their child is settled. Parents are asked to bring their child's supplies on the orientation day.**

Parents are asked to return to the classroom ten minutes before the end of the class (morning 10:50 a.m., afternoon 2:50 p.m.).

When attending the orientation day, if parents have not already done so, please supply a copy of your child's birth certificate to the office staff.

Teachers determine the class placements for morning students after the orientation days. Parents who have children attending Kindergarten in the morning will be informed of their child's teacher via e-mail.

The first official day of kindergarten in which **ALL** students attend for 2017-2018 is Tuesday, September 5 (times listed in Section 2).

Please be aware that if you are accessing bussing for your Kindergarten child, **regular bussing will not start until Tuesday, September 5, 2017, therefore you will need to provide transportation for your child's orientation day.**

2. Class Times

A.M. Class 8:38 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.

P.M. Class 12:28 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

The program for the 2017-2018 year is 475 hours of instruction. It will be run daily, Monday to Friday, either AM or PM.

3. There will be **no Kindergarten classes on early dismissal days in 2017-2018** – September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6. These days will be teacher PD and planning days for Kindergarten.

4. Parent Volunteers

Parent participation is a very important part of our Kindergarten program.

We require volunteers for activities, special events and field trips. Information about parent volunteers will be provided in Kindergarten newsletters.

5. Snack Program

A snack program is an integral part of the E.C.S. program. Please notify the teachers during your orientation day if your child has any food allergies. More information will be provided in Kindergarten newsletters.

Please note: All parents will be notified if any children have food allergies.

6. Field Trips

To provide our students with enriched learning experiences in Kindergarten, we are planning a number of field trips and guest speakers. To cover the costs of bussing and admission fees, we shall require a nominal fee of \$65.00. Field trips may include visits to Greenland and John Janzen Nature Center. Guest speakers may include puppeteers, naturalists and special people in our community.

7. Transportation

It is **important** that you contact **Student Transportation at 780-417-8151** if you wish to arrange transportation for your child. Student Transportation will advise you of applicable costs and pick up/drop off times.

8. Art and Craft Fee

Throughout the year children will be provided with special project materials that extend beyond our curriculum resources. We ask parents to submit \$5.00 per child. These projects will include materials for special Mother's Day, Father's Day or Christmas celebrations.

9. Fee Management System

All families with students registered in Elk Island Public Schools, will be able to login through the Parent Portal of PowerSchool to access their school fees.

Early in September, every Kindergarten student will receive a letter with information regarding parent access to PowerSchool and a copy of your child(ren)'s school fees. The Parent Portal allows parents the capacity to create a single sign on for all students in one family who are currently enrolled in elementary, junior high and senior high in Elk Island Public Schools. The letter will contain instructions on navigating to the Parent Portal and creating an account. The required information for linking students to the account will also be printed. If you are currently registered on the Parent Portal with elementary, junior and/or senior high students, you will be able to add your Kindergarten student. Once the Parent account is created, you will not need to create a new account each year. The account information will follow your student as long as they are enrolled in Elk Island Public Schools.

Please note that at the elementary school level, only student attendance, student fees and report cards are available through the Parent Portal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school.

10. Kindergarten Supply List

Please see the supply list below for the supplies your child will need for Kindergarten. Having the supplies available on your child's Orientation Day would be very beneficial. Please note there are only a **few** items that should be marked with your child's name.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We truly look forward to sharing your child's first steps in formal education. Please know that our doors are always open. Excellent communication between home and school is critical to student learning and success. Should you have questions, please call the school at 780-467-5519.

**GLEN ALLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST
2017-2018**

Please label the following items:

- 1 backpack (large enough to fit a library book and a duotang)
- 1 pair of running shoes to be left at school (non-marking soles - please beware, many black soles leave marks) Shoes should be ones your child can put on and do up independently
- 1 2 inch binder for your child's memory book – **you will receive this at the end of June**
- 1 plastic or metal water bottle. Your child must be able to open and close the bottle independently
- 1 frame 20 x 25cm/ 8 x 10 inches (these can be purchased from the Dollar store) – you will receive a framed painting by your child at the end of June
- 1 Set of Headphones for computer use (NOT earbuds) – in a large Ziploc bag- **label both the headphones and the Ziploc bag:** these could be used again next year

Please DO NOT label the following items:

- 2 duotangs, plain, no navy or black
- 2 large Ziploc freezer bags (name brand- due to strength of bags - will be used daily as mailbags to transfer things back and forth)
- 1 fine or chisel tip Expo dry erase marker (name brand- due to long lasting superior quality) any color (NO BLACK)
- 1 Ultra fine Sharpie Permanent Marker- BLACK (name brand- due to long lasting superior quality)
- 2 glue sticks – Elmer’s purple or blue – 20 g. (name brand- due to it being more adhesive)

Morning Classes

- 1 package of Crayola *Broad tip markers* (brand name- due to superior quality)

Afternoon Class

- 1 package of Crayola *Fine tip markers* (brand name- due to superior quality)