

Welcome back West Kent families and a big welcome to our new kindergarten students!

We are looking forward to another awesome year!

Important Information:

- School supplies: School supplies for our students are provided by the provincial government. Parents are responsible for sending in a backpack, morning snack, lunch, eating utensils, water bottle, and indoor footwear.
- Peanut/Nut Free School: Our school is peanut/nut free. Please make sure that any food sent to school is peanut/nut free as we have students and staff with life threatening allergies.
- Water Bottles: Our school has water bottle filling stations. We encourage all our students to bring a filled water bottle to school each day.
- Labelling Belongings: Please remember to label all your child's belongings: water bottles, footwear, clothing, kitbags, lunch bags, etc. This helps us return lost items to the rightful owner.
- School Day: Students can be dropped off between 8:00am - 8:20am in the morning. It's important that all students arrive no later than 8:20 am. Morning announcements will take place at 8:25 and classes start at 8:30. At the end of the day kindergarten students will dismiss at 2:20, bus students will dismiss at 2:25 and all walkers/pick-ups will dismiss at 2:30pm.
- Breakfast Program: The Breakfast Program will start on Monday, September 9th. Breakfast program is open to all students and will happen each morning between 8:05-8:20 in the front lobby.
- Lunch Program: There are two different options for ordering food. Lunches can be ordered on The PEI School Food Program at <https://www.peischoolfood.ca/> and milk, ice cream and monthly pizza can be ordered on The West Kent Hot Lunch Program <https://westkent.hotlunches.net/>
Instructions for the hotlunch program will be going home with students next week. The access code to register is Kent. Both school food programs will begin on Monday, September 9th. Please ensure your child has utensils each day as the vendors and school do not provide these.
- Breakfast Program Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to assist in getting breakfast ready for students each morning. If you or someone in your family is interested, please reach out to the school. Volunteers need to have an up-to-date criminal background check and can receive a letter from the office. Volunteers usually arrive at the school around 7:45am, and finish around 8:30am. We are in desperate need of volunteers to ensure that we can continue to offer the breakfast program to students.
- Bussing: Please make sure that you know what bus your child is taking home prior to the first day of school and communicate this with your homeroom teacher(s). You can find out bus pickup and drop-off times, register for busses and locations by accessing the Bus Planner website at <https://psbbusing.princeedwardisland.ca>.
- Attendance Matters: For the 2024/2025 school year, there is a renewed emphasis on the critical importance of regular attendance and punctuality in your child's time in school. Our school, along with all schools across PEI, is placing a strong focus on accurately tracking attendance data and

actively engaging with students who experience frequent absences or tardiness. Consistent attendance and attention are key to academic success, and it starts as early as students in kindergarten. We will be working hard to provide an engaging and welcoming space for students to come to each day and need support from you in reinforcing the value of being present and on time each day. Thank you in advance for your support.

-Meet the staff night – All parents/guardians are invited to our Annual Meet the Staff Night on Thursday, September 19th at 6:00pm. There will be two 15-minute sessions for parents to attend and meet their child/children's teachers.

Homeroom teachers will be in touch with more information next week.

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