



## KINDERGARTEN

Let's get started!

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**FOCUS. LEARN. EXCEL.**





CONNECT

DISCOVER

PLAY

The transition from home to school is an exciting milestone, and we will work together to make Kindergarten a positive and happy experience for you and your child.

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

## LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

BC has a comprehensive primary program that recognizes families as essential partners. The program is designed to support the needs of all learners. The Kindergarten learning environment provides time and space for children to explore and develop at their own pace. When you visit your child's classroom you will see children actively engaged in a wide range of learning opportunities.

## SD8 TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge, respect and honor the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District 8.





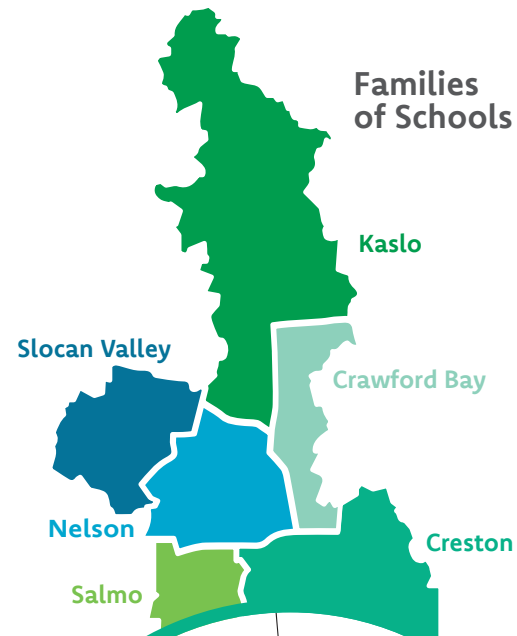
**WARM, SAFE, CARING ENVIRONMENTS – WE WELCOME ALL FAMILIES!**

## DISCOVER OUR SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

School District 8 covers a large geographical area – it includes the Families of Schools in Nelson, Kaslo, Crawford Bay, Creston, Salmo and the Slocan Valley. We have 16 elementary schools, plus alternative learning options for families, including ELEV8 Distributed Learning.

In each of our communities we have Strongstart and Ready Set Learn programs for families of children aged 0 to 5. These free drop-in programs give families an opportunity to connect with their neighborhood school, meet families with similar aged children, and access early learning resources.

*We have approximately 5,000 students in our school district, and employ over 800 staff members and contractors who are dedicated to inspiring each child to be fully engaged in their learning from Kindergarten through grade 12.*





EXPERIENCE

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Aboriginal Education is designed to support the success of all Aboriginal students: First Nations (Status and Non-status), Metis, and Inuit students who self-identify. Aboriginal Education support services may include Aboriginal language and culture and/or academic support.

### How to access supports and get involved in Aboriginal Education:

To participate in the Aboriginal support program, please check in with your school principal for more details and be sure to self-identify as Aboriginal on the school registration form.

For additional information, visit [aboriginal.sd8.bc.ca](http://aboriginal.sd8.bc.ca)



## STARTING OUT RIGHT

Our Kindergarten program creates the foundation for your child's positive learning journey – encouraging children to play and learn through a variety of experiential education opportunities to support their emotional, social, physical, intellectual and creative development.

### BC CURRICULUM

We encourage you to visit British Columbia's Education website to learn more about the Kindergarten curriculum:

- [gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning](http://gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning)
- [curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://curriculum.gov.bc.ca)





STRENGTHEN

ADAPT

GROW

## FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten provides a wonderful opportunity to build a strong foundation for lifelong learning. It is designed to enhance a child's overall development and reflects an understanding that children learn through active engagement and play.

## KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

*Please check with your catchment school for details about their September Kindergarten schedule.*





## HOW DO I ENROL MY CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN?

To enroll your child in kindergarten for the upcoming school year, your child must be 5 years old by December 31st of this year.

When registering your child, please bring their birth certificate, proof of home residence, immunization records since birth, and any other important health documents.

Visit [sd8.bc.ca](http://sd8.bc.ca) for registration information, district calendar, catchment areas, bussing, and school hours.



## IS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE?

We offer free bussing for all our school aged children. Visit [www.sd8.bc.ca](http://www.sd8.bc.ca) for more information.

## WHAT IF MY CHILD IS NOT READY FOR FULL DAYS?

Some children benefit from an extended gradual entry process. Your child's teacher and school principal will work with you to determine what is best for your child. Don't hesitate to discuss this with our staff.

## AS YOU PREPARE FOR SEPTEMBER...

In BC children are considered ready for Kindergarten during the calendar year that they turn 5.

Important routines to practice with your child include hygiene and self-care (washing hands, toileting) and development of independence in dressing (zippers, buttons, shoes, backpack).



SUPPORT

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD'S SUCCESS AT SCHOOL?

BE EXCITED ABOUT SCHOOL!



GET INVOLVED. ATTEND PAC MEETINGS OR VOLUNTEER IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM.



STRUCTURE

ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE IN DAILY ACTIVITIES: BATHROOM, CLEANING UP, GETTING DRESSED.



SET UP PLAY DATES FOR YOUR CHILD.

ESTABLISH PREDICTABLE HOME ROUTINES AT MEAL TIMES, STORY TIME, AND BED TIME.

INDEPENDENCE

READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY.



WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS SUPPORT AT SCHOOL?

Please talk to your child's teacher if you believe your child might require additional supports:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Speech & Language Pathology
- Additional support services



## KINDERGARTEN ESTABLISHES THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHILD'S LIFE-LONG LEARNING JOURNEY.

In School District 8, we offer flexible learning environments designed to stimulate children's natural curiosity, encourage exploration, and build strong self-confidence and global citizenship skills.



LITTLE STEPS

BIG GAINS

### WE RECOGNIZE EVERY CHILD'S UNIQUE GIFTS AND STRENGTHS.

We use those strengths to nurture and develop the whole child.

### FOR MORE INFO ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS, PLEASE CONTACT US:

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We are looking forward to meeting all children and their diverse families!