



### **Kindergarten Registration Form**

Children who are 5 yrs old on or before December 31, 2024 may register in Kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year. Please complete the online registration form found on the [Division website](#). You will be prompted to upload legal proof of your child's name and age: Canadian provincial birth certificate, Canadian citizenship document, passport, student study permit, or confirmation of a permanent residence document. As well as, confirmation of address: driver's license, utility bill, property tax bill, banking, financial or insurance documents.

### **Morning or Afternoon Class Preference**

Sakaw School offers half day Kindergarten. You will be asked to indicate on the online registration form if you prefer your child to attend morning or afternoon Kindergarten. Please note that we cannot guarantee your preference.

### **Yellow Busing**

Please watch the video available on the EPSB website for an [introduction to yellow bus service](#) so that you know what to expect if your child is riding the bus for the first time.

Yellow bus service is available for students who live in our Ellerslie attendance area. Monthly bus fees apply. Last year the bus fees were \$30 monthly. The exact 2024-25 fees are 'to be determined' at this time and will be posted at a later date. **For your child to qualify for yellow bus service on the first day of school in September, you must submit an [online bus application](#) before June 1, 2024.**

If you are undecided about your child needing yellow bus service, we strongly encourage you to apply. It is easier to apply by the deadline, and cancel the application if needed in September, than to apply after the deadline. Please note that if you apply in September there is a long waiting period before the bus service can start.

Once you've applied for busing and it is approved you will receive a letter in mid-August from Student Transportation that includes: route number, stop locations, pick up/drop off times, and company contact information. Then in September, once you have access to [SchoolZone](#) that is where you can find yellow bus information.

### **Kindergarten Open House**

February 15, 2024 at the school from 6-7pm.

### **In-Person or Online Learning**

Kindergarten will only be offered in-person.

### **First Day of School and Staggered Entry Orientation**

We feel that it is important for Kindergarten children to get acquainted with the school in a small group setting. **Therefore, if your last name starts with the letter A-L your child will attend on August 29 for staggered entry orientation in their designed morning or afternoon class. If your last name starts with the letter M-Z your child will attend on August 30 for staggered entry orientation in their designed morning or**

**afternoon class.** The official first day of Kindergarten is on September 3 where all Kindergarten students will begin regular daily morning or afternoon classes.

[Bell Schedule](#) (Please note that this is last year's bell schedule. Times may vary slightly for this coming year. Any changes will be posted on the Sakaw website.

### **SchoolZone**

SchoolZone is an important site that we use to communicate with parents throughout the year. School news, forms, progress reports, yellow bus tracking and fees will be posted on SchoolZone. You will receive your username and password in September. For more information please watch this [video](#), and for step-by-step instructions on how to navigate SchoolZone please go to [SchoolZone Help Site](#).

### **Kindergarten Fees**

Fees will be payable when an activity/field trip opportunity arises, and can be paid online through SchoolZone. The total field trip fees for the year will not exceed \$80.

### **School Supply List**

Items can be purchased at a store of your choice. Please label items with your child's name and bring them the first day of school.

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Item</b>
4	Large glue sticks
1 box	Large Crayola markers
1	Plastic pencil case
2	Black Sharpie markers
4	Black Expo dry erase markers
1	Presentation folder: letter size with 20 clear pockets per folder (available at Dollarama)
1 box	Facial tissues
1	Backpack (big enough to hold a binder/large library book)
1 set	Headphones <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● for computers and listening centres</li><li>● preferably over the ear, not in ear type</li><li>● labeled with name in a Ziploc bag or pouch</li></ul>
1 pair	Indoor running shoes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● for daily physical activity</li><li>● non-marking soles</li><li>● to stay at the school</li><li>● Children should be able to put them on independently so please get Velcro or slip-ons</li></ul>

## **Helping Your Child Get Ready for Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is a big step as children move from the more enclosed world of their home and small playgroups to the larger school community. By providing certain opportunities at home, you can help to prepare your child for this new experience.

### **Self-Help Skills**

- Help your child to develop independence in dressing, i.e. putting on and taking off outer clothing such as jackets & sweaters, putting on and fastening shoes, doing up zippers and buttons, hanging clothing up or putting it in a designated spot.
- Allow your child the chance to make decisions, i.e. which of two outfits does he/she/they want to wear, which of 2-3 activities does he/she/they want to do.
- Work to develop independence in personal care skills such as blowing the nose, washing and drying hands, eating with utensils, managing clothing when using the washroom, wiping, etc.

### **Early Literacy & Numeracy Skills**

- Read and talk about books with your child. Recite nursery rhymes. Tell stories. Ask your child questions such as How? Why? When?
- Talk about events or activities that the family is doing. As you work around the home or yard, name the items that you are working with and talk about how they work. Talk about the order of things such as steps in building something, cooking, and getting ready for bed.
- Count objects as you work around the home i.e. when setting the table, when you're driving, when you're walking, playing board games.
- Play games such as "I Spy" to help develop thinking and observation skills.

### **Fine & Gross Motor Skills**

- Provide opportunities for your child to be creative with pencils, paper, paints, scissors, glue, and felts. Scissors, paints and felts may need supervision but this early experience is extremely valuable in developing hand muscles. Play dough and clay are also excellent for developing the small muscles.
- Encourage your child to use their large muscles in a variety of ways such as running, crawling, galloping, skipping, and riding a bike, going up and down stairs, throwing, catching and kicking various size balls.