

April 21, 2020

Dear kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Glen Allan Kindergarten Program. We are happy to be sharing in your child's exciting learning journey. Due to the Covid -19 pandemic we will not be able to do a Kindergarten open house this year. In its place we have placed on our website a kindergarten tab filled with all kinds of useful information so that you can prepare for the fall when we are back.

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 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. We ask that you read the remainder of this newsletter carefully and to keep it for future reference. Please remember that our school office opens August 24 and we will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Please be aware that if you are accessing bussing for your Kindergarten child, **regular bussing will not start until Tuesday, September 3.**

2. Class Times

8:35 to 3:15 for both Calendar A (Monday & Wednesday & select Fridays) and Calendar B (Tuesday & Thursdays select Fridays)

The program for the 2020-2021 year is 475 hours of instruction.

4. Parent Volunteers

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

We ask for volunteers for activities, special events and field trips. Further information about parent volunteers will be provided in our Kindergarten newsletters.

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.

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 attached page for the supplies your child will need for Kindergarten. Having the supplies available on your child's first day would be very beneficial.

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.

Yours truly,

Mr. Tracey Arbuthnott  
Principal  
Glen Allan Elementary



# EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2020-21

- Regular School Day
- Early Dismissal for Students
- No School for Students  
- Professional Learning/Operational Day
- No School - Statutory Holiday
- No School for All Students and Staff

**SCHEDULE A:**  
Mondays, Wednesdays  
and select Fridays

**SCHEDULE B:**  
Tuesdays, Thursdays  
and select Fridays

## Important Dates

- Aug 28** Professional Learning Day
- Aug 31** Operational Day
- Sept 1** Classes Begin
- Sept 7** Labour Day – Stat.
- Oct 9** Professional Learning Day
- Oct 12** Thanksgiving Day – Stat.
- Nov 9 - 13** November Break
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day – Stat.
- Nov 13** Day-in-Lieu: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Dec 23 - Jan 5** Christmas Break
- Dec 23** Day-in-Lieu: Boxing Day
- Dec 24** Christmas Floater Day – Holiday
- Dec 25** Christmas Day – Stat.
- Jan 1** New Year's Day – Stat.
- Jan 6** Classes Resume for Students
- Jan 29** Professional Learning Day
- Feb 1** Second Semester Begins
- Feb 4 & 5** North Central Teachers' Convention
- Feb 15** Family Day – Stat.
- Mar 5** Professional Learning Day
- Mar 26** Day-in-Lieu: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mar 29 - Apr 2** Spring Break
- Apr 2** Good Friday – Stat.
- Apr 5** Easter Monday – Holiday
- Apr 6** Classes Resume
- May 7** Professional Learning Day
- May 21** School Closure Day
- May 24** Victoria Day – Stat.
- Jun 21** National Indigenous Peoples Day – no exams
- Jun 24** Last Instructional Day
- Jun 28** Last Operational Day

**AUGUST 2020**

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**GLEN ALLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST  
2020-2021**

**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 pair Head phones in small Ziploc (clearly labeled) **NO EARBUDS PLEASE**

**Please DO NOT label the following items:**

- 3 duotangs, plain, no navy or black
- 4 glue sticks – Elmer’s purple or blue – 20 g. (name brand- due to it being more adhesive)
- 1 package of Crayola *Fine tip markers* (brand name- due to superior quality)
- 1 package Twistable crayons
- 1 dry erase marker (any colour)