

École Oriole Park School Kindergarten Orientation 2020- 2021



Welcome! • Bienvenue!

Re-Entry to School



Red Deer Public Schools has been working diligently since June in planning for the upcoming school year and we learned in July that we will return under Scenario 1 - near normal conditions.

Alberta Education has three scenarios for what education may look like as we return to learning in September and are asking school jurisdictions to prepare for all three possibilities:

- **Scenario 1** - A return to normal operations and routines in schools. Red Deer Public Schools is calling this “**regular operations**”
- **Scenario 2** - Schools are partially re-opened, with some level of restrictions. These restrictions will be determined by Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education. Red Deer Public Schools is calling this “**blended operations**”
- **Scenario 3** - Schools remain closed and students continue learning from home. Red Deer Public Schools is calling this “**at-home learning**”

**** Please Note: At any time, the Chief Medical Officer of Health can alter which Scenario schools operate in due to COVID-19 numbers. We must be prepared for a change in circumstances at any time.**

Re-Entry to School



Red Deer Public Schools is committed to the following principles:

- Student and staff health and safety are our priorities.
- High quality student learning will occur no matter which scenario we are in.
- There will be a collective effort to keep everyone safe, and schools open.
- Ongoing communication, and informing everyone of changes in expectations.
- Parents are the primary decision-makers with respect to their children
- Being prepared to transition from one scenario to another with short notice.

Our Awesome Kindergarten Teachers

Nicole Baird
English



Allison Cook
French Immersion



Our School



- approx 400 students
 - Dual Track - English and French Immersion
 - Pathways Program
- Staff of 32 (Teachers & EA's)
 - Phys.Ed/Music teacher
 - Community Liaison Worker (CLW)
 - Learning Assistance Teacher (LAT)

2020 - 21 Bell Times

Kindergarten Schedule



Kindergarten Entry	8:55am
Attendance/OPN	9:00am - 9:10am
	9:10am - 10:10am
Recess	10:10am - 10:25am
	10:25am - 12:10pm
Recess Break	12:10pm - 12:40pm
Lunch	12:40pm - 12:55pm
	12:55pm - 1:45pm
Recess	1:45pm - 2:00pm
	2:00 - 3:20
Kindergarten Dismissal	3:20 pm

Our School's Core Values



These core values form the foundation of learning and becoming socially responsible citizens at Oriole Park

Technology

- Smart Board in each classroom
- Tablets in each classroom
- 4 carts of 30 Chromebooks
- Computer lab in Library
- Every student has an eportfolio called Fresh Grade, which is a digital scrapbook of their learning starting in Kindergarten. The teachers post the learning throughout the year. The students will use this until the end of Grade 5.



Assemblies

CURRENTLY - Large group assemblies are all cancelled until further notice. We hope to return to some form of assemblies in the future

Previously we had:

- 1 assembly per month. Some examples:
 - Terry Fox Assembly
 - Remembrance Day Assembly
 - Halloween Assembly
 - Christmas Concert
- Assemblies from January to June
 - Showcase classes with performances
 - Citizenship recognition-based on the school's core values



House Teams (under review)



- This is being reviewed in August & September to determine if we're able to run our House Teams
- In the past, every student was sorted into a house team that they would stay in while at OP
- Matched with siblings
- Students would be in their house teams for a variety of events throughout the year

OP Passports (under review)

- Each student has a passport and is recognized for practising the four core values (*at the assemblies*) pending review

Preparing for the First Day of School

Over the next few days:

- Walk to the school and have a picnic.
- Play in the school yard.
- Find the outside entrance to the Kindergarten area (NW doors - they have a sign on them)
- Establish bedtime routines and morning routines.
- Make up a fun goodbye routine and practice it in other situations before school starts.



Preparing for the First Day of School



Transition Day - Aug 31:

- **Sign up** for a 20-minute time to meet your teacher & see the room
- Only 1 parent allowed with the Kindergarten child; no siblings please
- Parents must be masked and sign in (contact tracing)
- Parents & Kindergarten must sanitize hands upon entry
- If you have their supplies, and they are labelled, feel free to bring them on this day
- Instructions on how to sign up have been sent out

First Day of School

- Make the first day fun.
- Get up in time to get everything done without rushing.
- Be calm.
- Talk about the fun things they will be doing at school.
- Make sure your child gets to school on time and is picked up on time.

The first day of school is a big event in the life of a family, make it a positive one!



Daily Schedule

Our daily routine is fairly regular and may look something like this:

- Line up outside by the wall (they do not go and play at the playground). Please stay with your child until we let them in.
- 8:58-the bell rings, we will let them in (**Especially in the first few months, please leave when we have let your child into the school. This helps everyone with the smoothest transition possible**).
- Morning Meeting
- Calendar
- Gym
- Work
- **Recess**
- Snack
- Learning centres
- Lunch
- **Recess**
- Quiet time
- Reading
- Work
- **Recess**
- Music/Art
- Centres/Optional snack
- 3:25-Dismissal. Students will be dismissed one by one at the doors. Please wait outside for them.



Today's Schedule		
8:15	Reading	📖
9:00	Math	📊
9:45	Writing	✍️
10:30	Recess	🏃
11:15	Lunch	🍴
12:00	Social Studies	🌍
12:45	Music	🎵
1:30	Science	🔬
2:30	Gym	🏀

Kindergarten Program

Language Arts

- They will be forming letters, printing their names and exploring new vocabulary.
- Rhyming
- Your child will begin to understand that letters have sounds and that together those sounds form words and carry meaning.
- They will have fun sharing their ideas and experiences.
- They will explore books and print and learn important pre-



Kindergarten Program

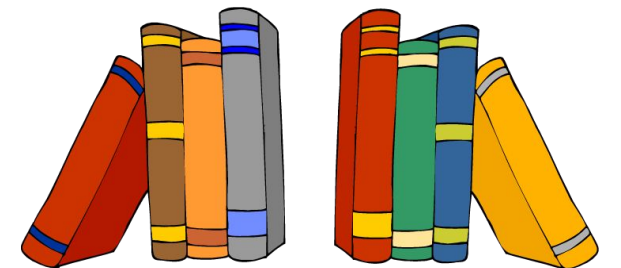
Math

- Your child will represent and describe quantities up to 10.
- They will understand and create repeating patterns and compare objects based on their attributes.
- They will be learning about measurement, 2D and 3D shapes.



Gym and Library

- Kindergarten classes go to gym together.
- We have gym every day.
- We have library once a week.
- The students can take out 1 book to take home.
- The book needs to be returned the following week in order to take out a new book.
- If the book is lost then it needs to be paid for. If it is found after you have paid for it then you will get your money back.



Snacks

We like to encourage students to bring healthy snacks. Some examples are:

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Yogurt
- Apple sauce
- Crackers
- Cheese
- Water



We are a nut aware school. Please do not send snacks with nuts of any kind.

Students are NOT allowed to share food - please send enough for your child for the day.

Change of Clothes

- In case of accidents or messy play please send a change of clothes in a plastic bag. This will be kept in their backpacks throughout the year.
- Label shoes, boots, cloth masks, backpacks, coats and mitts.



Birthdays/Celebrations (under review)



- We will acknowledge all birthdays in the classroom. We celebrate summer birthdays in May and June.
- At this time, sharing of food is not allowed, so bringing in treats will not be possible.
- We “may” have classroom parties for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, etc. (under review for protocols)
- When we have class parties it is appreciated if you can sign up to bring something on the list. (under review for protocols)

Absences and Lates



- Attendance is taken by 9:10 and 1:10 . If you are late please go to the office and let them know and bring back a late slip to the classroom.
- If you are away please call the office or send the teacher an email.
- Kindergarten children love school and when they are not well they will try to convince you to let them come...please do not send them if they are not well. In Kindergarten, illnesses spread very quickly!
- Also do not send them back too soon as some of them need that extra day just to get their energy back so that they come back healthy and ready to learn.



Parent Teacher Conferences

- If allowed, we meet formally for Parent/Teacher Conferences 3 times in a school year (October, December and March)
- If you have any concerns at any time please come and talk to us. You can contact us by phone, e-mail or make an appointment to meet after school.
- Kindergarten students receive **one** report card at the end of the year.



Saying Goodbye....

- Introduce your child to a buddy from his/her class.
- Give your child a kiss and say goodbye.
- Practice your goodbye routine ahead of time.
- Reassure your child that you know they will be okay.



Field Trips/Helping in the Classroom - pending review - at this time, no parent helpers allowed & no field trips allowed



- We love having parent helpers in the classroom, however we need to spend September establishing routines. **There will be no parent helpers for the month of September.**
- ~~• We request that siblings do not accompany parent helpers.~~
- ~~• If you would like help out in the classroom or go on a field trip with us you must have criminal check completed and on file at the school. It is good for 5 years.~~
- ~~• On most field trips the places let us know how many parent volunteers we are allowed to bring.~~
- ~~• If you are not able to come on one we will try to accommodate you for another one.~~

Newsletters



- Each class has a web page that can be found by going to the Oriole Park School website.
- This is where you will find the monthly newsletters and any information you need to know for the week.
- Starting in October we will have a special person every day. This person gets to be line leader and a helper in the classroom. Each month we have a different theme for show and share.





Our Journey



- Setting each child up for success in school takes a team
- That team includes parents, teachers, EA's, Admin, Librarians, Office Staff, Families, Caretakers, LAT's, CLW's, and the list goes on
- Working together we will achieve success for your child

We cannot wait to start this journey of success with you and your beautiful child

