



Welcome to
École Sage Creek School's
Kindergarten Information Evening
Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021





Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions:
 - Administrators: Marc Poirier & Megan Vankoughnett
 - Kindergarten Teacher: Mme Randi
- Overview of Kindergarten
- Overview of both language programs
- Covid procedures
- Registration process
- Questions?



Welcome!

- We know that Kindergarten is the foundation of the school experience. We will work extremely hard to ensure that your child has an amazing year in Kindergarten, having fun while learning; as it will pave the way to happy and successful schooling.
- Our teachers understand that, although school is about learning and growing, the key is RELATIONSHIPS.
- Despite current challenges with distancing during Covid 19, our Kindergarten teachers remain committed to building strong relationships with your children



Kindergarten Philosophy

- Relationships are key: Children thrive in a class where there are positive, encouraging relationships.
- Every child brings individual attributes, strengths and experiences.
- Children develop at their own rate academically, socially and emotionally.
- Children are naturally curious and learn through play, hands on activities, and explorations that are meaningful to them.



Importance of play-based learning

- Play is a natural way for children to learn.
- Play-based learning leads to greater social, emotional, and academic success.
- Through **thoughtfully and deliberately planned** experiential play, children explore, manipulate, create, experiment, test, think critically, etc.
- The benefits of play are well known. Children's brains develop through exploration and when they are encouraged to use thinking skills, problem solving skills and language expression, all of which occur naturally during play.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47irXec_vGI&feature=youtu.be



Kindergarten Routines at ÉSCS

- Entering the school, take off outerwear put on indoor shoes.
- Get supply bags, go to their spot.
- Morning meeting – Many various steps (Sharing, Activity, Calendar, Chart, etc...)
- Play Based Learning, Centres and Exploration
- Literacy Activities (Letters, Printing, Writing, Story Time, etc...)
- Numeracy Activities
- Outdoor Activities
- Music or Phys Ed
- Healthy Snack
- Independent dress for home (zippers, etc...)

A group of children are sitting on the ground in a circle, possibly participating in an outdoor activity. The text "What I love most about Kindergarten?" is overlaid in large, red, outlined letters across the center of the image. The background shows a paved area and some greenery.

What I love
most about
Kindergarten?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl3Q9ZPMMEY&feature=youtu.be>



Ways you can support your child:

As parents, your cooperation and support are vital to your child's success in school. We encourage you to:

- read with your child every day,
- expose your child to new situations without you directly by their side,
- practice turn-taking games, sharing and meeting new people,
- help your child to recognize and print their name,
- ensure that your child is independent in the bathroom
- Ensure your child is independent with putting their mask on and taking it off
- visit and volunteer (if possible post-covid)



21st Century Learning at ÉSCS

Some of our teaching strategies may be different than what we lived when we went to school because a lot has been learned related to how kids learn best and the skills required for their successful future. Our teachers use various proven strategies and approaches to ensure a better understanding and deeper learning while developing our students' skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity as well as “character” education and citizenship.



Older students
"in action"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qmedjiFMXs&feature=youtu.be>



Dual Track program

ÉSCS is a dual track school! This means that we offer an English program as well as a French Immersion program all in one school. Students from both programs collaborate on different activities. Both programs are meant for families who do NOT speak French. Both programs are an excellent choice depending on your family's preference.



Dual Track program

English Program:

- Meant for families who prefer their child's education to be in English as all courses are taught in English. Students in the English program will learn some French vocabulary and conversational phrases throughout their schooling at ÉSCS.

French Immersion Program:

- The goal of the French Immersion program is to develop completely bilingual students. In French Immersion, all courses are taught in French (Math, Sciences, Social Studies, Health, Art, etc.) except for the English course (we begin teaching English in Grade 2). There is no expectation that parents need to speak, read or understand French. All communication to the home is in English. For more information, see the "French Immersion Program in the Louis Riel School Division" brochure in the registration package.



Covid procedures

Many school procedures have changes due to Covid, including:

- the way students enter the school,
- cohorts
- class size (to ensure 2 meters of distancing in the class)
- mask wearing
- hand sanitizing
- cleaning protocols
- the teaching strategies we can use (fewer cooperative activities)
- procedures used when family members are feeling ill



Registration package (will receive in an email tonight)

- A link to the official LRSD registration package will include:
 - Registration form (several pages)
 - Letter to Parent from our Superintendent
 - Early Years Education brochure
 - LRSD – Beliefs About Early Learners
 - Play-based Learning brochure
 - Eye See... Eye Learn information
 - French Immersion in LRSD brochure
 - Letter from WRHA
- The email will also contain the following attachments:
 - ÉSCS Brochure
 - EYE – DA letter
 - A copy of this presentation
 - Letter explaining the 4 options for Media Release (for bottom of page 3 of the registration form)
 - Registration Form (Must be returned)
 - K-8 Acceptable Use Agreement Internet and Systems (Must be returned)



Registration process

- Registration month: begins Monday March 1st
**IMPORTANT
- Four Documents needed to register:
 - Registration form,
 - K-8 Acceptable Use Agreement - Internet and Systems
 - Proof of age: copy of birth certificate or the Manitoba Health card or Passport
 - Proof of residency (address): Copy of Telephone or Hydro Bill; apartment lease/offer to purchase; copy of bank statement (hiding financial information)



First way to register

1. In person at the school (especially if you need or really want AM or PM): Parents are not currently allowed to enter the school. If you come early on March 1st, we will accept the **four** documents from you. If you come “in person” later in the day or on another day, come to the main front doors and call the secretaries (the phone number is on the door) and they will come outside to meet you and pick up the **four** documents.



Second way to register

2. On line – available after 8:00 am on Monday March 1st.
 - In the “Kindergarten information Package” section, you will find the many files discussed at the meeting.
 - In the “Kindergarten Registration Process” section, select one of the 3 choices "Canadian", "Newcomer", or "International".
 - On the new page, you will download, fill out the electronic versions of the 2 following documents:
 - Student Registration 2021-2022
 - K-8 Acceptable Use Agreement – Internet and Systems with Pledge (parents can fill it out for Kindergarten students; they do not have to sign)
 - In addition to the 2 documents, you must submit a scan or photo of the 2 following items:
 - Proof of residency (or proof of address) that includes your name and current address (choose one): bank statement, utility bill, apartment lease, or home purchase offer
 - Proof of student’s age (birth certificate or the Manitoba Health card or Passport)



Can we select morning or afternoon Kindergarten?

- As is the case in schools with AM & PM Kindergarten, placement will be based on the order that we receive the registration papers (Starting March 1st). Historically, parents who have a strong need (or want) for either AM or PM have arrived extremely early with their registration form and 2 documents to ensure they receive their preference. We aim to start receiving the packages (with all 4 required items) at 6:30am.
- Each person in line, can only submit a package for one family.
- If you cannot make it early on March 1st, but need or really want AM or PM, you can send someone else on your behalf (but they can only hand in for your family.)



Registration for children in specific daycares

- Parents of students attending specific daycares are transported to school and the AM or PM slot is determined between the school and daycare. Those daycares include: Rainbow Day Nursery (in Sage Creek), Windsor Park Children's Care Centre, Gym Kids (pre-pandemic), Living Prairie. Our hope is that each of these daycares continue to transport students but we ask you to please confirm with them that they will be transporting next year. The choice of AM or PM will be finalized by the school and daycare and you will be informed at the same time as everyone else. A specific daycare's slot (AM or PM) may change from year to year. **If it is confirmed that your child will attend one of these daycares and they will transport, you should not come early and wait in line.** If you are not sure if they will be in a program, you may want to consider coming early on March 1st.
- If it has been confirmed that your child has a place in one of these centres, please inform us by emailing me (marc.poirier@lrsd.net) your child's name, and which of the above daycares they will be attending.
- If you are on either of these four program's waitlists, and you really want AM or PM (if you don't get in the program), we encourage you to come early on March 1st.
- We cannot make arrangements with all of the various home-daycares. Thank you for your understanding!



Next steps

- To help better get to know your child; they will be invited to an Early Years Evaluation (EYE-DA). More information can be found in one of the files in the registration package. (5 domains that will help the teachers better answer your child's needs)
- As soon as possible (hopefully the end of May; whenever daycares confirm their information), you will receive information regarding AM or PM
- Typically, in June, parents receive opening day conference information, staggered entry dates, etc.
- Opening day conferences: At the beginning of September, before starting school, you and your child will have an individual meeting with the teacher (in person or virtually).
- Staggered entry: Smaller number of students who alternate class time for the first week to ensure a gentle start with fewer students. Your child will only attend every other day!

Frequently Asked Questions





Which students are eligible to attend Kindergarten at École Sage Creek School?

- Student who will be 5 years old by December 31st, 2021. (born during 2016.)
- Family must reside in Sage Creek:
 - East of Lagimodière
 - South of the “extension” of Bishop Grandin
 - North of “South Perimeter Highway”
 - West of Plessis Road



Can our child attend ÉSCS if we live outside of Sage Creek?

As the community of Sage Creek continues to grow and because École Sage Creek School is already over capacity, we will not accept any applications from people living outside of Sage Creek. No exceptions are made!

What about transportation?

- The Province provides transportation for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 attending their catchment school if they live more than 1.6 kilometers from the school.
- Because there are no homes that are more than 1.6 kms from the school, there are no “regular” bus routes to ÉSCS.





Kindergarten Hours

Morning Kindergarten:

- Morning bell rings at 8:45 am, followed by "O Canada" and announcements at 8:55 am. Drop off between 8:40 and 8:45.
- Classes end at 11:45 am. Pick-up at 11:45.

Afternoon Kindergarten:

- First bell rings at 12:40 pm. Drop off between 12:35-12:40.
- Classes end at 3:30 pm. Pick-up at 3:30.



What about daycare?

Families still seeking childcare should visit the Government of Manitoba website to assist them in locating a childcare facility at:

<https://onlinechildcareregistry.gov.mb.ca/occrweb>

(In Google, search "winnipeg daycare registry")

Some examples:

- Rainbow Day Nursery; on-site; (204) 254-3550
- Windsor Park Children's Care Centre;
906 Cottonwood Rd; (204) 257-6066 (transportation provided)
- GymKids; 421 Beaverhill Blvd. (204) 487-1806 (Pre-Covid)
- Living Prairie Childcare (Qualico in Sage Creek)
livingprairiechildcare@gmail.com
- "School-run" Before and After for Gr 1-6 students.

Questions

