

SCDSB Kindergarten Orientation



We Welcome All Languages!



For families who have a first language that is not English, you will find tools and instructions on how to view this information in your first language on slide three.



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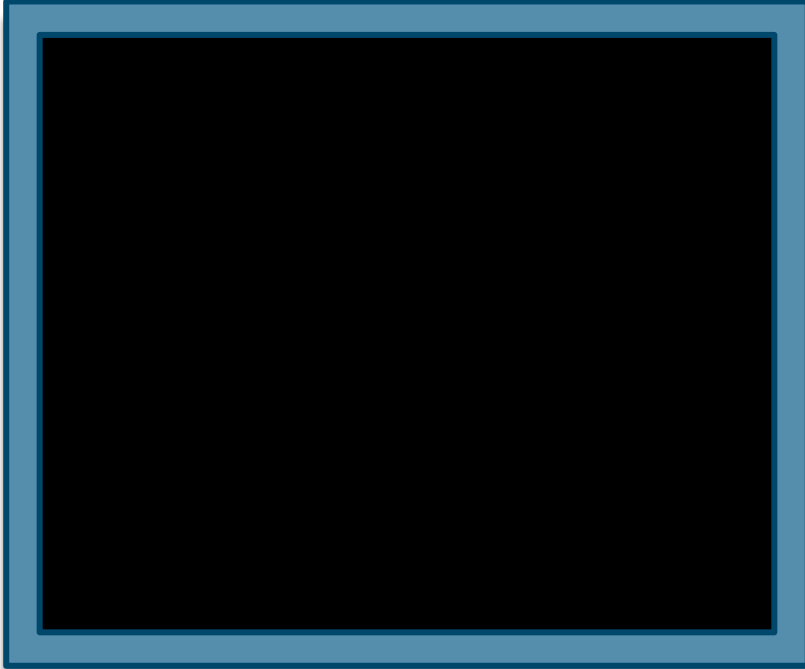


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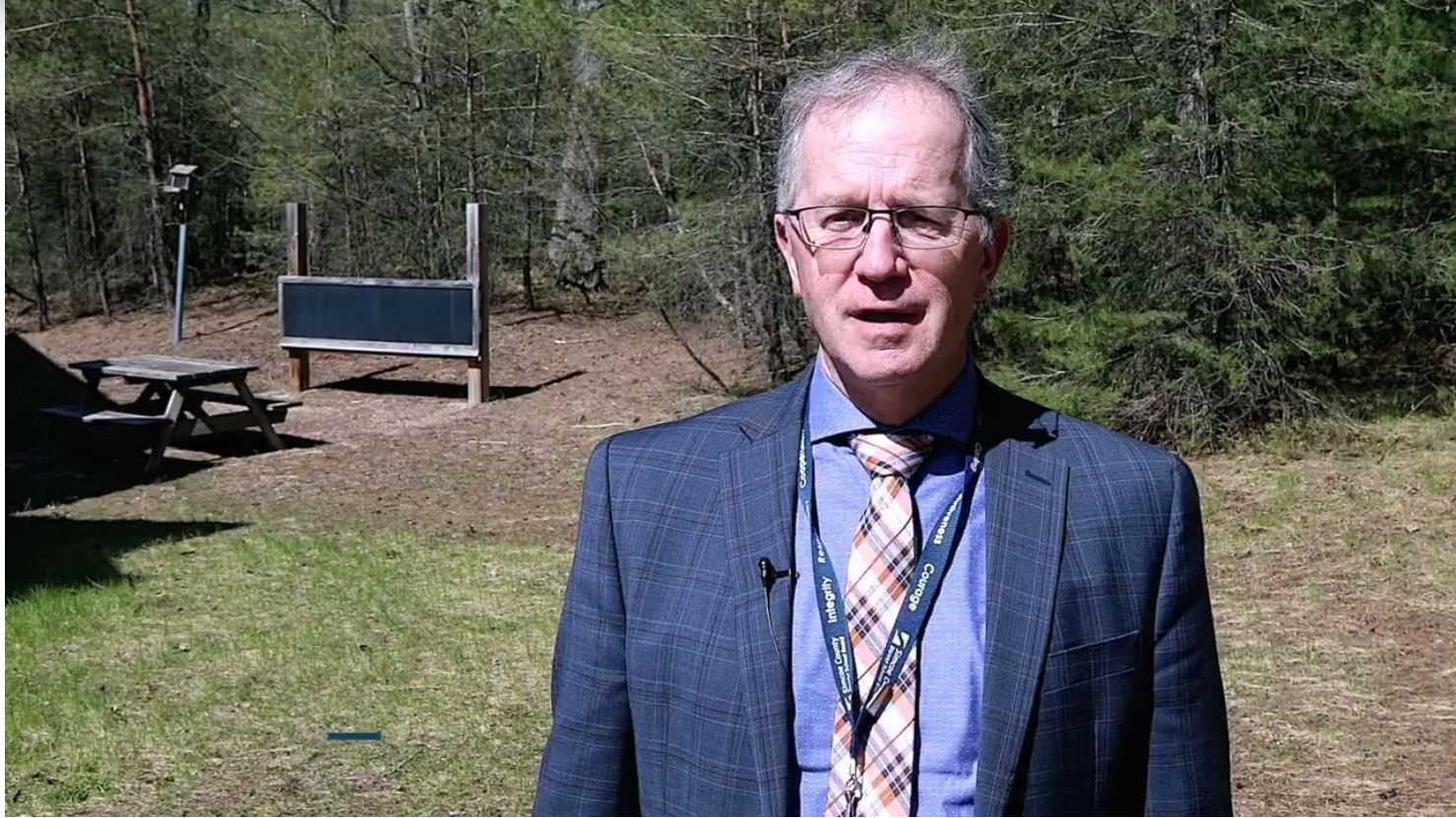


Land Acknowledgement:



Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

A Message from Director Dance:



FDK reduces risks in language and cognitive development (JK)

Non FDK

15.8% risk

1 Year FDK

15.7% risk



2 Years FDK

4.3% risk



Note: Children in the 2 year FDK group had already benefited from FDK in their Junior Kindergarten year at the time of measurement. 1 year FDK group had not yet benefited from FDK as the program began in SK for these students.

FDK reduces risks in social competence (SK)

1/2 day K

10.5% risk

1 Year FDK

6.7% risk

2 Years FDK

5.8% risk



FDK reduces risks in communication skills and general knowledge (SK)

1/2 day K

10.5% risk

1 Year FDK

7.6% risk

2 Years FDK

5.8% risk



Welcome to WR Best!



WR Best - 2221 Old Barrie Rd Website: wrb.scdsb.on.ca

Meet Ms. Cameron Armstrong!



Welcome to Kindergarten! We know your child will learn and grow. Our school is a special place, there are many caring adults who will look after your child. Your child will make new friends!

Looking forward to meeting you all,
Ms Cameron Armstrong

Mrs. Williamson works in our office!



School Hours:

09:05 AM - 09:20 AM	Yard Supervision Begins (buses begin drop off / Kiss & Ride begins)
09:20 AM - 11:00AM	1st Block
11:00 AM - 11:20 AM	Nutrition Break
11:20 AM - 11:40 PM	Recess
11:40 AM - 01:20 PM	2nd Block
01:20 PM - 01:40 PM	Nutrition Break
01:40 PM - 02:00 PM	Recess
02:00 PM - 03:40 PM	3rd Block
03:40 PM	Dismissal

Please note: Parents and/or guardians are not allowed on the school tarmac during drop off, school hours and pick up. **No pets are allowed on school property.** Please adhere to using the sidewalks and the Kiss & Ride.

What goes into the backpack?

- Healthy Lunch
- Provided Mail Bag
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Extra Clothes
- Extra Mitts (seasonal)
- Extra Socks / Underwear
- Inside shoes
- [Your home language!](#)



Label everything that comes to school!

Clothing for Kindergarten (ALL LABELLED)

Everyday (Dress for the Weather)

- Rubber boots and splash pants (no umbrellas please)
- Winter jacket and snowpants
- Velcro** running shoes
- Warm and **waterproof** mittens

Extra Bag

- 2 extra pairs of pants/shorts
- 2 extra pairs of socks
- 2 extra pairs of underwear
- 2 extra shirts



NOTE: LABEL EVERYTHING!!! Put in a Ziploc bag please. Clothing should be comfortable and allow for your child to independently dress themselves. Practice putting on velcro shoes and jackets **independently!**

Lunch:

- We have **two** nutritional breaks. Each one is twenty minutes long.
- A variety of healthy food choices in small quantities are encouraged.
- **Practice** opening containers this summer and picking which foods to eat first.
- Please check labels to ensure all food is **nut free**.
- Some classrooms may require additional requirements for the safety of all and that will be communicated by the educators during the first days of school.



School Cash Online:

- We are a paperless school!
We use school cash online!
- Sign up to pay for hot lunch, field trips etc.

<https://simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com/>

- Forms will come home in September with sign up instructions. You will need to be registered into our school system with a student number in order to do so.

 SchoolCashOnline

 Simcoe County
District School Board

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Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)



Register

Sign In

Student Absence:

- If your child is going to be away, you **MUST** call the safe arrival phone number to let us know.

705-728-9591

- It is a 24 hour answering machine with instructions for safe arrival
- Safe Arrival registration forms will go home in September.



Volunteering:

- All parents who wish to be CONSIDERED for volunteering **MUST** have a current criminal reference check (vulnerable section).
- Go online to register for VOLUNTEERING at www.scdsb.on.ca and use the 'community apps' link.
- If a criminal records check is needed, you will need a school form signed by administration to upload with the OPP; this can be picked up in the front office.
- **This must be completed in September 2023.**



Medical:

- ❑ If your child has a medical condition that we need to be aware of, a Plan of Care needs to be completed by you.

[Anaphylaxis](#)

[Diabetes](#)

[Epilepsy](#)

[Asthma](#)

[General\(Other\)](#)

- ❑ If your child will need medication administered or stored at school, a Plan of Care (see specific links above) and a [Medical Form](#) (signed by a doctor) must be completed.
- ❑ To obtain these forms please contact the office or click the links above.
- ❑ **These forms must be in place for the first day of school or ASAP.**
- ❑ Any questions or concerns please contact the office - 705-728-9591

Bussing Information:

- Home to School Bus information was given to eligible families during the registration process.
- If weather conditions or other issues arise, which may make a bus late at times, follow all the rules and expectations on the website www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.
- Follow Twitter: [@SCSTC_SchoolBus](https://twitter.com/SCSTC_SchoolBus)
- Buses have a window of **15 minutes to be late**. ONLY after this time, will they put on their website / Twitter and also notify the school (NOT before).



Social Media:

- Follow us on Twitter @WRBestPS
- Our school website.
www.wrb.scdsb.on.ca
- Each classroom has their own means of social media which will be established at the beginning of the school year.



Fast Facts:

- Each classroom team of educators will have different methods of communication (e-mail, google classroom) ALWAYS, your first point of contact is the educators from your child's classroom.
- Each classroom is unique, yet follows the practices & expectations of the Kindergarten Program.
- In Kindergarten, students are outside EVERYDAY. Always dress appropriately for the outside weather.

Fast Facts:

- We practice self-regulation everyday and encourage your child to be independent with their lunch, shoes, jackets and belongings (it is good to practice these skills leading up to kindergarten).
- Kindergarten students do not need pencil cases. Only their indoor shoes and extra clothes required.
- Donations such as tissues, antibacterial foaming hand soap and paper towel are always appreciated.

Meet the Team:



Meet our Partners: Before & After School Program

**Come work
with us**



Have questions?

YMCA

705-791-0875



EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer parents and caregivers with children prenatal to 6 years of age, a range of free core services which can assist them in their parenting or caregiving role.

These centres welcome all families to participate in quality programs that:

- help strengthen adult-child relationships,
- support parent education, and
- foster healthy child development.

Qualified professionals can help families and caregivers find support, get advice, make personal connections and access a network of resources.



As parents and caregivers we often wonder if our child is meeting their developmental milestones. EarlyON Program Facilitators are trained to complete developmental screening tools with parents and caregivers.

Did you know that all EarlyON Child Family Centres base their programs on the pedagogy How Does Learning Happen? This pedagogy also forms the foundation for the kindergarten curriculum in Ontario.

Coming this April

The Simcoe County EarlyON Child and Family Centres are excited to be offering the Getting Ready for K program that help prepare children and parents for kindergarten.

Registration link:

<https://www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca/hubfs/GRE K.pdf>



With many EarlyON Child and Family Centres location across Simcoe County, you'll be sure to find programs and services in your area.

Barrie, Innisfil and Bradford area

<https://www.empowersimcoe.ca/earlyon-child-family-centres/>

Collingwood and Alliston area:

www.e3.ca/earlyon/

Midland and Orillia area:

www.earlyonsimcoenorth.ca

French Language Services contact:

www.lacle.ca



Our Kindergarten Classes!



Make sure you visit both Kindergarten classes today!

Our Cubby/Entrance Areas!



These are the doorways to our yard and where we meet first thing in the morning!

Our Library and Music Room!



Our Playground & Forest Area!



Parents Guide to Literacy & Math in Kindergarten:

(A Parent's Guide to Literacy and Mathematics)



A PARENT'S GUIDE TO LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS IN FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

Full-day kindergarten (kindergarten) is designed to give your child a stronger start in school and in life – by providing an engaging learning program during the school day that is based on a child's natural desire for play. All children enter school capable, competent and ready to learn. Kindergarten will help them grow physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually.

The kindergarten program is organized into four broad areas or "frames." They reflect the way in which learning naturally occurs during children's exploration, play and inquiry.

- » **Belonging and Contributing**
- » **Self-Regulation and Well-Being**
- » **Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours**
- » **Problem Solving and Innovating**

About literacy and math

Before starting school, children have already had a wide range of experiences with words, letters, numbers and pictures, and have used language and mathematical thinking at home and in their community.

Learning happens when people are actively engaged in thinking and working together. This is the foundation of the kindergarten program. Children learn different ways to think about things, to consider different perspectives and to think critically about information. This is more than only identifying letters and numbers. Children may show their understanding by:

- writing, painting or drawing
- exploring things and asking questions or making comments about what they observe
- drawing pictures and/or printing some numbers, letters, and/or words
- creating with materials such as blocks, sand or recycled items



ontario.ca/kindergarten

When do Year One Students go to School?

Year One/JK students DO NOT attend the first day of school.

Year One/JK Kindergarten students start
Thursday September 7, 2023 @ 9:20am

Teachers will meet students when the buses arrive at school. A teacher will also meet students at Kiss and Ride

Stay consistent! Please start the year off with your child's regular mode of transportation to ease anxiety and set routines

Additional Resources:

Visit scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten to find more information including...



Tips to get ready for Kindergarten

My feelings about school



Eating and drinking



My belongings



Self-care and routines



Home time



Getting ready for the big day



[Getting Ready for Kindergarten Video](#)

[Tips to Get Ready For Kindergarten](#)

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What happens at school?

The Child

Each child is a unique individual. Learning success depends on the development of feelings of confidence and self-esteem as well as the recognition of the value of the child's individual abilities.

The Educators

The teachers and early childhood educators create rich learning environments that are safe, caring, accepting, challenging and stimulating. Children are expected to think, to notice, to question, to explore, to discover, and to make connections. The educators carefully observe each child in order to know his or her growing capabilities and then provide appropriate learning experiences.



Play

Play is the child's natural way of making sense of the world. Children learn when all their senses are actively involved. They need to talk and think about everything they do. This is why our Kindergartens are active environments where children are involved with ideas, feelings, and concepts. Research indicates that play is the way young children learn best.



['Welcome to Kindergarten' booklet](#)

[Kindergarten in the SCDSB Video](#)

Additional Resources:

- ❑ For more information on childcare programs available in our schools, visit the [Before and After School Programs](#) section.
- ❑ Watch our [Nutrition and Healthy Eating videos](#) for tips on what to pack in your child's lunch!
- ❑ Visit our [Registration Page](#) for information on how to register using the online registration application.
- ❑ The [Simcoe County Early Intervention Services](#) provides young children with special needs and their families with a wide range of services and supports to help them develop to their fullest potential.

Visit [kindergarten/scdsb.on.ca](https://www.kindergarten/scdsb.on.ca) to find the resources mentioned on this slide

Welcome to Kindergarten!

We can't wait to meet you!

**Have a great summer and see
you in September.**