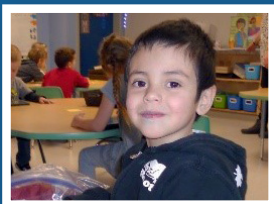




PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMMING

2024
2025



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VISION

Our students possess the confidence, resilience, insight and skills required to thrive in, and positively impact, the world.

MISSION

We assure supportive learning environments, meaningful experiences and healthy relationships that create opportunities to develop resilience, to gain diversity in perspectives and to achieve enduring success.

OUR ULTIMATE GOAL

Student Success & Well-being

WE VALUE:

- Learning opportunities that are purposeful, essential, relevant, authentic and responsive
- Excellence in achievement
- Trustworthy, respectful relationships
- Resilience with self-awareness



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about PSD at
psd.ca/division





WELCOME

Early childhood is a significant period in human development. Independence, initiative, creativity, decision-making, the ability to learn and to relate to others and feelings of self-worth all begin in early childhood. What young children learn at this stage can impact their successful learning experiences in school, personal development and future participation in society.

At Parkland School Division (PSD), we strive to provide the best learning environments to support our youngest learners. As [Alberta's new curriculum](#) gets implemented across the province, the [Kindergarten Program Statement](#) and [Programs of Study](#) guide learner expectations and describe lessons appropriate for young children as a part of their learning pathway. Some children are already developing, or have developed, some of the learning described. Most children will achieve this learning before entering Grade 1. Others will continue to develop them during the primary school years.

Kindergarten is a wonderful way for your child to discover what school is like and to have fun while learning new things. In this exciting new community, children's natural curiosity and eagerness to learn are structured through organized activities and purposeful play.



ELIGIBILITY

A child entering Kindergarten must be five years old by the last day of December of the school year in which he or she begins Kindergarten. For example, a child registering for Kindergarten in September 2024 needs to be five years old by December 31, 2024.









SCHEDULE

Regular kindergarten programs are offered on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday full day schedule, plus alternating Fridays.

KINDERGARTEN AT A GLANCE

Source:

www.mychildslearning.alberta.ca

 EARLY LITERACY	 MATHEMATICS	 CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTITY	 ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS
<p><i>A is for apple.</i> 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, forming letters, printing their names and playing with the new words they learn.</p>	<p><i>Learning numbers and solving problems with patterns.</i> Your child will represent and describe quantities of things up to 10. They will understand and create repeating patterns and compare objects based on their attributes. They will solve problems involving numbers, patterns and objects, and connect numbers to their everyday life.</p>	<p><i>I am unique and I belong!</i> Your child will develop a strong sense of identity, self-esteem and belonging by exploring their environment and sharing stories. They will see themselves as unique and discover the connections they have with others.</p>	<p><i>What do I see, smell and hear in my community? How do I shape the environment?</i> Kindergarten children explore materials, build structures and use technology to explore, investigate and describe their world. They see similarities and differences and become aware of how one action can cause something else.</p>
 PERSONAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	 PHYSICAL SKILLS AND WELL-BEING	 CREATIVE EXPRESSION	
<p><i>I know how to act and how to work and play with others.</i> Kindergarten children develop ways to express their feelings positively and to show respect and care for others. Trying new things and taking risks give them confidence in their ability to learn so they take responsibility for completing activities.</p>	<p><i>A healthy body is part of a healthy life.</i> Your child will begin to develop a love for physical activity through movement, games and activities. They will use a variety of equipment and see that they have the power to make healthy food choices and play safely.</p>	<p><i>Beauty is in the eye of the beholder!</i> Drama, art, music and dance give your child ways to express their ideas and feelings, to bring their imagination to life and to see their creativity in a variety of forms. Your child will respond to objects and art, explore music and dance, and develop confidence through drama.</p>	

2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 4

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Early Years PD Days	
Non-instructional Days	
Non-Operational Days	
Fall/Winter/Spring Break	
First and Last Day of instruction for students	
Staggered Entry	

5 PROGRAMS OF CHOICE & OPTIONS

Programs of Choice become available in kindergarten, including French Immersion, the PSD Christian Program and Nature Kindergarten. Some schools offer additional kindergarten extension hours for a fee.

For more information, inquire at your school site and visit www.psd.ca/programs/programs-of-choice.



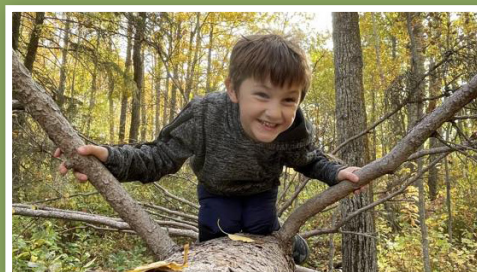
FRENCH IMMERSION

This program gives children an opportunity to become highly proficient in oral and written French and allows them to experience French culture. From Kindergarten to Grade 3, students are primarily instructed in French. Formal English instruction is incorporated into the program, starting in Grade 3. The program is based on Alberta's approved curriculum. PSD's French Immersion schools are École Broxton Park School (K-9) and École Meridian Heights School (K-9).

PSD CHRISTIAN PROGRAM

This program is available to students from Kindergarten to Grade 9. Students learn in a non-denominational, spiritually nurturing and intellectually challenging environment. The program is offered at Brookwood School (K-4) and Woodhaven Middle School (5-9).





Nature programming is based at Muir Lake School and focuses on providing meaningful student engagement in a nature-based setting while addressing the kindergarten curriculum. Two nature streams are available:

- **Nature Kindergarten** which provides full-curriculum, including core academics that cover all aspects of the kindergarten programs of study.
- **Nature Enrichment** which serves as an extension to a regular kindergarten program, with a strong focus on health and life skills.

ALL-DAY, EVERYDAY KINDERGARTEN AT GRAMINIA

Graminia School offers a full-time nature-based Kindergarten program. This full-day, everyday option focuses on classroom learning and curricular outcomes in the morning, and student-led, nature-based inquiry learning in the afternoon. Students from all schools are welcome to register for the program; however, priority will be given to students residing in Graminia School's attendance area.

This program is different from the nature programming at Muir Lake School as Graminia students are registered in one class cohort that is together on all days.

For more information, please visit the Graminia website at graminia.psd.ca.



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Kindergarten Registration

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