



## ÉCOLE ISABELLA DICKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN AT ÉIDES!

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into our learning community at École Isabella Dicken Elementary School and partnering with you and your child as you embark on an exciting educational adventure.

**On Thursday, May 25 we will be having our Kindergarten Orientation from 1:15-2:45. Our new upcoming kindergarten students will rotate through our four kindergarten classrooms while parents meet in the gym to learn about kindergarten, our school, and to ask questions. Please call our office to register your child for Kindergarten Orientation 250-423-4651 or email [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca)**



To gradually introduce your child to our busy school environment the BC Ministry of Education has implemented a gradual entry program. (The School Act sets the minimum hours of instruction that must be offered to students. In a typical school year, the minimum hours of instruction are: 853 hours for students in kindergarten, 878 hours for students in grades 1 to 7.) Your child will have focused time to connect with their kindergarten teacher and adjust to the new social and emotional realities of the elementary school context. This 'gift of time' will also allow children and teachers to work in small, personalized groups. Teachers will be introducing children to classroom routines and procedures, easing the transition in a more individualized way so our children feel comfortable and valued as an important new members of our school communities.

Please note that the first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th. You will receive an email the week prior to provide you with information on your child's teacher, and group. For kindergarten and school information, please visit our school [website](#)

### **Busing**

Because of the gradual entry schedule, eligible bus students may take the bus in the **mornings only** starting September 11<sup>th</sup> and kindergarten students will need to be picked up at their dismissal time until September 21. Regular busing schedule will begin September 25.

Enjoy this exciting time in your child's life! We look forward to being a part of it and getting to know your child better! If you have further questions, feel free to contact the ÉIDES office between August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.

