

# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

September 2023

Everybody is  
welcome here!



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# Acknowledgement of Algonquin Territory

We acknowledge that  
our learning is taking  
place on unceded and  
unsurrendered  
Algonquin Territory.

We thank the  
Algonquin Nation for  
hosting us and  
recognize their  
enduring presence on  
this land.



# Welcome to Our School

**Mark Cruise - Principal**

**Caren Hollinger - Vice Principal**

**Charlene Dunn - Kindergarten Teacher**

**Adrienne Kikkawa- Early Childhood Educator**



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# Our Kindergarten Team



# What Will You Learn About Today?

- The OCDSB: a message from our Director
- Our School Community
- The Kindergarten Program
- Extended Day Programs
- Transportation
- Getting Ready For Kindergarten
- Program Options
- Family Reception Centre
- Dates to Remember



# A Message from the Director

“The first day of school in kindergarten is the first day of a wonderful road ahead.”

**OCDSB Director Michèle Giroux**



# A Place for Every Student- Meeting the Individual Needs of Each Student



Social Worker  
Speech Language Pathologist-SLP  
Psychologist  
Itinerant Teachers  
LSC, LSTs, LRTs  
MLOs  
EAs



# Indigenous Education Supports

- Did you know the OCDSB has an [Indigenous Education Learning Team](#)?
- The Indigenous Support Coordinators offer student support and work with community partners to ensure students and families are connected to appropriate resources.





# Indigenous Education Supports

- [Subscribe to the OCDSB Indigenous Student Resource eNewsletter](#) which provides bi-weekly updates of community events and opportunities for Indigenous students, parents and guardians.
- Indigenous parents and caregivers are invited to take part in the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) reach out to [iec@ocdsb.ca](mailto:iec@ocdsb.ca) if interested



# Our Community of Character and Exit Outcomes



# Welcome to PPPS!

Early French Immersion (EFI) School

Currently we have 523 students approx. from KG-6

We have 6 Full Day Bilingual KG Program classes with 2 teachers (1 English and 1 French) and 1 Early Childhood Educator (ECEs) per class.

11 Primary Classes - Gr. 1-3

7 Junior Classes - Gr. 3/4 -6

We have a very dedicated and caring staff.



## **Balanced Day**

8:15-8:30 - Arrival/Yard

8:30-Bell rings

8:30-10:30- Instructional Block

**10:30-10:50-Nutrition Break**

**10:50-11:15-Recess**

11:15-13:15-Instructional Block

**13:15-13:35-Nutrition Break**

**13:35-14:00 - Recess**

14:00-15:00 -Instructional Block



# What we offer....

**Depending on the year, we may offer the following:**

Sports-Soccer, Basketball, Bordenball, Volleyball, X-Country, Track and Field, etc...

Clubs-Library Club, French Public Speaking, Talent Show, etc....



Tutoring - OCDSB Math & French/English Literacy  
tutors *(2022-23 and possibly next year)*

Technology - Chromebooks, iPads, and fixed/stand  
alone projectors in many classes

Swim to Survive-Grade 3



Nut Free School

Pizza Mondays-2nd break

Popcorn Fridays - every 2nd week

Hotlunches Online ordering system

School Messenger updates-"Friday PPPS News"



# Safety and Security

- Staggered recess for Gr. 1-6 and FDBK students
- 2 Lunch Time Monitors for additional supervision
- Student lunch monitors for additional supervision
- Safe arrival program-Call or e-mail home by 8:45 approx.
- Visitor sign-in with passes
- Emergency procedures practiced regularly- 6 Fire Drills / 2 Lockdown drills
- Emphasis on [Character Education](#) and [WITS](#)





# Volunteering

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to  
volunteer

E.g.,

Field Trips

Classroom help if requested

School Council



We also have Student Teachers, volunteers,  
High School Co-op students as well as Child  
Youth Care Workers from Algonquin (year to year  
basis)



# School Council

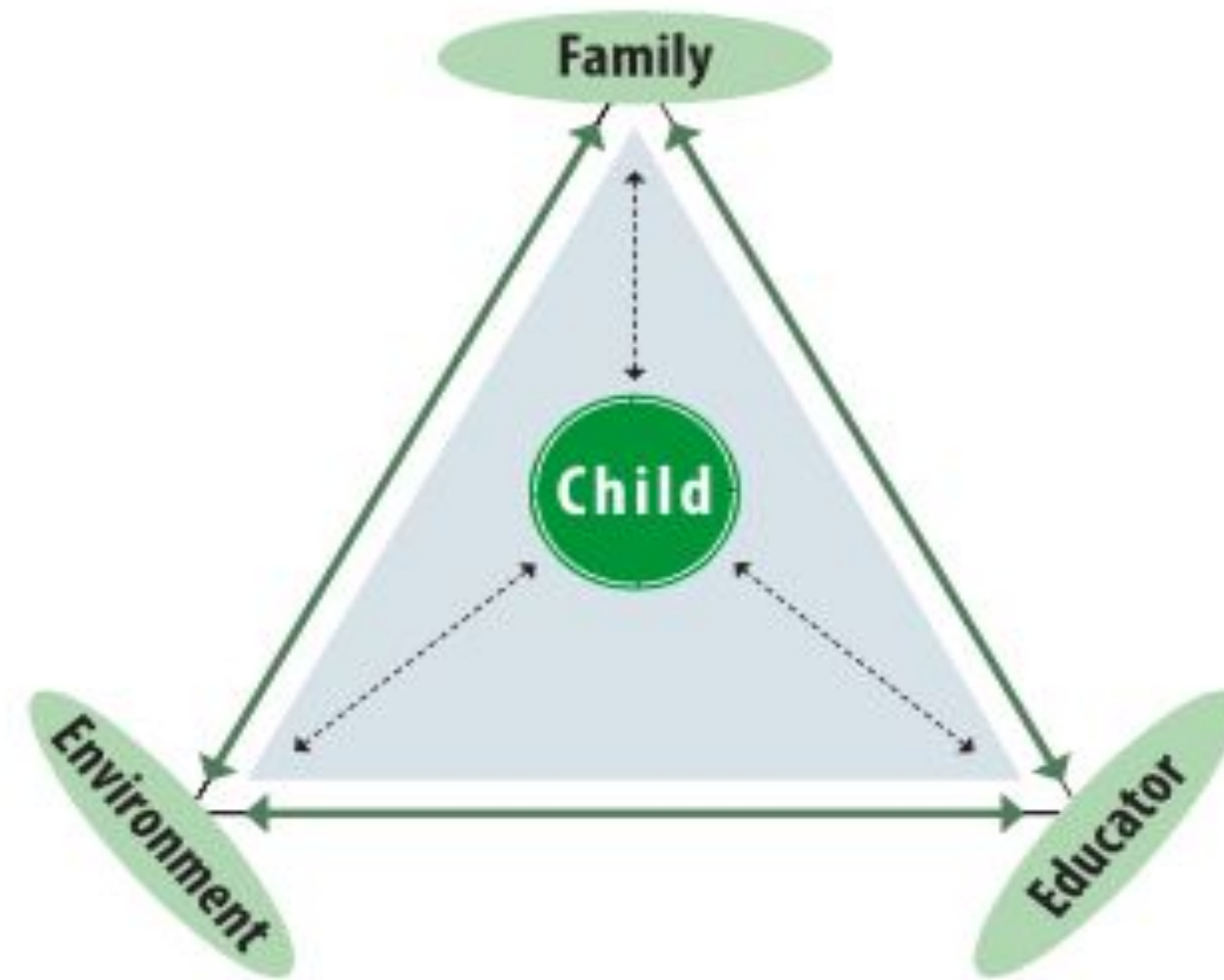
4th Wednesday of the month from 18:45-20:45

- Winter Wonderland, Book Sale, Movie Nights,
- Science Nights
- Yearbook
- Spirit Wear
- etc....



# Welcome to Kindergarten!

All children's learning and development occur in the context of relationships – with other children, parents and other family members, educators, and the broader environment.



# Our Kindergarten Team



# The Kindergarten Program

- Play-based, inquiry learning
- A Team Approach
- What it might look like



# 50/50 Bilingual Kindergarten Program

- High quality kindergarten programming is delivered in both French and English.
- There are no specific expectations for French language acquisition in the Kindergarten Program.
- Oral language is the focus; building communication skills (in English and French, as well as non-verbal skills)
- Each child will experience and grow in this program in a way that is unique to them, based on their unique developmental profile.



# A Typical Kindergarten Day

8:15-8:30	Arrival on the yard
8:30	Day begins
8:30-10:30	Play Based Learning - inside/outside
10:30-10:55	Nutrition Break
10:55-11:15	Learning Time
11:15-12:00	Outdoor Learning
12:00-13:15	Play Based Learning - inside
13:15-13:35	Nutrition Break
13:35-14:45	Play Based Learning - inside/outside
14:45-15:00	Getting ready for home





# The Four Frames of the Kindergarten Program

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



# Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

How am I informed of my child's progress?

Ontario Ministry of Education Kindergarten Communication of Learning

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: _____	OEN: _____	Days Absent: _____	Total Days Absent: _____
Year 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Year 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher: _____		Times Late: _____	Total Times Late: _____
Early Childhood Educator: _____	Early Childhood Educator: _____		
Board: _____	School: _____		
Address: _____	Address: _____		
	Principal: _____	Telephone: _____	

PLACEMENT IN SEPTEMBER ➔ Kindergarten Year 2  Grade 1

**Belonging and Contributing**  ESL  IEP

Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning

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**Self-Regulation and Well-Being**  ESL  IEP

Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning

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OEN: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 1  Year 2

**Hours**  ESL  IEP

Learning / Next Steps in Learning

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ESL – English as a Second Language  
IEP – Individual Education Plan

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# Preparing for Kindergarten

What can you do to empower your child for this new beginning?

- Play
- Daily Routines
- Encourage
- Talk
- Listen
- Ask Questions
- Read



# Preparing for Kindergarten

What can you do to empower your child for this new beginning?

- Child Development
- Dental Health
- Immunization
- Visual Health
- Communication
- Emotional
- Cognitive
- Sleep
- Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Dressing & Toileting
- Other Resources
- Resources for Professionals

## School Readiness Webpage



Parenting in Ottawa Ottawa Public Health Santé publique

**Kindergarten Guide**

Learn more about how you can support your child to get ready for school.

[ParentinginOttawa.ca/SchoolReadiness](https://ParentinginOttawa.ca/SchoolReadiness)

Facebook.com/ParentinginOttawa 613-PARENTS (613-727-3687)  
ParentinginOttawa.ca ParentinginOttawa@ottawa.ca

OttawaPublicHealth.ca | SantePubliqueOttawa.ca

613-580-6744 | TTY/ATS : 613-580-9656



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# Supplies

## Supply List

Change of clothes  
Pair of Indoor Shoes



# Extended Day Program (EDP)

- The OCDSB operates the Extended Day Program for children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 registered in their designated OCDSB school and where there is sufficient interest within the school community.
- Extended Day Programs are run either by the OCDSB, or by a third party provider in partnership with the OCDSB. Both types of programs are overseen by the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. All programs have fees, you can find a list of programs and fees on the OCDSB website.
- Registration for EDP is a separate process from Kindergarten. Please ensure you have complete the registration process for any before and after school programs.

Both programs, offer safe and caring before school and after school options for your child.



# EDP (OCDSB)

The OCDSB Extended Day Program is:

- A licensed program offered before and after the regular school day, governed by the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA), and the Education Act.
- Delivered by Registered Early Childhood Educators and Early Learning Assistants.
- Required to maintain a ratios that are based on licensing requirements which are 1:13 for Kinder with 26 children maximum in a group.



# EDP (OCDSB)

- Operates on:
  - most PA Days, some days over the Winter Break and March Break at select locations. Note: operation on these dates is dependent on demand, we reserve the right to cancel the service if we have insufficient demand.

- For registration information please to go to: <https://ocdsb.ca> and select **Childcare/OCDSB Extended Day Program.**

## OCDSB Extended Day Program

*Ottawa-Carleton District School Board / Early Learning Department / OCDSB Extended Day Program*



### Apply to EDP

Submit a new EDP application  
Please see EDP application video



### EDP Parent Portal

Access the parent portal if your child is actively registered in EDP or if you have received an admission offer to complete registration



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# EDP (Third Party Operated)

- Third Party Operators offer before and after school programming in a number of our schools.
- For registration information please to go to: [Childcare/Third Party Operators Extended Day Program](#)



# Aladin Daycare

Pleasant Park Aladin  
564 Pleasant Park Road  
Ottawa, Ontario K1H 5N1



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# Transportation - OSTA

Visit [www.ottawaschoolbus.ca](http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca) or follow **@OttSchoolBus** on *Twitter* to get information about

- bus stop finder
- school bus delays
- empty seat applications
- safety tips

School bus transportation is available to all kindergarten students who live more than 0.8 km from their school.

Transportation is NOT provided to and from the Extended Day Program.



## OSTA

Ottawa Student  
Transportation  
Authority



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# Program Options

The OCDSB 50/50 Bilingual Kindergarten is a two year program.  
(Children can start in the first or second year of Kindergarten)

Program choices in the OCDSB for elementary (Grades 1-8) students include:

- English with Core French (Grade 1-8) *Arch St., Vincent Massey PS, Alta Vista PS, Featherston*
- Early French Immersion (Grade 1-8) \**Pleasant Park PS, Vincent Massey, Alta Vista*
- Middle French Immersion (Grade 4-8) *Featherston PS*
- Alternative (Grade 1-8) \**Riverview Alternative PS*

**The program selected is a parental decision.**



# Choosing a Program For Your Child

All OCDSB schools deliver a bilingual kindergarten program (i.e., 50% of time in each of English and French)

- After that, you can choose
  - ✓ English with Core French
  - ✓ EFI or MFI
  - ✓ Alternative
- Support is available in all programs.
- All students are welcome in all programs.

**Take the time to make an informed choice for what feels best for your child.**



# English Program

After the 50/50 bilingual Kindergarten program, students who enrol in the English program are provided with:

- English instruction for all subjects other than French
- Subjects taught in English include:
  - ✓ Language
  - ✓ Mathematics
  - ✓ Science and Technology
  - ✓ Social Studies (including Geography and History)
  - ✓ Health and Physical Education
  - ✓ The Arts



# Early French Immersion (EFI)

After the 50/50 bilingual Kindergarten program, students who enrol in the EFI program are provided with:

- Grade 1 - 80% French; 20% English
- Grades 2 to 6 - 60% French; 40% English
- Grades 7 and 8 - 50% French; 50% English

Note: Mathematics instruction in English begins in Grade 1.



# Middle French Immersion (MFI)

After the 50/50 bilingual Kindergarten program, students who enrol in the MFI program are provided with:

- Grades 1-3 - solid foundation in English language skills combined with French language foundations through Core French
- Grades 4 to 6 - 66% French; 34% English
- Grades 7 and 8 - 50% French; 50% English

Note: Mathematics instruction in English begins in Grade 1.





# Alternative Program

After the 50/50 bilingual Kindergarten program, students who enrol in the Alternative program are provided with:

- English instruction for all subjects other than Core French.
  - Instruction that fosters leadership, collaboration, problem-solving, empathy, and well-being through 7 core tenets.
1. **Cooperation and teamwork**
  2. **Innovative approaches**
  3. **Balanced student-directed and teacher-led learning**
  4. **Purposeful mixed-age groupings**
  5. **Integrated curriculum**
  6. **Family and community-centered**
  7. **Multiple strategies of assessment and evaluation**



# Family Reception Centre

- Who Comes to the Family Reception Centre?
  - New to Canada and English is not your first language
- What We Do
- Make an Appointment With Us

**Email:**

**[familyreceptioncentre@ocdsb.ca](mailto:familyreceptioncentre@ocdsb.ca)**

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

**Summer Hours:** 8:30am-3:30pm

**Bus Routes:** #14, #85, #101



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# Register Now

Registration is now open for Kindergarten in September 2023.

If your child will be 4 years old by December 31, 2023, you can register for Kindergarten.

Visit: [ocdsb.ca/kindergarten](https://ocdsb.ca/kindergarten) to learn more about our program and a link to online registration.

**Student Transfer Application Period –**  
Monday, January 30 to Friday, February 10, 2023



# THANK YOU!

Thank you for joining us tonight!

- We hope you will choose to become part of the Pleasant Park family/community!

Go Panthers!



