



Suncrest Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten students for September 2026,

We are very pleased to welcome your child to [Kindergarten in Burnaby](#). Our full day Kindergarten program offers young children meaningful learning opportunities in a play-based environment. For many children, Kindergarten is the first step in transitioning from preschools, daycare settings, or home environments to a formal school setting where there is one adult with up to twenty children.

In September, we will offer and support a gradual entry process, Gradual Entry allows children to connect with the teachers, feel comfortable at school, make friends, and understand routines.

What is Gradual Entry?

All schools in Burnaby follow a kindergarten gradual entry program. Kindergarten children will be welcomed into Suncrest at the beginning of September by the Kindergarten teachers. They will also attend for shorter periods of time for the first couple of weeks of school to ensure a smooth and successful transition into kindergarten. This time will give your child the space to adjust to the new social and emotional realities of school. Take a look at ["A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner!"](#)

Getting Ready for September:

- If you have not already, please send us any information (medical, physical, social & emotional, learning concerns) about extra support your child may need.
- Help your child be independent. Encourage them to independently put their shoes on, take their plate to the sink, feed themselves, and open items in their snack/lunch.
- Set up routines for getting up and eating so that you will be on time for school.
- Walk to school! The exercise and fresh air get their brains going and gives them a chance to talk and meet with other students.
- For gradual entry, arrive a bit earlier so that you can meet other parents and your children can play.
- Set up playdates! Socialization is important to maintain over the summer months for all children. Setting up playdates with children who will attend the same school can help your child establish early friendships.
- Listen and talk to your child about what kindergarten will be like. Express excitement and enthusiasm so that your child will look forward to kindergarten at Suncrest Elementary!

Tuesday, September 8th:

- You and your child are invited to our in-person "Welcome to Suncrest" orientation on Tuesday, September 8th from 10:15 am to 11:15 am.
- Please meet outside the kindergarten classroom doors (Door 6 and 7). Your child will have the chance to visit our Kindergarten classrooms, try different activities, and meet the kindergarten team!
- Due to limited space, this event is only for our new kindergarten students and parents. We will not be able to accommodate any siblings on September 8th.

Click [Welcome to Suncrest](#) to access more details about the first week and to sign up for your "Welcome Conversation."

I would like to share some information about our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). Every parent is a member of PAC, and we hold monthly meetings that provide an opportunity to stay involved, ask questions, and contribute to the development of our school community. These meetings alternate between Zoom and in-person gatherings. Our next PAC meeting will be held on May 20th at 6:00 PM in the library. You are welcome to attend!

We are looking forward to having your child as part of our school community!

Sincerely,

Ms. Diana Sakic

Principal – Suncrest Elementary School