



July 2026

♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



Dear Parents:

BONJOUR! We are happy to welcome your child to Kindergarten at École Clearbrook Elementary this September. The first week and part of the second week will be gradual entry for the Kindergarten students. We are looking forward to seeing you and your child in September! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

To ensure a successful beginning we will be holding small group orientation meetings for **parents and students** on:

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Time: 9:00-9:30 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.

(Note: Your family has been assigned a time to come.

Please see next page for more information)

Place: Room 110

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Sincerely,

Ecole Clearbrook French Immersion Kindergarten Teachers



Tuesday, September 8th

- **9:00-9:30 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m. – French Immersion Kindergarten Orientation**
 - **9:00 a.m. Group:** Kairo, Easten, Olivia O., Owen, Iriana, Noor, Rio, Rozel, Olivia B., Raina, Helaina, Rowyn, Cynthia,
 - **9:45 a.m. Group:** Malia, Micheal, Rosie, Nechaun, Cecilia, Soohyuk, Miles, Mark, Oliver, Nirvair, Kaveer, Himmat, Josiah
 - Please attend the French Immersion Kindergarten Orientation with your child, at their assigned time. Location: Room 110
- **10:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Parent-student meetings with the teacher**
 - Location: Room 110 (please use the outside classroom door)
 - Please see below to learn how to sign up for a time slot.

**** PARENT-STUDENT MEETINGS WITH THE TEACHER (Room 110)**

Please sign up for one of the time slots below by calling the school (604) 859-5348 during the week of August 31st to September 4th to indicate which day/time you prefer.

Tuesday Sept 8th	Wednesday Sept 16th
10:30 am	11:15 am
10:45 am	11:30 am
11:00 am	11:45 am
11:15 am	12:00 pm
11:30 am	1:00 pm
12:00 pm	1:15 pm
12:15 pm	1:30 pm
1:00 pm	1:45pm
2:30 pm	2:00 pm
2:45 pm	2:15 pm
3:00 pm	2:30 pm
3:15 pm	2:45 pm
	3:00 pm
	3:15 pm

Gradual Entry Schedule:

MONDAY SEPT 7	TUESDAY SEPT 8	WEDNESDAY SEPT 9	THURSDAY SEPT 10	FRIDAY SEPT 11
Labour Day	Welcome activity Family Interviews	Group A 8:55-9:55am Group B 10:30-11:30am Group C 1:00-2:00pm	Group A 8:55-9:55am Group B 10:30-11:30am Group C 1:00-2:00pm	Group A 8:55-10:55am Group B 12:30-2:30pm
MONDAY SEPT 14	TUESDAY SEPT 15	WEDNESDAY SEPT 16	THURSDAY SEPT 17	FRIDAY SEPT 18
Group A 8:55-10:55am Group B 12:30-2:30pm	Group A 8:55-10:55am Group B 12:30-2:30pm	Whole group 8:45-11:00 am (bring snack) Family Interviews	Whole group 8:45-12:00pm (bring snack and lunch)	Whole group 8:45-1:30pm (bring snack and lunch)

Groupings Sept 9th-18th

Mini Sessions Sept 9th and 10th	Small Groups Sept 11th-15th	Whole Class Sept 16th-18th
<u>Group A</u> <u>8:55-9:55 am</u> Kairo Easten Olivia O. Owen Irinia Noor Rozel Raina <u>Group B</u> <u>10:30-11:30 am</u> Rio Olivia B. Malia Nechaun Rosie Cecilia Soohhuyk Miles Michael <u>Group C</u> <u>1:00-2:00 pm</u> Mark Oliver Nirvair Helaina Rowyn Cynthia Kaveer Himmat Josiah	<u>Group A</u> <u>8:55-10:55 am</u> Nechaun Cecilia Soohuyk Miles Mark Oliver Nirvair Helaina Rowyn Cynthia Kaveer Himmat Josiah <u>Group B</u> <u>12:30-2:30 pm</u> Kairo Easten Olivia O. Owen Iriana Noor Rio Rozel Olivia B. Raina Malia Micheal Rosie	<u>Sept 16</u> <u>8:45-11:00am</u> <u>Sept 17</u> <u>8:45-12:00pm</u> <u>Sept 18</u> <u>8:45-1:30pm</u>

Full day Kindergarten Beginning Monday Sept 21st 8:45 am-2:44 pm

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ★ We have two French Immersion classes this year. A Kindergarten class and a Kindergarten/Grade 1 class. By Friday, September 18th parents will be informed which class their child will be assigned to for the school year.
- ★ Due to the tight schedule that is prepared, it is very important that you are not late (for drop-off or pick-up).
- ★ Please try to have your child ready for the visit so that the next group of children will not be kept waiting.
- ★ Please wait at the classrooms outside door for the visit.
- ★ The purpose of the phasing in program with shortened days is to give teachers the opportunity to help make the children feel comfortable in their new surroundings with a small group of children for a shortened period before meeting as a larger group.

HELPFUL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN BEFORE SEPTEMBER ENTRY

- Able to take care of personal needs such as going to the bathroom, washing their hands, getting ready for the beginning and end of the day, including putting on and zipping up coat, backpack, putting on shoes, and independently eating their snacks and lunch
- Able to recognize their own belongings such as their coat, backpack, shoes, and lunch containers (Please label ALL of your child's items if possible)
- Used to putting away toys and personal possessions such as shoes, coat, and backpack
- Able to assume age-level responsibilities (i.e., helping with family chores, setting table, helping to clean up, etc.)
- Recognition of adult and parent's authority
- Carry out directions immediately after explanation
- Able to play with other children in small and large groups
- Self-discipline when working or playing with others
- Opportunities to be away from both parents for a full day
- Relate to other adults such as preschool teachers, library storytellers, etc.
- Experiences which encourage confidence such as getting dressed by themselves and cleaning up toys

ACTIVITIES TO HELP DEVELOP LISTENING, SPEAKING AND MOTOR SKILLS

- Encourage your child to speak in sentences and practice simple French vocabulary such as:

Bonjour *Hello*
Au revoir *Goodbye*
Merci *Thank you*

- Be a good listener and encourage your child to do the same. Do not allow them to interrupt conversations!
- Allow for times when they must wait their turn for your attention
- Give lots of opportunity throughout the summer to use pencils, crayons, scissors, and glue (please make sure your child holds the tools correctly)
- If your child shows an interest in learning to print their name, please teach it as John rather than JOHN
- Read to your child every day

At École Clearbrook Elementary, our goal is to work together with parents as partners to form a bridge between home and school and to share ideas and discover new ones. We sincerely look forward to establishing a positive and rewarding start for your child as they begin the exciting experience of starting school!

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES

Students attend school from 8:45 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.



Children are to use the outside classroom door for arrival and dismissal. Doors will be open at 8:45 a.m. Please allow your child to enter the classroom by themselves. In this way they will quickly learn the routines of putting away coats and shoes, etc. Please notify the teacher if your child is going home with someone else.

ATTENDANCE

Encouraging the habit of punctual, good attendance is important. French Immersion is more work than regular Kindergarten. It is imperative that your child be at school and on time. Establishing a regular schedule for bedtime will be helpful to your child all through their school year. Please notify us if your child is going to be absent. The school will call you if your child is absent and you have not notified the school of your child's absence. If you are late to school, please check your child in at the office.

ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES

Please notify the school immediately when you have changed your address, telephone number or made a transfer to another school. We also ask that you provide an emergency contact number.

SUPPLIES

A supply list is provided at the end of this Kindergarten letter. Supplies can be purchased from www.schoolstart.ca. Supplies are delivered to the school and the teacher will pick them up. If you choose to purchase supplies on your own, please ensure that you purchase the exact items on the list. Please ensure that you bring your child's school supplies by Monday, September 15th. Each student will need a backpack to carry materials to and from school.



TRANSPORTATION, PICK-UP AND PARKING

It is the responsibility of parents to see that their children are transported to and from school. You may wish to arrange for carpools with your neighbors. Please let the teacher know how your child will be brought to and from school. **Children should be picked up directly from the door rather than meeting you on the school grounds.** Children will not be released from the classroom until they are received at the door by you. Children will not be allowed to walk or ride bicycles on their own. Please be aware that the children are not under direct supervision by school staff until the classroom door opens. Please stay with your child until they are admitted to the classroom. Please do not enter through the inside of the school unless you are late. When you are late and you come through the front door, you will have to sign in with the administrative assistant at the office.

Items to Bring to School

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Please see the list at the end of this letter to see what supplies your child needs to bring to school
- Supplies can be purchased through www.schoolstart.ca
- Please label headphones and pencil case
- Please ensure that you purchase the exact items (including colour for report covers) on the list (Report covers have 3 holes. Please do not bring plastic report covers if possible)

CLOTHING AND SHOES

Please check to see that your child comes to school prepared for the weather before they leave home. Kindergarten involves using various mediums (paint, play dough, etc.) as well as learning outdoors, therefore, it is advisable that your child wear comfortable, washable clothes. Please label your child's clothing clearly (coats, boots, shoes, mittens, etc.).

Outdoor Clothing for All Seasons

Learning often takes place outdoors. Please ensure your child has the following items:

- rain jacket with hood
- warm winter jacket
- rain boots
- winter boots
- gloves for fall and winter (ski gloves)
- tuque for fall and winter

Layering Clothing

It is best to layer clothing. For example, a base layer such as a long-sleeved shirt, with a fleece sweater and water resistant or waterproof jacket work well together.

Indoor Shoes

Students need a pair of running shoes for indoor use and Physical Education class that stay at the school. These shoes should be comfortable for running and fit your child well. Your child should be able to put their shoes on independently. Please ensure that your child's runners do not make any black marks on a floor.

Extra Clothing

Please send a full change of clothes clearly labeled in a large Ziploc bag to be kept in the classroom. If these clothes ever need to be used during the school day (in case of an accident), please send clean clothing the following day.

SNACKS and LUNCH

Each day your child should bring a nutritious snack and lunch in a **backpack**. The snack does not replace breakfast or lunch. Suggested snacks are fruits, vegetables, cheese, crackers, or yogurt. Please ensure your child has the utensils they need to eat their food. Please also send water in a reusable water bottle for your child.

Please pack your child's food in reusable containers.

At École Clearbrook Elementary, we are working on reducing our waste to help take care of our environment. Waste can be reduced significantly by using reusable containers to pack food and water and limiting purchasing food in packaging such as single-use plastic packaging. We encourage parents to pack their child's lunch in reusable containers and water in a reusable water bottle. Please avoid using plastic, one-time use bags to pack food. **Please label all reusable containers.**

FAMILY INTEREST

During the year, your child will be bringing home projects that they have completed at school. At first, some of their art expressions may seem meaningless. Spending a few minutes with your child to talk about what they have done will encourage their best efforts. You may be surprised about how much thinking they have done! Try to emphasize the good, pleasant, and positive things that happen and give an encouraging picture of what is ahead. Please contact the teacher if your child is unhappy or concerned about anything happening in the classroom. We can work together to help solve any problem.

Starter Package

Qty. Description

1	Sheet of Personalized Student Labels (0.5" x 1.75")
1	School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - White
1	School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Orange
1	School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Red
2	School Start Exercise Book - 1/2 Plain - 1/2 Interlined (7 1/8" x 9 1/8") - 72 pages
2	Expo Low Odor Dry Erase Chisel Tip Marker (green)
1	Crayola Coloured Pencils (pre-sharpened) - 24 pack
1	School Start 5" Blunt Scissors
4	School Start Clear Glue Stick - 40 g.
1	Koss Headphones

Qty. Description

1	School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Yellow
1	School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Green
1	School Start Report Cover (3 Prong) - Light Blue
2	School Start Exercise Book - Plain (7 1/8" x 9 1/8") - 72 pages
1	Dixon Ticonderoga HB #2 - Tri-Write Pencils - 12 pack
1	Crayola Original Broad line Washable Markers (Conical Tip) - 10 pack
1	Crayola Wax Crayons - 24 pack
2	School Start White Premium Eraser
1	School Start Plastic Pencil Box (8" x 4.7" x 2.3") - Assorted Colours

Cost of Starter Package

\$ 63.71

Items required by teacher and to be ordered if you do not already have them

Description

Qty. Req'd

Price

Qty. Ordered

Subtotal

**Please see above for the school supply list.

Cost of Required Items

(prices include tax)

\$

Shipping

\$ 4.50

Total Cost (Starter Package + Required Items + Shipping)

(prices include tax)

\$

Contact Info / Payment

Student Name (label to appear on supply box)

Phone Number

Email (summer contact info)

By Credit Card Payment:

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Visa

☐

Mastercard

☐

Cheque (made payable to: School Start)

Card Number

CVV

Expiry Date

\$

Name as it appears on card

Signature

Amount

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your teachers are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase quality standardized school supplies through School Start for the 2026/2027 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

**You can order anytime; however,
THE EARLIER YOU ORDER
THE MORE YOU CAN WIN!!!**



**ORDER BY
JUNE 12, 2026:**
**Be entered to
win a \$1,000
grocery card!**

**ORDER BY
JUNE 30, 2026:**
**Be entered to
win a \$1,000
in cash!**

**ORDER BY
JULY 17, 2026:**
**Be entered to
win a \$1,000
in cash!**

**Missed the above order dates? It's okay! You can order
anytime for your child's back to school supply kit!**

*Order by June 12, 2026 and you will be entered into each draw.
Winners will be announced on our School Start Facebook and Instagram pages.*

3 Ways to Order



Online
You can place your order
online at schoolstart.ca.
Our site is best compatible
with Firefox or Chrome.



Phone
You can call our customer
service centre at
1-800-580-1868 to place
your order over the phone.



Email
You can print and fill out
the order form and return
to our office via email to:
info@schoolstart.ca.

HOME: The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your home. If you have a P.O. Box, please use your 911 address. Because the kits are delivered to your home, you will have the ability to:

- ✓ Pre-label your child's supplies
- ✓ Add extra supplies for home use or for your child attending another school

SCHOOL: The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to the school in August, before your child arrives, and labeled with their name on the School Start package. *Any orders placed after July 15 will be delivered to your home.*

Thank you for your support!