

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

September 2022

Everybody is
welcome here!



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



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.



Meet the (tentative) Kindergarten

Team

JK/SKA - Mai Nguyen/Kylie Wilcocks

Rey Mondor AM ECE / Charlene Murdock PM ECE

JK/SKB - Kaitlin Keefe/Brittany Juelich

Su Zhang AM ECE /April Dickson PM ECE

JK/SKC - Brittany Juelich/Kaitlin Keefe

Salome Solomon AM ECE /Enass Zada PM ECE

JK/SKD - Kylie Wilcocks /Mai Nguyen

Chris Smeathers AM ECE /Taksima Hossein PM ECE



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 Camille Williams-Taylor



A Place for Every Student

Students Are Why We Are Here

- To serve every student, each one must be seen, heard and know they matter within the OCDSB community.
- The OCDSB has a strong commitment to human rights, equity and inclusion.
- We continue to work together to dismantle barriers to learning and help all students achieve success.
- With a focus on human rights and equitable practice, the OCDSB is committed to creating welcoming and safe spaces for all students.



Meeting the Individual Needs of Each Student



Indigenous Education Supports

- Do you identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit?
- We have an Indigenous Education Learning Team
- Do you want to learn more about the support provided?

**Please feel free to contact the Vice
Principal of Indigenous Education by
Email: jody.alexander@ocdsb.ca**



Indigenous Education at Elgin

- Canadian Geographic Indigenous Map of Canada
- Guest speakers/presentations
- Indigenous Arts presentations
- Orange Shirt Day / Truth and Reconciliation Day assembly led by Knowledgekeeper Fred McGregor
- Orange clothing day on Wednesdays
- Naming Ceremony fo our Eagle Mascot- Mino De Ye = Good Heart



Our Community of Character and Exit Outcomes



Welcome to ESPS!

French Immersion School

Currently we have 320 students approx. from KG-6

We have 4 Full Day Bilingual KG Program classes with (1 English and 1 French) and 2 Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) 1 AM and 1 PM per class.

6 Primary Classes - Gr. 1-3

4 Junior Classes - Gr. 3/4-6

We have a very dedicated and caring staff.









Balanced Day

8:00-8:15 - Arrival/Yard

8:15-Bell rings

8:15-10:15- Instructional Block

10:15-10:40-Recess

10:40-11:00-Nutrition Break

11:00-13:00-Instructional Block

13:00-13:25-Recess

13:25-13:45 - Nutrition Break

13:45-14:45 -Instructional Block



What we Offer.....

ILP-Spanish - Tuesday afternoons

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

Knitting Club

Lego Club

Music Club

Drama

Eco-Club



Tutoring - After School-Early Literacy Friends (ELF) /
OCDSB Math tutors

Technology - Chromebooks, iPads, Smartboards and
fixed projectors in every class

Swimming Lessons

Swim to Survive-Grade 3

Jack Purcell Skating Rink

Supplemental Arts Presentations - \$\$\$ Donation
from School Council



Nut Free School

Pizza Tuesdays-2nd break

Milk program-2nd break

School Cash On-line ordering system

Synervoice updates-"Friday ESPS News"



Safety & Security

- Staggered recess for Gr. 1-6 and FDBK students
- 4 Lunch Time Monitors for additional supervision
- CYC students from Algonquin
- Volunteers in classrooms
- Student lunch monitors for additional supervision
- Safe arrival program-Call or e-mail home by 8:45
- Visitor sign-in with passes
- Emergency procedures practiced regularly- 6 Fire Drills / 2 Lockdown drills
- Emphasis on Character Education



Volunteering

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to
volunteer

E.g.,

Field Trips

Classroom help

School Council



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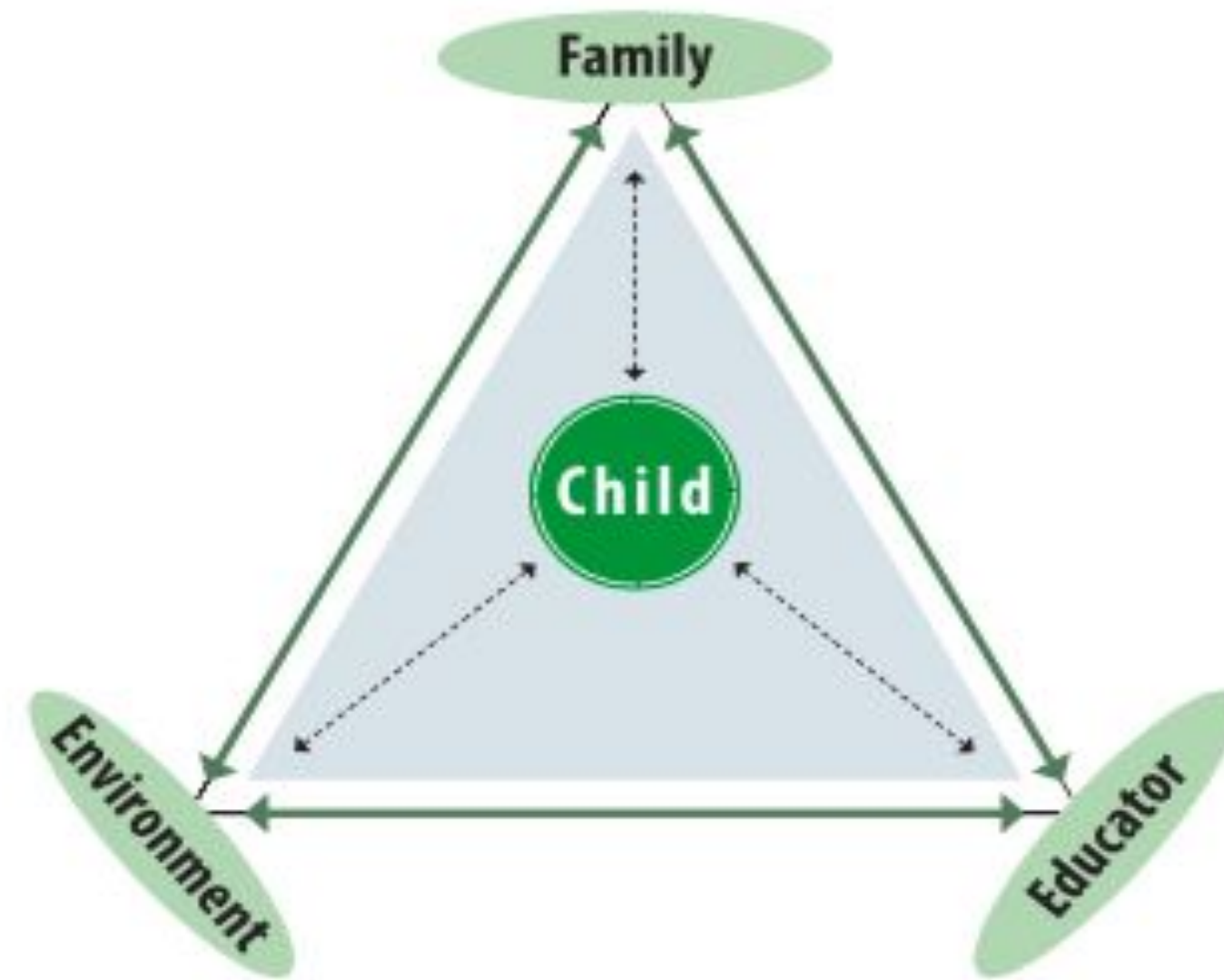
2nd Tuesday of the month from 19:15-21:00

- Book Sale
- Movie Nights,
- Science Nights,
- 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.



Welcome to Elgin Street Public School!



This is our
Kinder arrival
gate!



Line up here!

Chickadees
KGA

Mme Nguyen
Mrs Berry
M. Rey

CHALK



Hand sanitizing
station

Our
cubbies!





Our
classroom!

Wash your
hands :)



Toy cleaning
station



We have a
washroom in
our class!



Listening centre



Small world
play

Small world
play



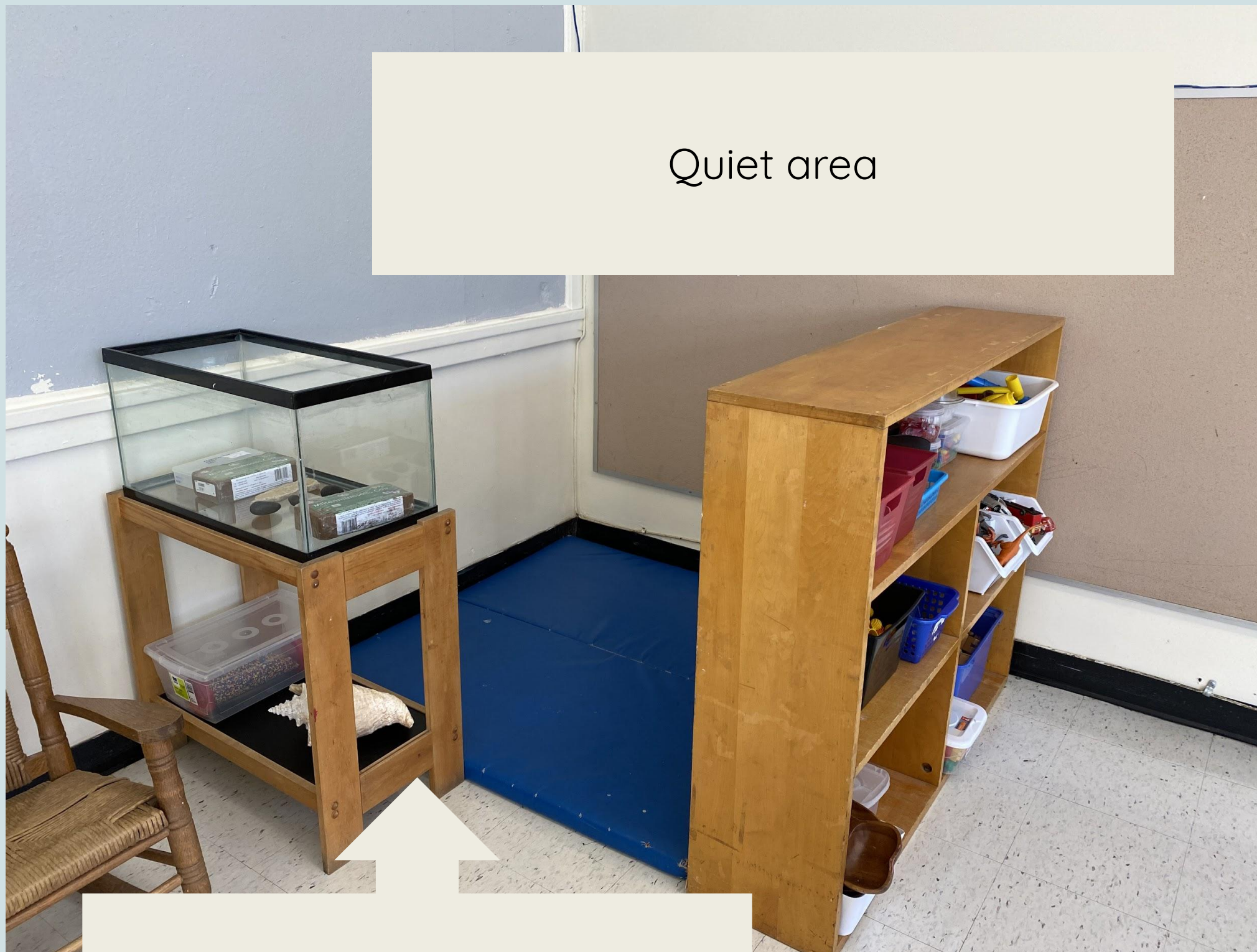


Small world
play

Reading Nook

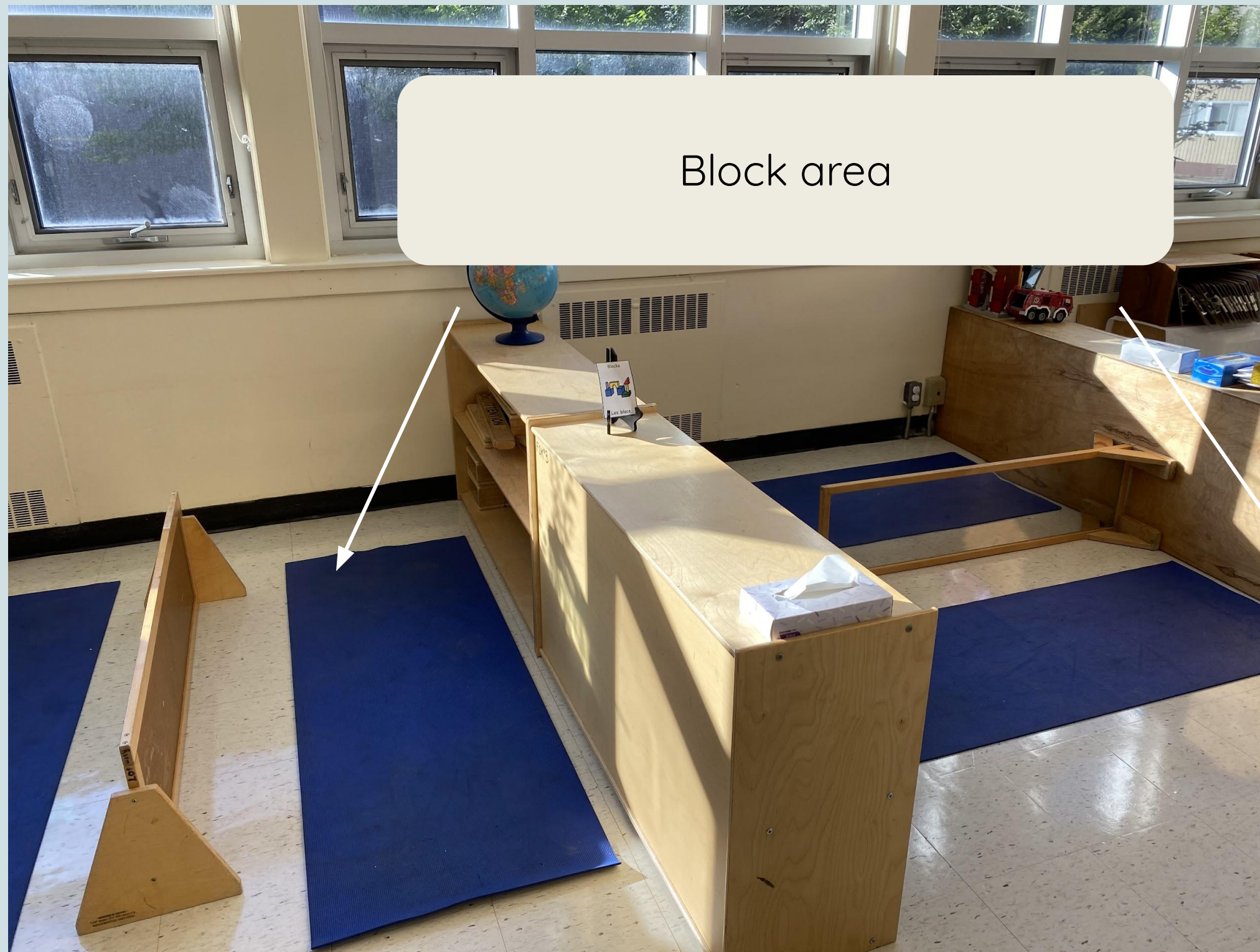


Quiet area



We will have snails here!

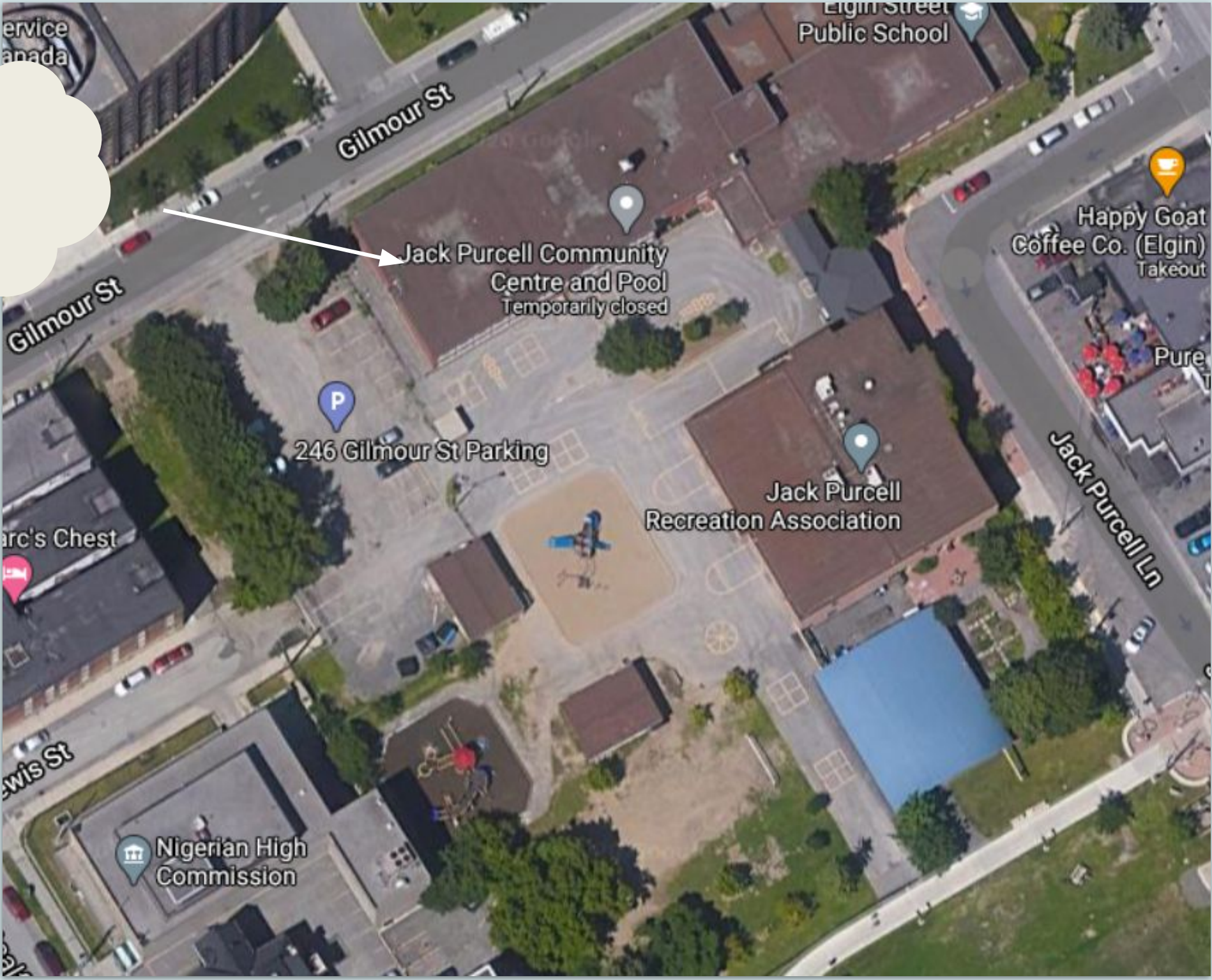
Block area





Lego!

Arrival
8:15am



Dismissal
2:45pm



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.



The Kindergarten Program

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





When they got to school, found their way into the assembly. Dr. Bert Grizzly gave a talk about good hygiene. "That should make Auntie feel better," said Papa. "You'll learn about so many nasty germs of hers."

Inside the auditorium, the school custodian, Grizzly Gus, was setting up a slide projector with Mr. Bruin.

"Hiya, Gus!" said Papa, shaking hands. Grizzly Gus had a bad cough, but he didn't bother covering his mouth while he worked. Mr. Bruin kept blowing his nose.

The two of them made quite a racket. "Cough! Cough! HONK!"

It's SPECIAL ASSEMBLY with DR. BERT GRIZZLY

Good Health Rules

Cough! Cough!

A Typical KG Day

8:00-8:15 - Arrival on the yard

8:15 - Day begins

8:15-10:15 - Play Based Learning - inside/outside

10:15-10:40 - Nutrition Break

10:40-11:00- Recess

11:00-13:00 - Play Based Learning

13:00-13:25- Nutrition Break

13:25-13:45 - Recess

13:45-14:30 - Outdoor Learning

14:30-14:45 - Getting ready for home



AM ECEs work- 6:45 to 14:15

PM ECEs work - 10:45 to 18:15

3.5 hour Overlap- 10:45-14:15

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



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?

- Email
- notes home
- phone calls
- Google Classroom
- Initial Observations Fall report - Interview
- Communication of Learning-Term 1 and 2

The image shows a screenshot of the Ontario Ministry of Education's 'Kindergarten Communication of Learning' form. The form is titled 'Ontario Ministry of Education Kindergarten Communication of Learning' and includes fields for Student, OEN, Date, Days Absent, Total Days Absent, Times Late, and Total Times Late. It also has sections for 'Belonging and Contributing' and 'Self-Regulation and Well-Being', each with a 'Key Learning / Growth in Learning / Next Steps in Learning' section and a comment box. The form is marked as 'Page 1 of 4'.



Supplies



Aftercare at ESPS??

- Year 1/Year 2 FDBK students usually go to Elgin EDP
- Grade 1-6 students usually go to Jack Purcell or YMCA



Extended Day Program (EDP)

- The OCDSB operates the Extended Day Program for all 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.
- Registration for EDP is a separate process from Kindergarten

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



EDP (OCDSB)

The Extended Day Program is:

- Offered before and after the regular school day
- Delivered by Registered Early Childhood Educators and Early Learning Assistants
- Led by 2 educators for groups of 30 children
- 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
- For registration information please to go to: <https://ocdsb.ca> and select **Childcare/OCDSB Extended Day Program**



Extended Day Program AM

What it might look like:

- A.M EDP is from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.
- Kids arrive at 7:00 or after, parents need to fill an online Covid self screen form daily or fill a hard paper copy form with me upon they arrive.
- Kids will go to their own homeroom for play based table top activities after.
- A.M EDP kids have their own play bin for play. so we can clean and sanitize their toys after they are done playing with those toys. We bring EDP kids out to the yard by the school's 1st bell at 8:00 a.m. to join their own class line up morning routine. Attendance is added online daily. If parents have any questions or requests, they can tell us or contact the Early Learning Center by a call at 613-596-8760 between 7:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. or by e-mail at earlylearning@ocdsb.ca



Extended Day Program PM

What it might look like:

- P.M. EDP is from 2:45 to 6:00 P.M.
- Children are brought to the EDP line at dismissal time and Educators then bring the children to their designated classroom.
- We have a variety of traditional and education toys for the children. Some of the additional activities that the children may partake in might be open ended art, guided art, rainbow loom, finger knitting, melting beads, beading and playdough.

During non-Covid times, gym activities are available twice a week.

Depending on the weather and the season, children may play outside at the beginning or at the end of the EDP time.



Extended Day Program PM (OCDSB)

What it might look like:

We also provide a snack which might consist of cheese, grahams, arrowroot cookies, apples, carrots, bananas, raisins or cereal mix.

During non-Covid times, it is an open snack where children can serve themselves when they wish to eat.

Presently, we have a group snack time and the children tell us what they would like to eat.

At pick-up time, the educators will sign the child out stating which adult has picked up the child. All play items are washed before EDP starts and at the end of EDP.

- Attendance is added online daily. If parents have any questions or requests, they can tell us or contact the Early Learning Center by a call at 613-596-8760 between 7:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. or by e-mail at earlylearning@ocdsb.ca



EDP (Third Party Operated)

- Third Party Operators offer before and after school programming in a number of our schools.
- The primary difference between these two programs is that they are governed by different provincial legislation: The Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA), and the Education Act
- For registration information please to go to: <https://ocdsb.ca> and select **Childcare/Third Party Operators Extended Day Program**



Transportation - OSTA

Visit 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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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

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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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) - [Centennial](#) or [Hopewell](#)
- Early French Immersion (Grade 1-8)
- Middle French Immersion (Grade 4-8) - [Centennial](#)
- Alternative (Grade 1-8) - [Lady Evelyn](#) or [Fisher Park/Summit](#) Alternative

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**



DELF (Grade 12 French Proficiency test)

- Defines six levels of French proficiency
- Offered to all students enrolled in a Grade 12 French as a Second Language course (Core and Immersion)
- In the fall of 2021, 84% of eligible students participated with an overall success rate of 96%
- level B2 has been the most popular level for students to challenge
- previous research indicates that success rates on the highest level offered in the OCDSB (B2) were not significantly different for students who had been enrolled in an EFI or an MFI program in grade 8
- Students enrolled in a core French pathway (i.e., grade 8 to grade 12) demonstrated high levels of success on the DELF, with the majority of participating students choosing level B1



Family Reception Centre

- Who Comes to the Family Reception Centre?
- What We Do
- Make an Appointment With Us

Email:

familyreceptioncentre@ocdsb.ca

Hours: Monday-Friday

8:30am-4:30pm

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

Bus Routes: #14, #85, #101



Family Reception Centre

If you are new to Canada, have a school-aged child, and English is not your first language, the OCDSB's Family Reception Centre can assist you with enrolling your child in school. The Centre's staff will provide student assessment and guidance for English language learners and their families, and can connect newcomer families with a Multicultural Liaison Officer, if needed. Please call 613-239-2416 for assistance.

Email: familyreceptioncentre@ocdsb.ca

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Register Now

Registration is now open for Kindergarten in September 2022.

If your child will be 4 years old by December 31, 2022, you can register for Kindergarten.

Visit: ocdsb.ca/kindergarten to learn more about our program and a link to online registration.

**Student Transfer Application Period –
Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 11, 2022**



THANK YOU!

Thank you for joining us tonight!

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



