Banff Elementary School
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Dear Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to having your child join the Banff Elementary School Kindergarten program for the new school year! ***We recognize that AHS Covid-19 restrictions could change in August, however we want to inform you of our gradual entry plan.*** To facilitate a successful start to the new school year, our gradual entry consists of two parts.

Part One: Kindergarten students will come to the classroom one at a time to participate in initial assessments and meet our Kindergarten teachers. During this time, our Kindergarten teachers will be working with your child to determine his/her strengths and interests. ***Parents/Guardians will stay during this time, following the AHS Covid-19 guidelines. If you and/or your child are exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19, please phone the school office to reschedule.***

An email will be sent in August with a link to sign up for a 20 minute time slot on one of the following days: Monday, August 30, Tuesday, August 31 or the morning of Wednesday, September 1, 2021. We will adjust class lists based on this data and then inform parents of who their child's teacher is on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Part Two: Kindergarten students will be given an opportunity to experience a half-day with half of their class. This provides a gentle introduction to Kindergarten in a smaller class setting. At this time the children will be under the school's direct supervision, so parents will not attend**.** *Please provide a healthy snack and water bottle for your child.*

Part two classes will take place on Thursday, September 2, and Tuesday, September 7, 2021 either in the morning or afternoon. **You will receive an email in August with the date and time of your child's half-day with half their class.**

Bus transportation will be available on Sept. 2 & 7 for those students signed up with CRPS Transportation. If your child is scheduled for the morning session, they can take the bus to BES at their regular morning bus pick up time, but a parent will need to pick up from BES at noon. If your child is scheduled for the afternoon, a parent will need to drop off at BES at 12:50pm, but the child can take the bus home at the end of the day at 3:02pm.

Regular classes for all Kindergarten students begin **Wednesday, September 8, 2021.** During this first full day students will attend school from 8:30am until 3:02pm. There will be regular bus service on this day in the morning and afternoon.

Please note, there are no Kindergarten classes on all Fridays until Friday, November 26th. Please refer to the Kindergarten Calendar here.

More Important information:

TRANSPORTATION:
If bus transportation is required, please register online through your Parent Portal account. For further information, please contact the Canadian Rockies Public Schools Transportation Department at 403-678-5545.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL CLUB (OSC):
OSC is a licensed childcare program run by the Town of Banff at Banff Elementary School. The OSC program hours compliment the Canadian Rockies Public School calendar- providing care during the after school hours, PD days, parent/teacher interviews and school breaks. **OSC also provides full day care during the kindergarten staggered entry into the school year**. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year opens July 21 at 8:30am. For more information please visit Banff.ca/kids, email steph.vonneudegg@banff.ca or call 403-762-1251.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office. The Banff Elementary School office will reopen after summer break on August 26, 2021.

Kind Regards,

Nadine Trottier (Principal) and Jody Keon (Assistant-Principal)
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