



July 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Kindergarten Students,

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are so excited to meet you! Our Kindergarten philosophy is “**Learning Through Play**”. We will explore, sing and dance. We will wonder, read, play and write. We will problem solve, laugh, create and learn together. It is our goal to help students become thoughtful, self-directed, happy, and confident learners. We hope to engage children in active and meaningful ways that reflect both their interests and needs. There will be a balance between child-directed play, teacher-directed play and structured learning experiences.

We are very excited to meet with you and your child! Your child’s meeting date/time has been scheduled for _____ . If you are unable to make your scheduled meeting time, please call the school (604) 795-7000.

Please bring the following with you to the meeting:

- **\$45** cash for school supplies (*cheques can be made out to McCammon Traditional Elementary*)
- **Indoor runners** (*label first/last name*) – *slip-on or Velcro, NO lace-ups please*
- **Box of Kleenex**
- Any medical reports that would help us care for and better understand your child

McCammon Traditional Elementary is a wonderful school with a strong commitment to family and community. We are looking forward to a great school year ahead. See you in September!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Abby Van Schagen, Mrs. Rebecca Semke, and Mrs. Shauna Monkman

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McCammon Traditional Elementary Kindergarten

The following is a list of answers to frequently asked questions at this time of year.

1. School Hours

Monday through Friday 8:00am – 1:55pm

- Please be prompt! Being on time helps to develop a positive classroom routine.
- At the end of the day, please wait outside your child's classroom door. Students will remain in their classrooms and teachers will dismiss students one at a time to their parent/guardian. **Please contact the office if someone other than your child's parent or guardian is picking up.**



2. Backpack – the best size will accommodate a 1" binder, a child's large library book, lunch and water bottle and should come back and forth every day.
3. Inside Shoes – one pair of runners (slip-on or Velcro, **NO lace-ups please**) to remain at school, labeled with child's first/last name
4. Snacks/Lunch – Please provide healthy food options for your child. **No juice boxes** please as children are rarely able to finish them within the given time and there are usually many spills associated with having drinks in the classroom. Students will also need to bring a labelled, refillable water bottle.
5. School Supplies – Kindergarten student school supplies that have been pre-ordered. Please bring **\$45.00 cash** to your child's meeting (or cheque made out to McCammon Traditional School).
6. Labels – please label your child's uniform shirt and hoodie, indoor and outdoor footwear, jackets, water bottle, lunch kit and backpacks with permanent marker.
7. Gym & Gross Motor Development – We have Gym at least 2x a week. Please also send a change of clothes (including underwear and socks) that will be kept in a Ziploc Bag in your child's backpack, as accidents do happen and puddles are sometimes irresistible to 5 year-olds.
8. School Uniforms – Students are expected to wear a school uniform each day (McCammon polo shirt/hoodie and Khaki bottoms). Uniform polos and hoodies can be ordered through *Greystone* at <http://chilliwackschools.greystonechilliwack>. Parents are to purchase khaki bottoms on their own.
9. Bussing – If you wish to have your child bussed to and from school, **you will need to contact Transportation at (604)-792-1255 to register your child before they can ride the bus.** You will be responsible for dropping off and picking up your child from the school until you have registered him/her. There will be no bussing available in the afternoon during gradual entry for Kindergarten students. After school bussing will begin on their first full day of school (Monday, September 21st) so you will need to pick up your child at the times on the previous page.



GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Here are a few things you can do to help your child get ready for their first year of school:

- Read this letter with your child and discuss any concerns or worries they may have.
- Practice printing their name beginning with a capital (upper case) and followed by small letters (lower case). (*We use the terms upper and lower case in kindergarten.*)
- Teach them to identify letters in the alphabet (upper case and lower case).
- Practice counting orally to 30 and practice counting objects, putting a finger on each object as they count.
- Practice cutting and pasting! Practice cutting along a line.
- Read a story with your child daily. Discuss the events and characters in the story.
- Enlist your child's help in picking out a special backpack, lunch kit, water bottle, and indoor school shoes.
- Encourage your child to wait for their turn to speak and congratulate them when they do not interrupt you, but rather wait to speak and say "excuse me". (This is great practice because in kindergarten there are 20 children and students absolutely must be able to wait their turn and use their hand.)
- Visit the school playground. Help your child to climb on the equipment safely and teach them to "pump" on the swings.
- To encourage your child's independence:
 - help them to button/unbutton pants so they can be independent while using the washroom,
 - send them to school with shoes they can take off and put on by themselves, and
 - help them to be able to take on/off a coat or sweater by themselves and practice being independent with a zipper. (Students will be going outside to play every day, so a jacket or coat with a hood is recommended. Children cannot easily join in outdoor play while holding an umbrella.)

McCammon Traditional Uniform Ordering Information

McCammon Elementary is excited to share that we have moved to an online ordering system for our student uniforms with Greystone, Chilliwack.

To place your order, simply go to the Greystone online ordering website:

<http://chilliwackschools.greystonechilliwack>

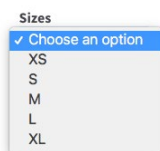
1) Select:



2) Click on
Select Options:



3) Choose the size of the item you want to order and add it to the cart:



Add to cart

4) View your shopping cart and select Checkout.

5) Fill out the Billing Details. Select whether you want to pay when you pick up your order at Greystone, or prepay with PayPal Express using a Credit Card. Indicate “deliver to school” in the order notes section if you’d like your items delivered to McCammon for pickup.

Should your child need to “try on” the clothing before purchasing, sizing samples are available at Greystone Chilliwack which is located at:

**Unit #B3 – 44335 Yale Road, Chilliwack
Telephone: (604) 795-2778**

If you have any questions regarding uniforms, please e-mail Ms. Linda Harkinson, Sales Rep for *Greystone* at awards@greystonechilliwack.com or you may also contact the Secretary for McCammon Traditional at – mccammon@sd33.bc.ca.