### Welcome!

to the

2018

# Kindergarten Orientation

#### Code of Conduct

Compassion in our thoughts, words, and actions.

# Student Belonging

- extra-curricular opportunities: sports teams, talent show, concerts, clubs
- "Do Good" committee
- multi-age activities
- student helpers
- Orange Shirt Day in September

# 'Housekeeping'

- Traffic
- Visitors / Volunteers
- Forms
- Supplies
- school fees
  - \$50 to cover supplies
  - expect another \$40 for field trips

#### Communication

- website
- emails / newsletters
- please call in absences
- PAC email
- school

# Getting Ready?

- create opportunities for independence
- be excited together
- read, read, read
- lots of sleep
- Vision/Hearing/Dental screening done at the Kindergarten level

# By myself I:

- put on / take off my coat (with zippers & buttons)
- take items in/out of backpacks
- eat my lunch
- go to the bathroom
- wash my hands
- put on/fasten my shoes and jackets

#### With a friend:

- talk and listen
- share / take turns
- play

#### With an adult:

- share stories, songs, and rhymes
- explore letters, numbers, and new words
- enjoy creating and imagining
- share family chores
- play games (turn taking)

#### Curriculum

- artistic and aesthetic
- emotional and social
- intellectual
- physical development and well-being
- language and cognitive

#### Placement of Students

- age (mix of birth dates)
- gender
- preschool experience

# Gradual Entry

- will allow staff to create balanced classes
- at the end of gradual entry will form classes

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- allows for staff to work with small groups of students
  - go over boundaries and safety at school
  - establish and practice expectations and routines
  - staff get know the children in the school setting

## Supervision

- in the classroom at lunch
- on the playground ("K" area only)
- going to the washroom (proximity)
- Grade 6/7 Peer Mediators will assist

#### Hours

- 8:50 am start
- 12:10 pm lunch
- 12:55 pm afternoon begins
- 3:00 pm dismissal (Wednesdays at 2:00 pm)

# Preparation...

- name labels in clothing, bags, & containers
- extra clothing & shoes

#### Meet the PAC

#### Meet your Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

- PAC Executive
  - Corinna Bork (Chair)
  - Alison Anderson (Vice Chair)
  - Ruth Bach (Treasurer)
  - Rosalie Vlaar (Secretary\_
- PAC Members at Large (Committee Chairs, Fun Lunch Organizers, Family of School Representatives, others)
- Class representatives
- All parents and guardians at Brooksbank Elementary

## What We Do

"Promote, enhance and enrich the academic, physical, and social development of our children through volunteer services, financial support and organized activities"

# PAC Money

- Music and library support
- Field trips
- Cultural events and performances
- Classroom funds for teachers
- Playground equipment
- Technology

#### Events & Initiatives

- Parent Night Out (this year: "Backyard Shenanigans"!)
- Back-to-School Schoolapalooza (September)
- Jingle Mingle (December)
- Fun Lunch Program (every Thursday)
- A wide range of smaller fundraisers

#### How to Get Involved

#### Come to a PAC meeting

- Volunteer at an event
- Become a class rep
- Join a committee

# Stay in Touch

- Provide your email address
- Visit our website (<u>http://</u> <u>brooksbankpac.weebly.com</u>)
- Join our Facebook page ("Brooksbank Families")
- Email <u>BBPACChair@gmail.com</u>

See you at the Schoolapalooza on September 6!

# Thank-you for attending!