



KINDERGARTEN

HERE I COME!





Grande Yellowhead Public School Division covers a large geographical area ~ from Jasper National Park, east to Evansburg, south of Cadomin and northwest beyond the Town of Grande Cache. We have 18 schools, five Learning Connection Centres and enrolment of almost 5000 students.

WE EMPLOY OVER 600 STAFF MEMBERS AND CONTRACTORS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO INSPIRING EACH CHILD TO BE FULLY ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING – FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12.

WELCOME TO THE

GRANDE YELLOWHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION!

Your child can look forward to a wonderful kindergarten year of exploration and growth. This year your child will find delight in learning and building even stronger connections to teachers, friends and school.

We are proud that you have chosen one of our schools to start your child's educational journey and we know that there is a lot of information that you want to know about.

WE ALSO WANT YOU TO BE A STRONG PARTNER WITH US IN THEIR EDUCATION – ENSURING YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS!



OUR SCHOOLS OFFER A
WARM, SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT
TO WELCOME YOUR CHILD TO THE
WONDERFUL NEW WORLD OF
DISCOVERY AND LEARNING.

Our Kindergarten program is designed to help prepare children for Grade 1 with becoming familiar with teacher expectations and appropriate classroom behaviour.

It also encourages children to play and learn through a variety of experiential education opportunities to support their emotional, social, physical, intellectual and creative development.

DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF SCHOOLING,
OUR TEACHERS FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING
LEARNING SKILLS:

- EARLY LITERACY & NUMERACY
- CITIZENSHIP
- AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY
- PERSONAL & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- PHYSICAL CO-ORDINATION & WELL-BEING
- CREATIVE EXPRESSION



We encourage you to visit Alberta Education's website to learn more about the Kindergarten curriculum at www.education.alberta.ca/parents/ecs.aspx

LISTS OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ARE AVAILABLE
DIRECTLY FROM THE SCHOOL, POSTED ON SCHOOL WEBSITES AND READILY
AVAILABLE AT MANY LOCAL MERCHANTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.



GET READY,
SET, GO
FOR A GREAT
SCHOOL YEAR!

TO ENROL YOUR CHILD
IN KINDERGARTEN FOR THE
UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, HE/
SHE MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD BY
DECEMBER 31ST OF THIS YEAR.



*Please bring their birth
certificate when registering.*

Our Kindergarten program establishes the foundation for your child's life-long educational journey. He/ she will be guided by our qualified and caring professionals who provide a variety of services and supports to meet your child's unique needs.



At Grande Yellowhead, we offer flexible learning environments that are designed to stimulate students' curiosity, encourage exploration and build strong self-confidence & global citizenship skills in our students.

SINCE 2008, GYPSD HAS OFFERED
A PART-TIME AND FULL DAY EXPANDED,
GRADUATED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Your child begins the school year by attending full days of classes but only 2 days a week. In October, this increases to 3 days, then in November it changes up to either 4 or 5 days depending on their school's program.

WHY FULL DAYS?

Studies show that children greatly benefit with an increase in schooling in their Kindergarten year so they are more prepared & ready for entry into Grade 1.

WHAT IF I ONLY WANT MY CHILD TO STAY IN A PART-TIME PROGRAM?

We offer both part-time and full day options in our Kindergarten programs to best meet the needs of your child's learning.





ALONG WITH ENGLISH PROGRAMMING,
WE OFFER **FRENCH IMMERSION** STARTING IN
KINDERGARTEN WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE CORE
CURRICULUM TAUGHT IN FRENCH.

French Immersion is available at the
following elementary schools:

ÉCOLE WESTHAVEN SCHOOL, EDSON (K-5)

ÉCOLE MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL, HINTON (K-6)

JASPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JASPER (K-6)

**WHAT IF I WANT TO REGISTER MY CHILD IN A FRENCH
IMMERSION PROGRAM BUT DON'T SPEAK FRENCH?**

No worries! Parents do not need to speak
French to support children at home
with reading & homework ~ in fact, the
majority of our students come from English-
speaking homes.



In the Town of Grande Cache,
we are also pleased to offer an
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTIAN PROGRAM
for students in Kindergarten to
Grade 8.

The SONRISE CHRISTIAN PROGRAM
provides a Christ-centered, bib-
lically directed education while
following the Alberta Program of
Studies.

REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR
SCHOOL OF CHOICE
TO FIND OUT SCHOOL START
AND FINISH TIMES.



TALK TO YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ON HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED!

Grande Yellowhead is also able to provide additional supports and resources for those children who may require assistance in their individual growth and development.

These resources include speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists as well as access to external consultants & agencies on an as-needed basis.

One of the most important things you can do to help your child succeed in school is to get involved!

We welcome parent involvement in Kindergarten & throughout your child's education in our schools ~ sign up for classroom help, volunteer for special days and celebrations, be an active member in your school's Parent/School Councils.



Our schools are 'allergy aware'. If your child has specific food concerns, please tell your child's Principal and Kindergarten teacher so we can ensure a safe and healthy environment for them.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR A SEAT ON THE SCHOOL BUS!

If you require bus transportation, please register with your school or feel free to contact our Transportation Services Department at 780.723.4471 to learn more about registration. We also encourage you to sign up online to receive up-to-date notices on school bus route changes and/or cancellations on your child's





SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

For more information about our Kindergarten programs and all the great initiatives in place at Grande Yellowhead Public Schools, please contact us:

phone 780.723.4471

toll free 1.800.723.2564

or visit us at GYPSD.CA &
FACEBOOK.COM/GYPSD