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We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Dear Kindergarten Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s),

Talmey Elementary School welcomes you and your child. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with important information about your child's **upcoming Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule** and Welcoming Conversation.

We are providing you with a **schedule** that plans for full attendance of all children. Should this change you will be contacted in August.

The transition to Kindergarten is important for your child, your family, and for the school. For this reason, the Ministry of Education and the Richmond School District have a gradual entry process to ensure that we get to know your child and create a sense of belonging as they transition to the larger learning environment of a school.

Attached to this letter is your child's gradual entry schedule for the first two weeks of school. You and your child will be invited to a Welcoming Conversation, either in person or by video conference. The Welcoming Conversation is 15 minutes during which you will be able to share information about your child with the Kindergarten teacher. Please read the confidential questionnaire on the back of this letter prior to attending the Welcoming Conversation. There is no need to complete the questionnaire prior to the Welcoming Conversation.

Each child entering Kindergarten is viewed as a unique individual which is why gradual entry along with the Welcoming Conversation are essential for creating the foundation of support among the family, school, and child. The information you share with the teacher will be helpful in supporting your child throughout the year.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into our school community.

Sincerely,
Al Zarchikoff

Welcome to Kindergarten Conversation Starters

Please help us get to know your child and your family by thinking about the following:

Child's Name	
General Development	<p>Please share information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child's early learning experiences: Example: name of preschool, childcare, StrongStart, playgroups, dance/sports, and any other programs they have attended. • Your child's overall health including any medical conditions that may affect learning.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you describe your child's ability to move when walking, running, jumping and climbing? • How would you describe your child's ability to use their hands for tasks like cutting with scissors, drawing, painting, etc.? • Is your child independent using the toilet? • Is your child able to dress independently (e.g. Put on own shoes and coat)?
Language Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some things your child likes to talk about? • What are some of your child's favourite books? • How would you describe your child's ability to follow directions?
Social-Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your child's personality. • Are there situations, places, or times (ex. loud noises, bright lights, crowds of people, etc.) when your child becomes upset, anxious, or excited? How do they react? What helps?
Favourite Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are favourite activities your child likes to do?

Welcome to Kindergarten, Families!

Full Day Kindergarten 2021 – 2022 **Gradual Entry Schedule** for Schools
 Gradual Entry— 100% in attendance Full Day THURSDAY, September 16, 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Labour Day School not in session	7 First Day of School Kindergarten students come for 45 minutes 1:00-1:45	8 Group A attends: 8:45-9:45 Group B attends: 10:15-11:15	9 Group A: 8:45-11:15 (bring recess snack) Group B : 12:15-2:45 (bring recess snack)	10 Group A: 8:45-11:15 (bring recess snack) Group B: 12:15-2:45 (bring recess snack)
13 All students attend: 8:45-11:15 (bring recess snack(s))	14 All students attend: 8:45-11:15 (bring recess snack(s))	15 All students attend: 8:45-12:15 (bring recess snack(s) and lunch with teacher)	16 ALL students attend FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN 8:45-2:45 (please send recess snack(s) and lunch)	17 ALL students attend FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN 8:45-2:45 (please send recess snack(s) and lunch)

Welcoming Conversations will be scheduled during the times that children are not in attendance.