



Registration for Kindergarten and Other Programs for 2020/2021 School Year **Important information for School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Families**

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) will be enrolling kindergarten students (Neighbourhood, French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous, Fine Arts and eClasses) in district schools for attendance in September 2020. To be eligible for enrolment in September 2020, a student must turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2020. Each child's birth certificate and proof of address must be presented at time of registration. CareCards will not be accepted as proof of birth but need to be presented at time of registration. A Passport or Landed Immigrant authorization are suitable forms of documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

All of our kindergarten classes are full-day programs. Parents are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood school on February 18, 19 and 20, 2020 between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:00 pm. While most, if not all, students living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, they cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to go to the nearest school having space available. To determine your neighbourhood catchment school, please visit our district website at www.comoxvalleyschools.ca, click on "Schools" and go to "School Locator". If you live in an area where bussing is provided, please complete a Bus Transportation Registration Form. You can fill this out at your neighborhood school or download the form from our website. All students travelling on School District No. 71 school buses must carry a bus pass.

ORIENTATION SESSION FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS:

Parents are invited to a special evening for kindergarten. Come and join us on January 29, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Queneesh Elementary (2345 Mission Road, Courtenay) where you will have an opportunity to hear about the many different kindergarten programs in our district. Educators will be in attendance to talk about each of these kindergarten programs:

- Neighbourhood (the kindergarten program in your neighbourhood school);
- Early French Immersion;
- Indigenous;
- Montessori;
- navigate (NIDES) Compass Program;
- navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAe)

OTHER PROGRAMS:

French Immersion: held at Ecole Puntledge Park (401 Willemar Avenue, Courtenay) and Ecole Robb Road (1909 Robb Avenue, Comox)

Registration only for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in French Immersion at respective elementary school (Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary and Ecole Robb Road Elementary) on February 11, 12 and 13, 2020 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Registration for all other students for French Immersion is at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary and Ecole Robb Road Elementary on February 18, 19 and 20, 2020 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. **Registration is on a first come first served basis.** Inquiries about this program may be made to the Principals at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary (250) 334-4495 or Ecole Robb Road Elementary (250) 339-6864.

Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program Kindergarten: all registration is completed online at www.navigatenides.com

Registration for **all** students for the Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program is completed online and the registration form will be active on March 1, 2020. Inquiries for this program can be forwarded to Vice Principal, Dwayne Mills at Dwayne.mills@sd71.bc.ca

Navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAE) Kindergarten: all registration is completed online at www.navigatenides.com

Registration for **all** students for the Fine Arts eCademy (FAe) Kindergarten at Navigate (NIDES) is completed online and the registration form will be active on February 12, 2020. Inquiries for this program can be forwarded to Vice Principal, Dwayne Mills at Dwayne.mills@sd71.bc.ca

Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1: held at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary

We offer a program based on cultural teachings and Ministry of Education curriculum for First Nation, Metis or Inuit students. Although preference will be given to Indigenous students, non-Indigenous children may apply.

Registration only for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in the Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1 program is at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary School on February 11, 2020 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. Registration for all other students for Indigenous Kindergarten is at Ecole Puntledge Park on February 19, 20 and 21, 2020 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. For further information, please call Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Indigenous Education at (250) 331-4040.

Montessori Kindergarten – registration and program: held at Queneesh Elementary School (2345 Mission Road, Courtenay)

Registration only for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in Montessori is on February 11, 2020 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Registration for all other students for Montessori is on February 12 and 13, 2020 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. For information, please contact Queneesh Elementary at (250) 334-4089. For families that are interested in learning about Montessori there will be an open house on February 6, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Queneesh.

Late French Immersion (Grade 6 entry) – registration and program: held at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary

An orientation session will be held at Ecole Puntledge Park on January 28, 2020 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Registration for the program is listed above.

Secondary French Immersion – registration and program: held at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary (1551 Lerwick Road, Courtenay)

For information, please contact the principal of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School (250) 334-2428

Hornby Island Community School: 2100 Sollans Road, Hornby Island

Our Kindergarten operates Monday to Thursday with a Blended Learning/at Home Learning day Friday's developed with the classroom teacher through a Student Learning Plan. Our classrooms are multiage e.g. K-2/K-3 depending on student numbers. Registration February 18-20, 2020. Contact Alissa.pratt@sd71.bc.ca for any inquiries.

CONTACT:

For further information, please contact the individual school or Allan Douglas, Director of Instruction or Geoff Manning, Assistant Superintendent at the School Board Office at (250) 334-5500.