



2024-2025

Provost Public School



Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Provost Public School! I am excited that your child will be attending kindergarten this coming September. Our staff will do all that we can to ensure your child's transition from home to school is successful.

Kindergarten is an important milestone in your child's life. Our days will be filled with learning, friendship and activities to build the foundation that will help your child to succeed. These educational and social experiences will make kindergarten a special time for you and your child.

The material in this package is designed to provide you with information about the kindergarten program, as well as, helpful suggestions to get your child off to a fantastic start. At any time, should you require additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Kindergarten staff.

I look forward to working with you and your child in the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,

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Provost Public School

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Provost Public School welcomes you into our school community.

We are a K-12 school with approximately 300 students that serves the needs of our community.

We are very proud of the variety of programs that we offer to our students in conjunction with our core subjects programming.

A few highlights of our school:

Music-Our music program, which is offered from K - 12, has been involved in numerous local and division concerts, as well as taking their bands skills overseas to perform in international locations.

CTF and CTS-With a recently renovated Home Ec. lab, students from grades 7 - 12 are able to work on their Culinary skills.

Alternatively, we also have an Industrial Arts program which offers courses in woodworking, carpentry, welding, wiring, and metal work.

Our Art program provides an opportunity for students to show off their artistic talents through traditional artwork, as well as modern digital art and technology to help develop 21st century skills.

Extracurricular Activities:

Cross Country Gr 7 - 12, Volleyball Gr. 7 - 12, Football Gr 9 - 12, Golf Gr 7-12, Basketball Gr 7 - 12, Curling Gr 4-12, Badminton Gr 7 - 12, Track and Field Gr 7 - 12, Drama Gr 4 - 12, Card Club Gr 4 - 6, Mini-Athletics Gr. 4 -6 - Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Running

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Is my child eligible?

Now in effect, the School Amendment Act has changed the date of entry for Kindergarten to December 31.

Starting School	Age	When
September 2024	Child must be 5 years old	On or before December 31, 2024

What do I need to register my child?

- ★ Birth certificate
- ★ Resident address and/or rural land location

How do I register?

We welcome you to join us for our Registration Open House evening Thursday, April 18th 6:30-7:30 pm.

There will be registration forms available, activities for the children and snacks! I look forward to meeting all of the new families and showing you our classroom.

If you would like to fill out your form ahead of time, you can download the [registration form](#) on our website under the parent tab. If you are unable to attend the registration evening and would like to email the completed form back to our office you may do so by sending it to provost@btps.ca. A copy of your child's birth certificate will also be required for registration. It can be brought to the registration evening or photocopied or scanned and emailed to the school.

General School Information

The Kindergarten schedule varies from year to year depending on the number of registrations that there are. You will be notified whether there will be one or two kindergarten classes.

Number of Classes	Days per week from September -December	Days per week from January-June
1 Kindergarten Class	Monday, Wednesday	After Christmas break there is an increase to three days per week. Students will attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
2 Kindergarten Classes	Monday, Wednesday, alternate Fridays Tuesday, Thursday, alternate Fridays	Monday, Wednesday, alternate Fridays Tuesday, Thursday, alternate Fridays

School Arrival and Dismissal

The safety and well-being of our students is important to us, so we ask that your child does not arrive earlier than **8:35 a.m.**

The doors then open at 8:35 and staff is available for supervision.

School commences at 8:55 a.m. Lunch hour is between 11:50 a.m. and 12:28 p.m. **School dismissal is at 3:27 p.m.**

Kindergarten students are asked to enter and exit the school using the left (East) main entry doors. Once inside the entry, students will be required to remove outside footwear and place them on the shoe racks. Parents dropping off, and picking up their children, are welcome to park in our guest parking lot or on the north, west, or south sides of our school. Please note that 45th Street (the bus lane) is closed to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. school days.

Daily Recess

Kindergarten students will be going outside for a morning, noon and afternoon recess each day. Your assistance in ensuring your child is dressed appropriately for weather conditions is greatly appreciated. On days of inclement weather, students will remain indoors.

Weekly Gym, Library and Music

Along with our regular classroom activities, students will have weekly opportunities to participate in physical activities in our gym, attend music class, and visit the school library.



To enhance learning, Kindergarten has access to ipads and chromebooks.

Bus Students

Please see information on registering for transportation services in the Kindergarten Ready, Set, Go portion of this package. Bus transportation is arranged through Buffalo School Division and can be accessed through this link <https://www.btps.ca/departments/transportation/registration>



Daily Food and Drinks

Each day your child will require:

A Water Bottle – Students are asked to bring a water bottle filled with fresh water to school daily.

A Morning and Afternoon Snack and Drink – Your cooperation in sending healthy snacks is appreciated. You may wish to have your child drink water or send an additional snack drink.

Lunch – We eat lunch in our classroom from 11:50-12:08. Our classroom does not have a microwave due to the fact that the students are not able to operate microwaves and safely transport hot foods independently. Therefore, I ask for your cooperation in not sending microwaveable foods. The Kindergarten staff will be present in the classroom during the lunch hour. Classroom helpers from upper elementary grades join us to assist in helping the students with their lunches, getting ready for recess, as well as, clean up duties.

Allergy Alert

It is our goal at Provost Public School to provide a safe learning environment for all students. There are some students attending our school who suffer a life threatening or serious allergic reaction to peanuts, tree nuts and/or scented products. As an “Allergy Aware” school, we ask that you please avoid sending peanut/tree nut foods and wearing scented products such as perfume or

colognes while at our school. Your support of our students' safety is appreciated.

Lockers and Cubbies

Each kindergarten student will have use of a locker and a cubby to help organize their belongings outside and inside the classroom. Your child will keep their inside shoes inside the classroom for the school year.

Your Child's Health

Before beginning school, it is a good idea to have your child's vision checked, as well as, update immunizations. We can provide you with information on what supports are available locally and contact information.

The Next Steps After Registration:

- ★ By the end of June, your child will receive a welcome email from myself and some introductory information.
- ★ In mid August, your child will receive a letter in the mail to invite them to a kindergarten orientation (I will also send this information electronically).
- ★ At the Kindergarten orientation, students will attend in small groups for a short period of time to visit the classroom, become familiar with the school surroundings, and meet the Kindergarten staff. This is done in the first week of school at the beginning of September.
- ★ Full day Kindergarten will begin on the second day of your child's schedule. You will be given the Kindergarten schedule for the entire school year, so that you know which days your child will be attending Kindergarten.

I look forward to an exciting year ahead with your child and creating a positive beginning to their school years. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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