



April 2025

Dear Cross-Boundary Kindergarten Families,

We are hoping that a decision will be made soon regarding the cross-boundary applications, but it has not yet been confirmed. Regardless, we would like to invite you to attend our two **Welcome To Kindergarten** events.

The Kindergarten Countdown has begun! Please join us in the Holly Elementary School library where you will have the chance to meet the Kindergarten teachers, the Holly Administrative team, our school counsellor, and our Learning Support teacher.

We will begin our time together with a story and then the teachers will take the children to experience a Kindergarten classroom and play together with their future classmates.

Meanwhile, families will have the opportunity to listen to some of our District professionals share their social-emotional and academic tips for transitioning to Kindergarten. We will also give you a questionnaire to fill out so we can get to know a little bit about your child.

Session 1: Sandy Ouellette, our school counsellor, will have a conversation with parents about strategies to familiarize children with the school environment, and to build independence to set them up for success upon their arrival to Kindergarten. We will explore ways to teach children to express their feelings and regulate their bodies, and how parents can access resources to help their child manage big feelings.

Session 2: Sarah Trabelsi, our school Learning Support Teacher, will have a conversation with parents about how they can help lay a foundation for literacy success. She will share practical tips that can be incorporated into your daily routine and introduce you to Delta's online resources for Kindergarten.

The events are being held on:

Thursday, May 8th from 9-10am

Thursday, May 15th from 9-10am

We hope to see you and your child at both events as the content is different. This gives us the opportunity to meet and connect with your family and to balance our class placements for the Fall. At the event, you will receive a take home package with more information about how our Kindergarten programme will be implemented and ways that you can support your child now to prepare them for Kindergarten.

Please RSVP to tharms@deltaschools.ca with the child and parent names who are attending as soon as possible. Please also reply if you are not able to attend, so that we know how many families to expect.

Also, check out more Kindergarten information on our Holly website under the Welcome to Kindergarten tab. There you will find pictures of our school, Kindergarten classrooms, and staff members your child will get to know.

We can't wait to meet you!

Your Kindergarten Teachers,
Tammy Harms and Julia Keller