



February 2026

Dear Incoming Kindergarten Families,

The Kindergarten Countdown has begun! Welcome to our Holly Community. We are so excited to invite you and your child to our two Welcome to Kindergarten events on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am in the library. 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 school 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: Carolyn Gibbs, our Speech and Language Pathologist, along with Jennifer Duke, our school psychologist, and 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.*

*Session 2: Lindsay Renner Wallace, 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, such as frustration, disappointment, and fears.*

The events are being held on:

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am  
Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am

We hope to see you and your child at **both** events. This gives us the opportunity to meet and connect with your family and to balance our class placements for September. At the event, you will receive a questionnaire to complete about your child. We will also give you 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.

Also, check out more Kindergarten information on our Holly website under the Welcome to Kindergarten tab. <https://hy.deltasd.bc.ca>

There you will find information about an online Preparing for Kindergarten presentation and pictures of our school, Kindergarten classrooms, and some of the staff members your child will get to know.

We can't wait to meet you!

Your Kindergarten Teachers,  
Tammy Harms and Julia Keller