



# École Macaulay Elementary School

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Dear Kindergarten Parents and Guardians,

A wonderful new part of your child's life begins with going to Kindergarten. I am pleased to welcome you and your child to Macaulay. École Macaulay Elementary School has been a cornerstone of the Esquimalt community for over 50 years. Offering programs in English and French Immersion, Macaulay offers a unique experience for its students. With a diverse school population of Kindergarten to Grade 5 students, Macaulay continues to build on its strong tradition and lasting legacy. As we say. "Once a Macaulay Kid, Always a Macaulay Kid".

Attached you will find some useful information in helping you and your child prepare for Kindergarten in September. Reading through this information and your support at home will go a long way in helping your child be successful at school. I know for some of you that Kindergarten is new and for others it is 'old hat' but the information is both a good reminder and a good start for all families.

Although September is far off on the calendar here are four ways to stay connected to the school:

**1. Visit our website – [www.sd61.bc.ca/school/macaulay](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/school/macaulay)**

Keep up to date with school happenings and information with links to our newsletters, calendar and Welcome to Kindergarten page.

**2. Attend the Welcome to Kindergarten Night**

This event is designed for you and your child to connect to the school and staff. This fun filled event is a great introduction to the school, classmates, families and staff. At the end of the night all students in attendance receive a great resource bag of activities and supplies for at home. Mark your calendar for: Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

**3. Attend the Macaulay StrongStart**

StrongStart early learning programs provide school-based early learning services for adults and their young children, aged birth to five, at no cost to families. Both children and adults can benefit from StrongStart early learning programs – children have access to high-quality learning environments and benefit from social interactions while the adults who accompany them learn new ways to support learning, both at the program and at home. Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities, including stories, music and art to help children get ready for success in kindergarten.

**4. Inform the school of any medical conditions or disabilities that may impact your child's learning**

This information is very important to us here at the school. This information is used by our Learning Support Team to put in place classroom learning supports to help our students be successful. Any relevant information that you can share helps us be prepared and best meet the needs of our Kindergarten students.

Finally, please make sure your contact information is kept up to date here at the school. We will be mailing information out about our Kindergarten Program, the Welcome to Kindergarten Night and Supply Lists over the course of the Spring. We will be mailing this information to the address you have given us at registration, if it changes, please contact us here at the school.

Once again, welcome to Macaulay and we can't wait to see you and your child at our Welcome to Kindergarten Night in May.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomas  
Principal

