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Phone: 250-475-4220

Welcome to School!

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017

6:30 – 7:00 PM

**Welcome
Overview**

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Presentations (15 minutes each)
Parents, please choose four of our six presentations.

Nature-inspired Learning – Room 101

Presented by: Sean McCartney, Principal, South Park Family School
Jeff Mitchell, Principal, James Bay Community School

The benefits of nature-inspired learning will be discussed in the context of Kindergarten learners. There will be a slideshow and presentation, followed by a short Q & A session.

Fine Motor Skills Development – Room 103

Presented by: Adelle Rama, Occupational Therapist, Queen Alexandra Centre

What activities can be done at home to encourage fine motor development? Join this interactive session for information on how you can help your child be ready for fine motor tasks at school such as printing and cutting with scissors.

Play in the Kindergarten Environment - Room 104

Presented by: Vivian Plint and Leann Trenchard, Kindergarten Teachers at
Torquay Elementary School

Play-based learning will be discussed in the context of the kindergarten learning environment. There will be a short video and examples of how children learn through play in order to address the five areas of the primary program.



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- **Connecting, Collaborating and Community – Supports for your Child** - Room 107
Presented by: Christine Patterson, Vice-Principal, Willows Elementary School

Teachers work collaboratively with other teachers and the community in a variety of ways in order to offer exemplary instructional strategies and supports for all students. This session will provide you with a brief overview of the role of the teacher in fostering a child's development and the types of school, district, and community supports that are available to parents.

- **Early Numeracy – Fun Math with your Child** - Room 108
Presented by: James Hansen, District Principal, Learning Team

Helping your child think about numbers and math is an important way to help them learn, grow and get ready for Kindergarten. Our session will explore different ways to play with numbers through games and activities that will support mathematical thinking. Our session will provide you with some fun activities that you can do with your child before they start school to help them to get ready for the adventures ahead.

- **Speaking and Listening: Skills for Success** - Room 109
Presented by: Melanie Houston and Sarah Smith, Speech & Language Pathologists

What are typical speech and language skills for 4 and 5 year olds? We will show you activities to help develop good communication skills. The connection between language and literacy will be explained.

8:00 – 8:30 PM General Questions (Auditorium)