



Registration for Kindergarten and Other Programs for 2017/18 School Year

***** Important information for School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Families *****

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) will be enrolling kindergarten students (Neighbourhood, French Immersion, Montessori, Aboriginal, Fine Arts and eClasses) in district schools for attendance in September 2017. To be eligible for enrolment in September 2017, a student must turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2017. Each child's birth certificate and proof of address must be presented at time of registration. CareCards will not be accepted as proof of birth but need to be presented at time of registration. A Passport or Landed Immigrant authorization are suitable forms of documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

All of our kindergarten classes are full-day programs. Parents are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood school on February 20, 21 and 22, 2017 between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:00 pm. While most, if not all, students living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, they cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to go to the nearest school having space available. To determine your neighbourhood catchment school, please visit our district website at www.sd71.bc.ca, click on "Schools" and go to "School Locator". If you live in an area where busing is provided, and if you have not already done so, please complete at your school a Bus Transportation Registration Form or by downloading the form from our website. All students travelling on School District No. 71 school buses must carry a bus pass.

ORIENTATION SESSION FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS:

Parents are invited to a special evening for kindergarten. Come and join us on February 2, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Queneesh Elementary (2345 Mission Road, Courtenay) where you will have an opportunity to hear about the many different kindergarten programs in our district. Educators will be in attendance to talk about each of these kindergarten programs:

- Neighbourhood (the kindergarten program in your neighbourhood school);
- Early French Immersion;
- Aboriginal;
- Montessori;
- navigate (NIDES) Interaction Class (iClass); and
- navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAE)

OTHER PROGRAMS:

French Immersion: held at Ecole Puntledge Park (401 Willemar Avenue, Courtenay) and Ecole Robb Road (1909 Robb Avenue, Comox)

Registration only for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in Early or Late French Immersion is at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary and Ecole Robb Road Elementary on February 14, 15 and 16, 2017 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Registration for all other students for French Immersion is at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary and Ecole Robb Road Elementary on February 20, 21 and 22, 2017 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. Inquiries about this program may be made to the Principals at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary (250) 334-4495 or Ecole Robb Road Elementary (250) 339-6864.

navigate (NIDES) Interaction Class (iClass) Kindergarten: held at navigate's Tsolum Campus (2505 Smith Road, Courtenay)

Registration for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in navigate (NIDES) Interaction Class is at navigate's Tsolum Campus from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm on February 16 and 17, 2017. For all other students, registration is open all year long. Please contact NIDES (250-337-5300) or at www.navigateides.com

Registration for all other students for the iClass Kindergarten at navigate (NIDES) will take place at navigate's Tsolum Campus from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm on February 20 and 21, 2017.

navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAE) Kindergarten: held at navigate's Tsolum Campus

Registration for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in Fine Arts eCademy Kindergarten at navigate (NIDES) is at navigate's Tsolum Campus from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm on February 16 and 17, 2017. For registration for all other Fine Arts eCademy Kindergarten registration, please contact navigate (NIDES) administration at (250) 337-5300, Principal Jeff Stewart at jeff.stewart@sd71.bc.ca.

Aboriginal Kindergarten/Grade 1: held at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary

We offer a program based on cultural teachings and Ministry of Education curriculum for First Nation, Metis or Inuit students. Although preference will be given to Aboriginal students, non-Aboriginal children may apply.

Registration only for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in the Aboriginal Kindergarten/Grade 1 program is at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary School on February 14, 2017 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. Registration for all other students for Aboriginal Kindergarten is at Ecole Puntledge Park on February 20 and 21, 2017 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. For further information, please call Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Aboriginal Education at (250) 331-4040.

Montessori Kindergarten – registration and program: held at Queneesh Elementary School (2345 Mission Road, Courtenay)

Registration only for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in Montessori is on February 14, 2017 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Registration for all other students for Montessori is on February 15 and 16, 2017 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. For information, please contact Queneesh Elementary at (250) 334-4089.

Late French Immersion (Grade 6 entry) – registration and program: held at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary

An orientation session will be held at Ecole Puntledge Park on January 31, 2017 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Registration for the program is listed above.

Secondary French Immersion – registration and program: held at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary (1551 Lerwick Road, Courtenay)

For information, please contact the principal of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School – 250-334-2428

CROSS BOUNDARY TRANSFER REQUESTS:

Requests for cross boundary transfers for the 2017/18 year must be completed **online** between January 6 – March 3, 2017 for consideration. The link entitled "Cross Boundary Requests" will be available on our homepage at www.sd71.bc.ca from January 6 to March 3, 2017 only. If you do not have access to a computer, you may use the computer in the foyer of the School Board Office at 607 Cumberland Road, Courtenay, BC.

CONTACT:

For further information, please contact the individual school or the School Board Office at (250) 334-5500 Allan Douglas, Director of Instruction, for elementary questions or Tom Demeo, Assistant Superintendent, for secondary school questions.