



## STONY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

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*“Preparing Today’s Learner for Tomorrow”*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We welcome your child to Stony Mountain School and hope that their first school year will be engaging, enriching and memorable. Stony Mountain School believes in “being respectful”, “being responsible” and “being safe” and we cannot wait for your child to be a part of our school community.

### KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM AND PHILOSOPHY

The Kindergarten program follows a provincial curriculum, which has been carefully planned to meet the needs of this age group of children.

The program provides the opportunity for these children to learn to work and play together in a cooperative, responsible, and self-assured manner. All programs taught in other grades are also taught in Kindergarten (ie: Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Phys.-Ed/Health, Music and Art) but they are in an integrated, activity-based program through the use of theme-related activity centers and manipulative materials.

Stony Mountain Kindergarten offers a balanced literacy based program with a focus on Oral Language Development and Guided Reading activities.

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## Kindergarten Orientation

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.

Kindergarten Orientation is a very important event for your child, you, the kindergarten teacher and the Learning Support Team at Stony Mountain School. Parents/guardians and the kindergarten student are requested to attend and will be exploring Stony Mountain School through a variety of different stations and activities. Students will receive a passport and will be travelling through the school doing different Kindergarten based tasks. Your appointment will take approximately one hour.

During the year, your child will be evaluated to identify their progress. An Early Identification Program is carried out during the first 2 months of school and if any specific difficulties are identified, you will be notified. The school's Learning Support Team may then become involved, along with other divisional specialists.

Reporting to parents occurs four times during the school year and may be in the form of goal setting meetings, child-led conferences, portfolio evening or written reports.

During the school year, we suggest that any messages to the teacher regarding your child be made in writing and not given verbally. This procedure helps to ensure that your message is acted upon. As you can appreciate that 5-10 verbal messages given to the teacher/office all at once can be difficult to keep track of.

### LENGTH OF KINDERGARTEN DAY

- Entrance bell @ 8:45am
- Class begins @ 8:55am
- Nutrition Break @ 10:35am
- Outdoor Activity @ 10:55am
- Nutrition Break @ 12:55pm
- Outdoor Activity Break @ 1:20pm
- Town Dismissal @ 3:40pm
- Bus Dismissal @ 3:45pm

Kindergarten students may join their friends on the playground AFTER 8:30am. They must be in the school by the 8:45am bell.

If you are coming to pick up your child please wait at the door at the northeast end of the school (or at the office), as this is where students will be dismissed.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The following supplies can be dropped off at the Open House BBQ (September 6, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.) or sent on the first day of school:

- 1) \$30 (\$7 agenda fee and basic classroom supplies)
- 2) Backpack or school bag
- 3) One pair of indoor runners to be left at school.  
Please send runners that your child can put on independently...Velcro is great!
- 4) Headphones (labelled and bagged)

\*\*Please label all items: shoes, boots, coats, mitts, toques etc... that your child wears to school.

\*\*Milk tickets (white or chocolate milk) can be purchased at school for \$18. Twenty milk tickets per sheet.

**YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND SCHOOL ON ODD DAYS. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CALENDAR. THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017.**

We are looking forward to meeting everyone at Kindergarten Orientation and beginning this Kindergarten journey with you!

See you there!

Mr. M. Blahut  
Principal and the  
Stony Mountain School Student Services Team