

## Welcome to School

School District 8 has a “Welcome to School” event held in March for children entering Kindergarten the following September and their parents.

This 90-minute “Welcome to School” event introduces parents and children to the types of activities that take place in kindergarten such as circle time, learning centers, and snack time. Parent participation at this event will inform parents of ways they can support their child’s learning at home. Participants will also receive a “bag of goodies” to take home to support the child’s learning in the months prior to the opening of school.

Neighbourhood schools send invitations out to children who have already registered to attend school next September. The invitation includes the date and time of the event. It will also ask the children to have a parent or caregiver come with them that day.

**If you have not already registered your child to attend school in September, then please contact your neighbourhood school as soon as possible. Once you register your child, the school will provide an invitation to attend “Welcome to School”.**

To assist in the transition to school for all children School District 8 holds other activities and programs for pre-kindergarten children. These include:

October – pre-K students register at the neighbourhood school for the next school year.

November – district sponsored meetings with parents of pre-K children on issues relative to school readiness such as nutrition, reading, and oral language development.

March – school-based “Welcome to School” event for parents and their pre-K child at the neighbourhood school.

April/May school based “Orientation Day” with pre-K children attending school in small groups for about one hour and their parents attending sessions on school operations.