



Preparing for Kindergarten



Faith and Learning. . . Celebrating the journey

School Readiness Checklist

CONCEPTS AND DIRECTIONS

understands:

- big and little
- long and short
- up and down
- in and out
- from and back
- over and under
- top, bottom, middle

NUMBERS

- counts orally through ten
- understands empty and full
- understands more and less

COLOURS AND SHAPES

- matches shapes or objects based on size
- recognizes and names primary colours
- recognizes circles and rectangles
- copies shapes

TIME

- understands day and night
- knows age and birthday

READING READINESS

- identifies parts of the body
- knows common farm and zoo animals
- pronounces own first and last name
- identifies other children by name
- tells the meaning of simple words
- repeats a sentence of six to eight words
- pretends to read
- answers questions about a short story
- identifies own first name in manuscript
- prints own first name

MOTOR SKILLS

- run
- walk in a straight line
- hop
- jump
- alternate feet walking down stairs
- march
- stand on one foot for 5 to 10 seconds
- walk backwards for five feet
- throw a ball
- zip
- button
- clap hands
- build with blocks
- complete a simple puzzle

LISTENING AND SEQUENCING

- follows simple directions
- listens to a short story
- listens carefully
- recognizes common sounds
- repeats a sequence of numbers
- retells a simple story in sequence

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- not upset when away from parents
- feels good about self
- dresses self
- knows own sex
- brushes teeth
- knows parents' names
- knows home address
- knows home phone number
- maintain self control
- shares with others
- understood by adults
- able to stay on task
- able to work independently

Children are generally toilet trained before reaching Kindergarten age. We encourage parents to work on this milestone before the start of school. If your child is experiencing a toilet training delay, please contact the school where they are registered.

Tips to Ease Transition

There are a number of activities you can plan with your child over the summer leading up to Kindergarten to make the transition easier.

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- Drive or walk to the school and look around the playground.
- Establish bedtime and morning routines: practise going to bed and waking up on the new school schedule.
- Have your child practise using lunch containers, thermos caps, zippers, buttons, ties and shoe fasteners.

Things to Bring to School

- Choose clothes that are comfortable, durable and easy to clean.
- Choose clothes and footwear that are easy for your child to put on, take off and fasten.
- Mark all clothing, footwear, school bags and lunch containers with your child's name.
- Choose outdoor clothing that is weather appropriate.
- Have an extra set of clothing at the school for muddy days, spills or accidents.
- Provide your child with a school bag to carry notes, school work, lunch and snacks. It should be easy to open and close and light to carry.
- Pack small snacks (peeled and cut fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers, etc.) for your child to eat at school during their nutrition breaks.
- Please avoid pop, candy and hard to open containers. Some schools have allergy policies. Contact your child's school if your child has allergies or if you would like to learn more about the school's allergy policy.



- ✓ *Read with your child.*
- ✓ *Talk with your child.*
- ✓ *Play with your child and provide opportunities for your child to play with other children of a similar age.*

Bus Riding Tips for Children

Riding the bus to school is a big step and exciting experience for your child. Our mission is to allow students the opportunity to learn by providing safe, secure, on time transportation through cost effective and quality management. For more information visit www.ourschoolbuses.ca.

- The bus driver is always in charge.
- Do not talk to the driver while the bus is in motion, except in an emergency.
- Do not block aisles.
- Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.
- Don't play with the emergency doors/exits or any part of the vehicle equipment.
- Unnecessary disturbances (opening of windows, wrestling, eating, obscene language, etc.) will not be tolerated.
- Never leave the bus at any stop other than your own without prior written permission.

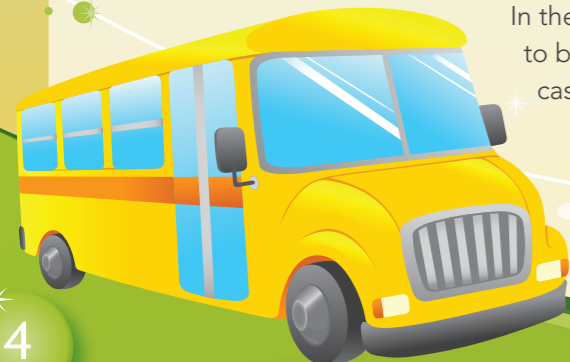


Parent Information:

Parents must continue to provide supervision at school bus stops and accompany young children to and from the stop each day. As a parent you are responsible for your child's welfare prior to boarding the bus, and immediately after they depart the bus at the end of the day.

In the interest of safety for all children, students will not be permitted to board buses other than their own assigned bus, except in specific cases as per the Board's policy and procedure.

We encourage all parents and students to review the school bus safety information. Respect for the driver, staff, parents and other students riding the bus, is the key to everyone's safety.



We Welcome Your Kindergarten Student at...

Huron Schools

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL
RR3 Dashwood NOM 1NO
T: 519-237-3337

PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL
133 Sanders St. W., Exeter NOM 1S2
T: 519-235-1691

SACRED HEART SCHOOL
225 Cornyn St., Wingham NOG 2WO
T: 519-357-1090

ST. BONIFACE SCHOOL
24 Mary St., Zurich NOM 2TO
T: 519-236-4335

ST. COLUMBAN SCHOOL
RR2 Dublin NOK 1EO
T: 519-345-2086

ST. JAMES SCHOOL
13 Chalk St., Seaforth NOK 1WO
T: 519-527-0321

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
297 Smith St. N., Clinton NOM 1LO
T: 519-482-7035

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
70 Bennett St. E., Goderich N7A 1A4
T: 519-524-9901

Huron Parishes

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL MT. CARMEL
T: 519-237-3593

PRECIOUS BLOOD EXETER
T: 519-237-3593

ST. BONIFACE ZURICH
T: 519-236-4191

ST. PETER'S CHURCH ST. JOSEPH
T: 519-236-4908

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GRAND BEND
T: 519-238-8556

ST. PETER'S GODERICH
T: 519-524-8174

SACRED HEART WINGHAM
T: 519-357-2435

ST. AMBROSE BRUSSELS
T: 519-887-6392

ST. JAMES SEAFORTH
T: 519-527-0142

Perth Schools

HOLY NAME OF MARY SCHOOL
161 Peel St. N., St. Marys N4X 1B2
T: 519-284-2170

JEANNE SAUVÉ SCHOOL
8 Grange St., Stratford N5A 3P6
T: 519-273-3396

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL
181 Louise St., Stratford N5A 2E6
T: 519-271-7544

ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL
228 Avondale Ave., Stratford N5A 6N4
T: 519-271-3636

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
363 St. Vincent St. S., Stratford N5A 2Y2
T: 519-271-3574

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
1209 Tremaine Ave., Listowel N4W 3G9
T: 519-291-3000

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL
94 Mill St., Dublin NOK 1EO
T: 519-345-2033

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL
RR1 Sebringville NOK 1XO
T: 519-393-5580

Perth Parishes

ST. PATRICK'S DUBLIN
T: 519-345-2972

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MITCHELL
T: 519-348-4678

ST. PATRICK'S KINKORA
T: 519-393-6187

ST. JOSEPH'S LISTOWEL
T: 510-291-4400

ST. JOSEPH'S STRATFORD
T: 519-271-6722

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION STRATFORD
T: 519-271-2434

HOLY NAME OF MARY ST. MARYS
T: 519-284-2593

Community Resources

Huron County

HURON COUNTY HEALTH UNIT
Clinton: 519-482-3416
Toll free: 1-877-837-6143
Wingham: 519-357-4993

INFORMATION HURON
www.informationhuron.ca

ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE & EARLY LITERACY SPECIALIST
519-484-8508
Toll free: 1-888-371-5718

RURAL RESPONSE FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN
519-482-8777
Toll free: 1-800-479-0716

HURON PERTH CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY
519-524-7356
Toll free: 1-800-265-5198

GROWING TOGETHER
519-482-8505
Toll free: 1-888-371-5718

SMALLTALK: HURON PERTH PRESCHOOL SPEECH LANGUAGE SYSTEM
1-866-333-7716

BLYTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
329 Queen Street, Blyth
519-523-4400

BRUSSELS PUBLIC LIBRARY
402 Turnberry St., Brussels
519-887-6448

CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
27 Albert St., Clinton
519-482-3673

EXETER PUBLIC LIBRARY
330 Main St., Exeter
519-235-1890

GODERICH PUBLIC LIBRARY
52 Montreal St., Goderich
519-524-9261

HENSALL PUBLIC LIBRARY
108 King St., Hensall
519-262-2445

HOWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY
45088 Harriston Rd., Fordwich
519-335-6899

KIRKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
70497 Perth Rd., Kirkton
519-229-8854

SEAFORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY
108 Main St. S., Seaforth
519-527-1430

WINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
281 Edward St., Wingham
519-357-3312

ZURICH PUBLIC LIBRARY
50 Main St., Zurich
519-236-4965

Perth County

PERTH COUNTY HEALTH UNIT
519-271-7600 ext. 267
Toll free: 1-877-271-7348 ext. 267

INFORMATION PERTH
www.informationperth.ca

ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE & EARLY LITERACY SPECIALIST
LISTOWEL: 519-291-6626
MITCHELL: 519-348-8618
STRATFORD: 519-273-9082

HURON PERTH CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY
LISTOWEL: 1-800-668-5094
STRATFORD: 519-271-5290

PERTH COUNTY CHILDREN'S RESOURCE CONSULTANT PROGRAM
519-271-3773 ext. 257
Toll free: 1-800-669-2948 ext. 257

CHILD AND PARENT RESOURCE INSTITUTE (CPRI)
519-858-2774

SMALLTALK: HURON PERTH PRESCHOOL SPEECH LANGUAGE SYSTEM
Listowel: 1-866-333-7716
Stratford: 519-273-2222

Public Libraries

ATWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
218A Main St., Atwood
519-356-2455

LISTOWEL PUBLIC LIBRARY
260 Main St., Listowel
519-291-4621

MILVERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
27 Main St. S., Milverton
519-595-8395

MITCHELL PUBLIC LIBRARY
105 St. Andrew St., Mitchell
519-348-0234

MONKTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
216 Winstanly St., Monkton
519-347-2703

ST. MARYS PUBLIC LIBRARY
15 Church St. N., St. Marys
519-284-3346

STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
19 St. Andrew St., Stratford
519-271-0220

How to Register Your Child

HPCDSB is a full day/every other day program

Registration Steps

1 Make an appointment with the school's secretary.

2 Please bring the following information to your appointment:

- A document to confirm Canadian Citizenship and birth date (one of the following): Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian Citizenship Card, Permanent Resident Card, other documents to verify status in Canada;
- your child's address including: 911 civic address (fire number), lot, concession, county and postal code;
- parent contact information, work and home;
- emergency contact person and telephone number;
- custody information, if applicable;
- doctor's name, address and telephone number; and
- immunization records and health card
- Baptismal Certificate
- Direction of school support
- lease form (required if one parent is not Catholic)
- Health Unit Information form



The year your child is 4, they can be registered for junior kindergarten. The year your child is 5, they can be registered for senior kindergarten.

Public Libraries

BAYFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
20 Main Street, Bayfield
519-565-2886



YOUR APPOINTMENT CARD

Huron Perth Catholic District School Kindergarten registration.

Date: _____ Time: _____

School Name: _____

Principal's Name: _____





*All students need to be
prepared for the real world within
a Christ-centered environment..*

