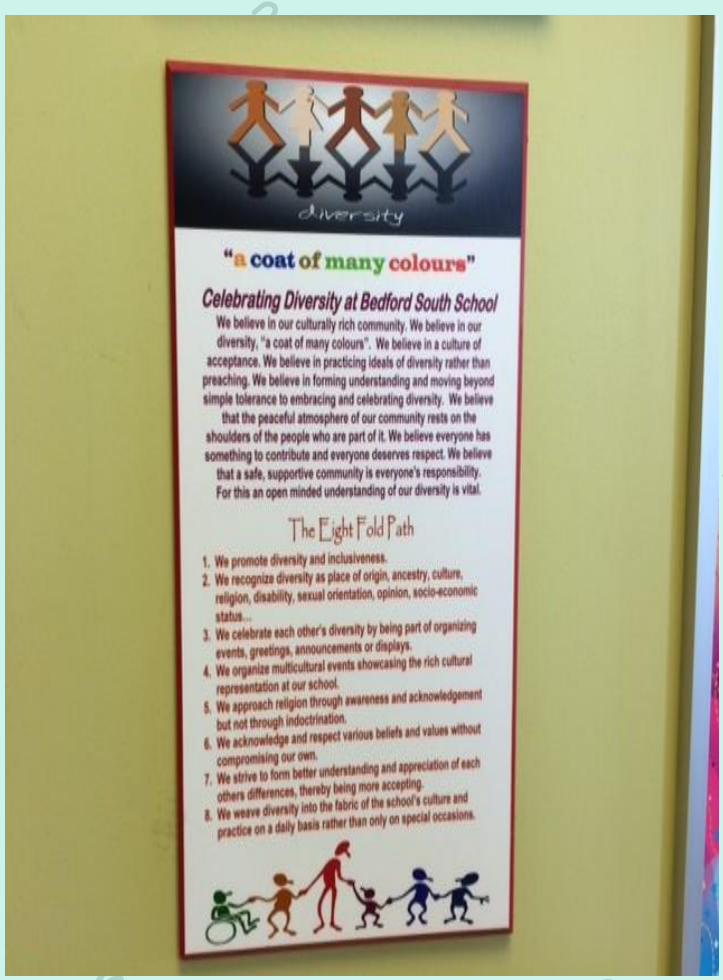
Bedford South School

Primary Orientation 2022



Rich Diversity at BSS

"a coat of many colours"

We believe in our culturally rich community. We believe in a culture of acceptance. We believe in practicing ideals of diversity rather than preaching. We believe in forming understanding and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating diversity. We believe that the peaceful atmosphere of our community rests on the shoulders of the people who are part of it. We believe that everyone has something to contribute and everyone deserves respect. We believe that a safe, supportive community is everyone's responsibility. For this an open minded understanding of our diversity is vital.

PRIMARY ORIENTATION 2022

- This document will show some of the typical activities and learning experiences your child could expect to have in the primary program.

- In the primary program teachers are guided by a framework of curriculum learning outcomes that describe the learning students would be expected to demonstrate.

- Curriculum night will give you an opportunity to see activities that reflect specific outcomes for grade primary.

ENTRY / ARRIVAL TIME

Arrival Time: 8:25am – 8:35am

Students should not arrive before 8:25am.

Dismissal: 2:50pm

RECESS AND LUNCH

Students eat their snack and lunch in the classroom. They play outside at recess and lunch on the playground with all of the primary classes.

MUSIC, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & LIBRARY

Children have music twice a week, Phys Ed three times a week, and library once a week.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

An integrated curriculum develops skills and understandings that overlaps across subjects. It enables students to see and experience connections amongst subjects and can connect real-world and relevant learning opportunities to the classroom. Integration supports and better reflects how students typically process information and can foster deeper learning experiences.

CLASS MEETINGS & INSTRUCTIONAL TIMES

Routine activities such as morning meetings and circle shares take place daily. The class is also brought together for instructional times throughout the day.

CENTRES & INDEPENDENT WORK

Students have the opportunity to participate in hands-on, collaborative learning during centres. They are also provided independent activities that allow them to practice what they have learned and develop new skills.

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL

- Children should be able to recognize and print their name
- Frequent opportunities to use pencils, crayons, and scissors will help develop fine motor skills for the classroom
- Regular read-alouds with your child will foster a love of literature and a desire to learn to read
- Students MUST be able to toilet themselves independently (teachers are not able to assist with bathroom routines)
- Students should be able to dress themselves and put on their own shoes (no laces please)

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL

- Establishing bedtime and morning routines in August will better help with the transition in September
- Practice opening containers and eating from a lunch bag will help with independence at snack and lunchtime (students should recognize which is their snack and which are their lunch items)
- A trip to the school playground over the summer (front playground) will help students feel comfortable on their first day
- Please label all clothing, shoes, backpacks, lunch bags with your child's name

SUPPLIES

- School supply lists will be posted on the school website
- We recommend purchasing supplies during the summer, as this is when they are most economical
- Please label your child's supplies
- You do not need to send all supplies in on the first day, teachers will indicate which supplies are needed from September to December

ALL ABOUT PRIMARY

Click the link below to find out more about Primary:

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HRCE Welcome to Primary

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