

Welcome to Kindergarten

PARENT INTAKE CONFERENCES

Welcome to West Vancouver Schools!

Dear Kindergarten Parents/Caregivers,

The purpose of this document is to provide you with information about your upcoming Kindergarten Gradual Entry Intake Conference.

The document below invites you to share information about your child's Dreams, Needs and Abilities (D.N.A) with your new Kindergarten teacher during the upcoming intake conference. We have also included a few guiding questions for your conversation. The teacher's role in this intake conference is to listen to you and to learn more from you about your child at this early point in the school year.

You may also include photographs to help share their story.

Thank you for your willingness to think about these prompts in preparation for your intake conference. We look forward to learning from you and to working together in the new year ahead.



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D.N.A. Example 1

Child's name: Raxia
Date of birth: September 14, 2020
School: Chartwell

Dreams My dream is to drive a fire truck and save people

Needs I need help sharing, taking turns, and writing my name. I need help with making friends.

Abilities I am good at building things with Lego.
I am good at helping clean up



Raxia



Toni

D.N.A. Example 2

Child's name: Toni
Date of birth: June 10, 2020
School: Pauline Johnson

Dreams My dream is to be like my mom. My dream is to be kind and help my friends.

Needs I need help with putting on my coat and shoes and opening my lunchbox. I need help when I cannot do things and get upset.

Abilities I am good at playing with other children. I like listening to stories and telling stories.

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Some conversations you may have with your child's Kindergarten teacher....

on their General Development

- Can you share some memories of your child's first year of life?
- Has your child attended childcare, pre-school, StrongStart, playgroups, organized activities, etc.?

on their Physical Development

- Does your child enjoy physical activities and being outdoors? What are some of the things they enjoy?
- Does your child enjoy creating, building things? What are some of the things they enjoy/prefer?

on their Language Development

- Does your child engage in conversations with other family members, peers? What are some of the things they like to talk about? What language/s do you speak at home?
- What are some things your child likes doing when you give them directions?

on their Social-Emotional Development

- How would you describe your child's temperament?
- What are some things we need to know about your child's emotional wellbeing? What makes him/her/them happy, motivated, upset? What helps calm them?
- Are there any triggers we need to know about?



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Dreams, Needs & Abilities (D.N.A.)

We believe in 'supporting the individual strengths and needs of each child, allowing them to meaningfully engage, learn, and contribute to the community and culture in our classrooms'.

(Early Learning Framework. B.C)

Child's Name:

Date of Birth ie Month, Day, Year):

School:

Dreams

Needs

Abilities



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