

May 29, 2026



Your First Week of Kindergarten!

We are excited to welcome your child to Wildflower School Creston in September! We know that you will be wondering many things, so this letter will help to inform you of some initial details. Ms. Sherry MacDonald, your child's teacher, will be letting you know how she will be communicating with families, and will let you know other important details as the year starts up. Our Wildflower handbook, and regular communications from the teacher, will help you learn about the routines and expectations at Wildflower.

Arriving and Departing School

8.30am- School Begins

School begins at 8.30am, and the classroom will be open at 8.15am. Please do not drop off your child prior to this as the school will not be open and there is no supervision. Your kindergarten child will enter through the Wildflower door at the back of KRSS, and you may walk them to the classroom. You may also enter through the main front doors of KRSS.

3.00pm- School Finishes

If there is a change in pick-up or bus (ie. a different person will be picking up your child, or they will be going to a different location on the bus), there must be a message sent to the teacher in some way in the morning at the latest.

Students need to have a bus note to take a different bus or get off at a different stop. If there is no note/phone call regarding a change in pick-up routine, your child will not be permitted to do the bus change/go home with another adult. This is to keep all of our students safe.

Your teacher will let you know the process for where to meet your child for dismissal if they are not going on the bus.

PLEASE NOTE- There is a gradual entry schedule for kindergarten students for the first 2 weeks of school.

Gradual Entry Schedule for Kindergarten in September

As we support your child in their entry to kindergarten, we have a gradual entry schedule. This allows for children to ease into full days and become familiar with classroom routines slowly for the first couple of weeks. Kindergarten students will attend full-time on Monday, September 21st, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE that you will need to pick your child up from school at the early dismissal time, as there will not be a bus running at those times.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Summer Holidays	2 Summer Holidays	3 Summer Holidays	4 Summer Holidays
7 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY (no school)	8 8.30-11am Bring a snack and water bottle	9 8.30-11am Bring a snack and water bottle	10 8.30-11am Bring a snack and water bottle	11 Home Learning
14 8:30-1.15pm Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle	15 8:30-1.15pm Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle	16 8:30-1.15pm Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle	17 8:30-1.15pm Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle	18 Home School conferences Home learning
21 Full day/bus (if applicable) Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle 8.30- 3.00pm	22 Full day/bus (if applicable) Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle 8.30- 3.00pm	23 Full day/bus (if applicable) Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle 8.30- 3.00pm	24 Full day/bus (if applicable) Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle 8.30- 3.00pm	25 School Planning Day Home Learning
28 Full day/bus (if applicable) Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle 8.30- 3.00pm	29 Full day/bus (if applicable) Bring a snack, lunch, and water bottle 8.30- 3.00pm	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)		

Please note that Wildflower has a slightly different calendar from other schools in SD8. Students engage in home learning on Fridays, and there are additional home learning days around some of the breaks. A calendar will be included in the Welcome to Kindergarten bag, and you can also access this online the SD8 Kootenay Lake website.

Parking Lot

You may park in the upper parking lot on the Wildflower side of KRSS. Entry is off 16th Ave, and there are stairs and a path leading to the school. You may also park in the main KRSS parking lot and walk your child to the classroom.

Initial Meetings With the Teacher

In early September your teacher will make arrangements to meet with you to learn a bit more about your child.

Dressing for the Weather

Our students learn and play outside in all kinds of weather. It is very important that your child arrive at school prepared to go outside even if it is raining or snowing. This means they will need to have coats that are warm and weatherproof (ie. no hoodies on rainy days), boots, toques, mittens, etc., depending on the day.

Contact Information

Please ensure that your contact information is kept current so that we have accurate information and can reach you if needed. All of our letters are sent home via email, so please let us know if there is no email address that you can access and we will provide a paper copy.

School Fees

Wildflower School provides all consumable school supplies needed for the school year. The fee schedule includes these. The cost for all students for school supplies is \$40. Consumables are items that cannot be reused, such as glue, crayons, etc. Purchasing in bulk reduces the cost for parents and ensures that all students have the same required supplies. There is also an additional \$10 activity fee for a total of **\$50**.

Payments for all school things can be made directly from home via the ***Make a Payment*** function on our school website (by far the easiest way), or at school: cash (exact amounts)/cheque (payable to Wildflower School). Please contact me if you would like to set up payment options or if you are experiencing financial hardship.

School fees will be due September 17th, 2026.

Non-Consumable School Supplies List- Families to Provide

- Pair of indoor running shoes (no slip-ons or Crocs, etc, as these will be used as our gym shoes as well)
- Backpack (full-sized student backpack to fit lunch, etc) and lunch kit with reusable lunch containers
- Water bottle (sport-type top- the kind that doesn't spill when knocked over while still open)
- Spare full set of clothing in a bag- at least one top, 2 pairs of bottoms, 2 pairs of underwear, and socks.

****Please mark all items with your child's name****

Reporting Absences

If your child will be absent from school, you must let the school know. We have a Safe Arrival system of checking and the school clerical will call home if we have not heard about an absence in advance. The

easiest way is to do this is via the **Report an Absence** button on our school website. You can also let the teacher know via a message.

Bus Registration- Every Year

Every year students are required to register for the bus if you wish for them to ride. This happens in the spring, and students are unable to ride without registration. You will then be informed by the transportation department the details (stop location, times, name of bus, bus pass, etc), and will print out the email to present to drivers on the first day of riding in September. All information on this is at the link below.

Bus registration is done online the SD8 website via the Student Transportation page:

<https://www.sd8.bc.ca/node/36719>

NOTE: Your kindergarten child must be registered for school before they can be registered onto a bus.

The deadline for bus registration is late spring. All students who plan to use the bus are required to register every year by the deadline.

Staying Home When Ill

Students are required to stay at home if they are ill. Please keep your child at home if they are not feeling well, and let the school know of the excused absence.

Healthy Food

At Wildflower we work hard to learn about healthy foods to help our bodies stay strong and able to learn effectively. Please do not send candy, pop, or junk food to school, and please do not send cakes/cupcakes/sugary treats to school for the whole class to share on a birthday, etc. out of respect for other families' nutritional values. The school also will not provide unhealthy food for your child. We celebrate birthdays and other occasions in other fun ways.

Personal Device-Free School

Wildflower is a personal device-free school. Students should leave any devices at home, or leave them in their bags. If there is an emergency message, you can contact the teacher to pass it on.

Supports for Children

If your child has some additional needs and you would like to meet to talk through how we can best support your child, please contact the principal at darryl.adams@sd8.bc.ca.

If you have any further questions before school starts, please feel free to contact us at any time. Teacher Sherry MacDonald will also be in touch with information. We are looking forward to seeing our new little smiling faces in September!

Kind Regards,

The Wildflower Staff