

Great Beginnings

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School Success Program



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Transitions within the early years can be a significant experience for young children and their families. For our youngest learners at the DDSB, we understand that a successful transition from the home environment to the early learning setting is critical to ensure an optimal start to lifelong learning.

The Great Beginnings School Success Program is a play-based, developmentally appropriate program that will enhance children's social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language, math, and literacy skills. The goal of the program is for children to enter Kindergarten healthy and secure, emotionally and socially competent, eager and confident. **This program is designed for children who are not currently attending an Early Learning program, nursery school, preschool or child care and will be entering Junior Kindergarten (Year One), as well as current Kindergarten students who may benefit from additional early learning opportunities prior to September.** We recognize that play is children's work and children learn through play. With this philosophy, the Great Beginnings School Success Program will allow children to reach their full potential

The program aims to prepare children for a successful transition into Kindergarten and early learning at the DDSB.



Application Forms are now being accepted for this free program.

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Please complete the included application form and return by **Monday, June 12, 2023** via:

- Scan and email completed form to EarlyYears@ddsb.ca
- Mail to DDSB, Early Years Dept., 400 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby, ON, L1R 2K6
- Drop off at your child's home school and they will courier it to the Early Years Department.

2023 Great Beginnings School Success Programs will be held at various school locations beginning **Monday, July 10th, 2023** to **Thursday, August 3rd, 2023**. The programs will operate from 9:00-12:00, Monday through Thursday.

Please see below for available programs and school locations:

Transition into Kindergarten	
Eagle Ridge PS	Valley Farm PS
Nottingham PS	West Lynde PS
Glen Street PS	Thorah Central PS
Colonel JE Farewell PS	RH Cornish PS
Captain Michael Vandebos PS (x2)	Lakeside PS
Lester B Pearson PS	Dr. C F Cannon PS
Stephen Saywell PS	Woodcrest PS
Terry Fox PS (x2)	Lakewoods PS
Applecroft PS	SA Cawker PS
Queen Elizabeth PS	Fairport Beach PS
Carruther's Creek PS	

Transition from Kindergarten into Grade 1	
Woodcrest PS	Lester B Pearson PS (x2)
Waverly PS (x2)	Colonel JE Farewell PS
Terry Fox PS (x2)	Lakewoods PS

GREAT BEGINNINGS SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM INTAKE APPLICATION

Transition into Kindergarten

Transition from Kindergarten to Grade 1

School Name and Location

(families will have to indicate the school location based on the program)

Child's First Name:

Child's Last Name:

Child's Date of Birth (day/month/year):

Address:

City/Town:

Postal Code:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

E-mail:

Parent/Guardian Name:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What school have you registered your child at?

Has your child attended a childcare program before?

Yes

No

Length of time:

Has your child been involved in Pre-School Programs?

Yes

No

If yes which one:

Nursery School

EarlyON

Other

Length of time:

Do you have any concern about your child's development or him/her starting school?

What do you hope your child will gain from this program?

Is your child getting support from any other agency (Grandview, Kinark, HBHC, Infant Development, Behaviour Management, other)?

Has your child been diagnosed with special needs?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe:

LANGUAGE

Can your child's speech be understood by others most of the time?

Yes

Sometimes

Not Yet

Comment:

Can your child listen and attend to stories and songs with little help?

Yes

Sometimes

Not Yet

Comment:

Please specify your first language:

What language is most frequently spoken at home?

PERSONAL-SOCIAL

Does your child eat by themselves using utensils?

Yes

Sometimes

Not Yet

Comment:

Does your child dress and undress themselves without help?

Yes

Sometimes

Not Yet

Comment:

Does your child wear diapers or pull-ups?

Yes

Sometimes

Not Yet

Comment:

Does your child like to play with other children?

Yes

Sometimes

Not Yet

Comment:

PERSONAL-SOCIAL

Does your child use words to express their feelings and needs?

Yes

Sometimes

Not Yet

Comment:

Can your child separate from parent/ caregiver with some comforting?

Yes

Sometimes

Not Yet

Comment:

When your child does not get his/her way, he/she...

When your child is in a new situation he/she...

What are your child's likes and dislikes (e.g. food, hobbies, sports)?

Has anyone else encouraged you to apply for your child to attend the 'Great Beginnings' program?

Yes

No

If yes, please, tell us who referred you and why?

Comments:





Early Years

Find us online at **ddsb.ca** go to Programs/Early Years
Contact us by email at **EarlyYears@ddsb.ca**
or by phone at **905-666-5500 ext. 5440**

