

Making a difference for children!

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Enrichir la vie des enfants!



Pre-Kindergarten Program Information





About our Program



When we think about École John Wilson Elementary, the first thing that crosses our minds is our fantastic students. Every day we are heartened by our children who are overwhelmingly positive, happy, and kind. We have such wonderful people working in our school, creating a school family of staff who provide a great place to learn for all students.

Our Pre-Kindergarten Program offers an early learning experience for children ages 3 and 4 with identified needs.

Pre-Kindergarten provides a rich learning environment.



Our Pre-Kindergarten staff includes a certified teacher and educational assistants. We also have outside professionals such as a Speech Language Pathologist, an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist and a Psychologist as part of our team. These services are provided to assist with your child's programming as needed.

Children attending our program are provided with educational play based activities designed to enhance communication, cognitive, emotional, social, creative and physical development in preparation for Kindergarten.

Our Pre-Kindergarten offers half-day programming on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

*Program Fees:
There is **no fee** for our Pre-Kindergarten program as it is funded by Alberta Education and Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73.*



Admission Criteria

The École John Wilson Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten Program is an intervention based program. It provides additional support for children in a setting that meets their developmental and educational needs. Students in this program will need to meet the following criteria:

- ❖ *Have been formally diagnosed with a delay by a qualified professional in one or more of the following areas:*
 - ***Speech and/or language delays***
 - ***Fine and/or gross motor skills***
 - ***Hearing or vision impairments***
 - ***Physical disabilities, significant developmental delays, social/emotional development difficulties***
 - ***Medical concerns***
- ❖ *Have been recommended by a local community agency or professional*
- ❖ *Have been identified as being at risk for future learning difficulties based on an assessment completed by École John Wilson Elementary School (our school screening process)*



Pre-Kindergarten Age Requirements:

- ❖ *Children with severe needs who turn 3 before December 31 are eligible*
- ❖ *Children with mild/moderate or English as a Second Language who turn 4 before December 31 are eligible*
- ❖ *Children who turn 5 after September 1, but before December 31, and have been assessed by our team as being not yet ready for Kindergarten are eligible*





Family Oriented Programming:

For children who qualify for Early Childhood Services in Chinook's Edge, you may be able to access **Family Oriented Programming** which helps provide education and strategies for parents/guardians in many areas such as speech and language, occupational therapy, sensory needs, physical therapy, and positive behavior strategies.



Our Pre-Kindergarten Goals:

- *Help to develop and enhance your child's communication skills in a play based learning environment*
- *Develop social and emotional learning skills (self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, peer relationship skills, decision making) in a safe and caring environment*
- *Continue to develop fine and gross motor skills through targeted activities*
- *Provide a literacy rich environment*
- *Provide a variety of learning experiences to nurture your child's creative and cognitive development in a small class setting*
- *Help develop independence and problem solving skills*
- *Foster a sense of belonging and a love of learning as your child begins his/her journey into education*
- *Personalized learning experiences with individual goals for each child (Individual Program Plans)*

Applications are accepted on the basis of need beginning in April. They can be picked up at École John Wilson Elementary School. If your child is eligible for the program we will have you fill out a school registration form as well.

For more Information:

Please contact École John Wilson Elementary School

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We look forward to hearing from you ☺.

