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### **Kindergarten registration opening for 2024-2025 school year**

**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.** – Kindergarten registration for children entering the public education school system for the 2024 - 2025 school year opens January 16 for Indigenous, French Immersion and Montessori programs. Registration for neighbourhood schools opens January 23. Navigate Fine Arts eCademy and Compass program registration opens February 7.

To be eligible for enrolment into Kindergarten a child must be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2024.

#### **Indigenous, French immersion and Montessori**

Registration for the Indigenous, French Immersion and Montessori programs opens January 16 at 6:00 p.m. These programs include Early French Immersion (École Robb Road or École Puntledge Park), Montessori programs (Queneesh or Courtenay Elementary) and the Indigenous program (École Puntledge Park). Placements are on a first come, first served basis in the order received. Siblings of current students in the programs will have priority.

Montessori information session: Queneesh Elementary, Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for incoming Kindergarten students, as well as parents who may be interested in the Montessori Programs at Queneesh or Courtenay.

#### **Neighbourhood Schools**

Most students will attend their neighbourhood school. To determine your neighbourhood school visit [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration) and click on School Locator. Parents/guardians are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood school beginning on January 23. Registering will help ensure there is a spot available in the local neighbourhood school catchment.

#### **Late French Immersion – École Puntledge Park**

Registration for late French Immersion will begin at 6:00 p.m. on January 29. Late French Immersion begins in Grade 6. There is an information session for current Grade

5 students and their families to learn about the program on January 25 at 6:30 p.m. at École Puntledge Park.

**Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program Kindergarten and the Fine Arts eCademy (Fae) Kindergarten**

Registration for the Fine Arts eCademy and Compass opens online at [www.navigatenides.com](http://www.navigatenides.com) February 7. Registration and program entry for students for the Fine Arts eCademy is based on a lottery system, not first come first serve.

There will be an open house at the Tsolum Campus on Friday, February 2nd (9:30 – 11:30 am) for both COMPASS and FAe Programs.

**Program Information**

Now is the time to consider which program is best for your child. For more information visit: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

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