

## Welcome to the Lester B. Pearson School Board

# THE JOURNEY BEGINS IN KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is the beginning of school for most children and is a very special time in the lives of both children and parents.

Kindergarten promotes the development of children, the acquisition of knowledge as well as the ability to form relationships with other children and adults. It is a place where children discover themselves as individuals and develop the ability to interact harmoniously with others.

Kindergarten provides intellectual stimulation, allows children to explore and encourages children to discover and become passionate about learning. A positive experience in our Kindergarten classes lays the foundation for future success in school and continued life long learning.

The Lester B. Pearson School Board is committed to helping each student achieve his/her potential and values a close partnership with parents in the education of their child.

This flyer is intended to give you valuable information about our programs and provide you with helpful ideas as your child begins school.

### THE POWER OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

We work hard to ensure that our students are successful; In fact, the Lester B. Pearson has the highest graduation rates of all the school boards in Québec.

For the variety of services we offer, please consult our website: [www.lbpsb.qc.ca](http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca) or, give us a call at (514) 422-3000.

## 1. HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

- Be involved in the Kindergarten experience as much as you can.
- Keep in contact with your child's teacher to stay informed about his/her progress.
- Talk with your child about his/her experiences in Kindergarten.
- Encourage your child through at-home activities, such as bedtime reading, listening to music, making decisions by offering choices, drawing, cutting and doing puzzles.

## 2. GETTING READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

Take advantage of our open houses, and bring your child with you. You can meet teachers, and your child can become familiar with the school.

## 3. BEFORE THE FIRST DAY

In the weeks leading up to school, practice walking to school or to the bus stop, so it begins to feel like a regular routine. If your child will be riding the bus, please go over the following bus safety rules a few times:

- Remain seated, talk quietly.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- Always listen to the driver's instructions.
- Be polite and courteous.

## 4. THE FIRST DAY

Maintain your usual morning routine.

When you say goodbye to your child on the first day, make it quick, light and reassuring. He/She will be reassured by a warm hug and a reminder that you will either be picking him/her up, waiting at the bus stop or at home after school is finished.

As a parent, you may find this day a little tough. This is normal. Try not to convey to your child any feelings of sadness that you may experience. Sometimes planning something special for yourself during the first few days helps. Kindergarten is a very special time for both children and parents!

## 5. DAYCARE SERVICES

Our school board offers quality school-based daycare services subsidized by the Ministry of Education (Ministère de l'Éducation, Enseignement Supérieur et Recherche) is offered on school days before class, usually opening by 7:00 A.M., at lunch and after school until 6:00 P.M. In addition, services may be available on pedagogical days provided a sufficient number of students are registered.

School daycares operate on a ratio of 20 students to 1 daycare educator. Our services are organized and supervised by qualified staff. We provide a program of activities that complements the learning that takes place in the classroom. We pride ourselves in providing a safe and caring environment.

# PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS offered in Lester B. Pearson School Board Elementary Schools

### Kindergarten - Full day

Bilingual Program	Early Immersion Program	Français Plus	International Program
Kindergarten, and cycles 1, 2 & 3 (grades 1 to 6)	Kindergarten, and cycle 1 (grades 1 & 2)	Kindergarten, and cycles 1 & 2 (grades 1 to 4)	Cycles 1, 2 & 3 (grades 1 to 6)
Approximately 50% of the instructional time is in English and 50% in French.	Approximately 85% of the instructional time is in French.	Approximately 85% of the instructional time is in French.	In schools offering this program, the time parameters are the same as in the Early Immersion program, plus the additional component required by the International Baccalaureate Organization.
	Cycles 2 & 3 (grades 3 to 6)	Cycle 3 (grades 5 & 6)	
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Visit the Board's website to see what program is offered in specific schools.

### PROGRAM CHOICE

The territory of the LBPSB is divided into a number of geographical catchment areas called Attendance Zones. Within an Attendance Zone, students are given a choice of enrolling in a school that provides either a Bilingual, Early Immersion or Français Plus Program. The specific Attendance Zones of our schools are indicated on our map by the numbers in brackets under the names of the schools. You will find the map on our website: [www.lbpsb.qc.ca](http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca)

### ELIGIBILITY FOR ENGLISH EDUCATION

To be able to attend a LBPSB school, your child must be eligible for English language instruction under the Charter of the French language. For more information, call our admissions office at 514-422-3022.

### TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

We are proud of our integrated safety program that emphasizes the safety of our child while on the bus. Free bussing is available depending upon the grade your child is in, the school your child attends and the distance between your home and the school.

### HOW CAN PARENTS BE INVOLVED?

At your child's school:

Parents Participation Organization (PPO), Governing Board, Home & School, Daycare Advisory Committee. Parental involvement is highly valued and greatly appreciated by the Lester B. Pearson School Board. Call your local school to find out how you can volunteer.