



# CHIEF TOMAT ELEMENTARY

## HOME of the WOLVERINES

May 5, 2021

Dear CTE Families,

### Re: Kindergarten Transition Information for Parents

Welcome to our Chief Tomat learning community and thank you for choosing our school for your child's kindergarten learning experience! Currently, we have only accepted registrations for those students within our catchment area.

Normally at this time of year, we would have invited your family into our school for:

- a kindergarten orientation meeting,
- a tour of the school and
- a social meet and greet.

Given the current COVID guidelines, we have had to change the format of our kindergarten orientation from an in-person experience to a remote or virtual opportunity. In place of our May/June Kindergarten orientation event, we are providing you with the **following resources and video links with messages from our staff:**

### Student Survey:

To get to know your child better, we ask parents/guardians to complete a questionnaire, **which will be found in the package** we will have ready for you to pick up during the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. This information will help us get to know and support your child and help us with finding class placement.

### Welcome to Chief Tomat Elementary –you-tube video

Principal, Mrs. Kaupp, and Kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Edstrom, Mrs. Radley, and Ms. Robertson. Click here to watch our ["Welcome to Kindergarten video."](#)

### Chief Tomat –Welcome to Kindergarten picture book:

You will find this in your child's learning package. Please visit our website to view this booklet: ["Welcome to Kindergarten"](#)



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**Learning Gift Bag: You will be able to pick up your child's learning bag beginning the week of June 14-18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-2:30am.**

A unique 'gift bag' to help with your child's readiness has been prepared for each child and can be picked up at the school on Tuesday, June 14th through Friday, June 18th between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm. We ask that you practice physical distancing and wear a face mask when you come by to pick up your child's learning bag. The bag contains some information to support your child's transition into kindergarten.

✓ **"Let's Get Ready to Read!"**

Please watch this video to support Phonological and Phonemic awareness at home <https://youtu.be/ywQ5AczZztc>

✓ **"All about Sounds"**

Please watch this video to make sure you are saying the sounds, (phonemes) correctly. <https://youtu.be/5XSy-OhbmWc>

✓ **Kindergarten Orientation Slide Deck:**

This document will provide lots of valuable information about the kindergarten curriculum and introduce you to some of support staff. At the end of the document is a Q and A with helpful information. Please view our website to view this slide deck.

✓ **Watch for a June Letter with the September gradual entry schedule:**

A letter will be sent out in late June outlining the 'gradual start-up' and entry plan into Kindergarten. Our district has always acknowledged the need for gradual entry into Kindergarten. This vital transition phase is aimed to set students up for success for the rest of their school years. This involves a variety of visits, communications, and opportunities to connect young children and their families with their schools leading up to the first full day of Kindergarten on Wednesday, September 15th. If you do not receive a letter in late June, please call the school (250-870-5127) to confirm the correct contact information.



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We look forward to meeting you and your child. We are committed to the growth and development of your child. Parents, you are your child's first teacher and a fundamental part of a child's education. For your child to be successful at school it is important that you become involved and remain active throughout each school year. Please check out our website for up-to date information: <http://www.cte.sd23.bc.ca/>

***Your child is now officially a "CTE Wolverine."***

Sincerely,

Michelle Kaupp, Your Principal

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