



GULF ISLANDS
SCHOOL
DISTRICT 64



**WELCOME TO
KINDERGARTEN
FAMILY RESOURCE**



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION IN SD64

Indigenous Education in School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) is dedicated to supporting the success of Indigenous learners in our school district, as well as promoting a deep awareness of Indigenous culture and history among all students.



**The First People's
Principles of
Learning.**



**B.C. Ministry of Education
Aboriginal Education
document.**



**SD64 Indigenous
Education
Enhancement
Agreement.**



[https://www.sd64.bc.ca/
page/384/indigenous-
education](https://www.sd64.bc.ca/page/384/indigenous-education)



FULFORD ELEMENTARY

Fulford School is located at the south end of Salt Spring Island near Fulford Harbour. Our school is a beautiful building set in acres of woods and within easy walking distance of the ocean, lakes, and streams. We have multi-age classes, student support services, dedicated music and drama space, a multipurpose room, and library.



 Scan this code for more information about our school.

At Fulford School, we are grateful to live, work, and learn within the ancestral and traditional territory of the Hul'qumi'num and SENĆOŦEN speaking Coast Salish peoples.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Play is integral in children's learning, growing, and meaning making. In kindergarten, your child will engage in many play-based learning opportunities to support their holistic development (physical, emotional, social, linguistic, and intellectual).

STAGES OF PLAY

Pedagogical Strategies for Play-Based Learning

Play-based learning can be described along a continuum. The aim of this continuum is to highlight the different forms of play and the wonderful ways they can support a child's development.



Adapted from Pyle and Daniells, 2017

Graphic from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, *Play Today*, (2019).

LEARNING IN KINDERGARTEN

Guided by the **BC Curriculum**, your child will engage in multiple ways of learning through curricular competencies and core competencies. A few of these areas are described on the following page. For more information, please connect with your child's teacher and/or visit the Ministry links below.



Primary teachers are also guided by the **Early Learning Framework**, which affirms that primary students learn best when:

- activities are play based, involving exploration and inquiry, with hands-on activities that engage all their senses
- activities are developmentally and culturally appropriate
- The adults in their world - teachers, families, school, and community members - work together to support them

(BC Ministry of Education and Childcare, 2023)



Scan here to
explore the
B.C. Curriculum



Scan here to
explore the
**Early Learning
Framework**



Literacy and Numeracy



Over the course of the year, your child will engage in activities to support their reading, writing and numeracy development.

These activities will target specific skills such as oral language, alphabet knowledge, concepts of print, and number sense.

Physical Literacy



Physical activity supports the development of fine motor (hands, fingers, toes), gross motor (arms, legs, core), fundamental

movement (balance, locomotion), and coordination (hand-eye, foot-eye) skills. Your child will engage in these skills throughout the day, and they are an essential part of Gym time and Recess.

Play-based Centres



Centres time is filled with rich opportunities to explore various stages of play. During centres time, children learn through role playing, collaboration, social and emotional learning and skill development, experimenting, and inquiry. Centres time is often a highlight of a child's day!

Outdoor Learning



Outdoor environments connect children to a sense of place and foster children's connections to the natural world, the physical and social communities they live in, and cultural learning on ancestral lands of local Indigenous peoples. Your child's school has a school garden, outdoor classroom, and outdoor play spaces to support this learning.

OUR SCHOOL

Fulford School has a history of teaching excellence. Students are encouraged to develop their strengths through a varied and rich learning environment. Teachers and support staff provide a wealth of opportunities to the students, and the children bring incredible energy to learning. At our school, students come first - always. Fulford School has a history of strong parental and community involvement. Parents are considered to be an essential part of our day-to-day program. Our staff, students, and community believe in nurturing awe and wonder about the world in which we live, and we are interested in how that world is changing. Most of all, we encourage exploration, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship.



Above all, Fulford School is a place of joy. Our community is committed to supporting everyone, and we work hard to maintain healthy, happy relationships. Our school is a special place, and we marvel at that every day.

HELPFUL TIPS:



At school, your child will have their own cubby spot to store their belongings. In the morning, they will hang their backpack and coat at their cubby spot and change from outdoor shoes into indoor shoes. *Note: Velcro or slip-on shoes are great for quick changes!*

Each day your child will need the following in their backpack:

- a lunch and snack
- a water bottle
- a spare change of clothes (it may be helpful to leave additional clothing items at your child's cubby)



If your child will be taking the school bus, please view the route schedule and register at:

<https://sd64.bc.ca/transportation/>



Where possible, encourage your child to zip up their jacket, put on shoes, use the washroom, and close lunch containers independently.



Practicing the morning routine a few weeks before school starts can be helpful for your child in adjusting to a new schedule.



If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your school.

Fulford Elementary School Daily Schedule

Note: this schedule is as of June 2024, parents will be notified of any schedule changes

School Begins: 8:13 am

Morning Recess: 10:00-10:25 am

Lunch Recess: 12:00 - 12:40 pm

Day Ends: 3:00 pm



Weekly Schedule:

School District 64 runs on a 4 day school week. School is in session Monday to Thursday. If there is a holiday Monday and school is not in session, the schedule adjusts to Tuesday-Friday.

2024-25

District Calendar



156 Instructional days
(students in attendance)

Stat holidays

Framework Day (day of
work/non-instructional day)

5 Pro-D days (non-
instructional days)

Winter and Spring Breaks

Administrative Day

Please note: the school will communicate
Kindergarten gradual entry schedule (if applicable)
and Early Dismissal days.

School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)

2024/2025 Four-Day Instructional Week Calendar

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June 2025							Prescribed Minimum Hours of Instruction																				
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THE LEARNING JOURNEY CONTINUES

We Look Forward to
Growing Together!

The transition to Kindergarten can bring out many feelings. We are here to help support the whole family on this journey! Please reach out to the school if you have any questions or concerns.