



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.**



To learn more, please visit:
<https://www.sd64.bc.ca/page/384/indigenous-education>



Scan this code for more
information about our school.

SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY

Located in the heart of Ganges, SSE enjoys easy access to the local pool, public library, community theatre, parks, forests and beaches. Walking field trips are a big part of the school experience for our students. With two lush gardens, a garden program for every class, and an outdoor classroom, our school community is committed to providing outdoor, place-based learning opportunities for students. We have a dedicated PAC and enjoy partnerships with several community organizations including Big Brothers/Sisters, The Circle, and The Salt Spring Conservancy.

At Salt Spring Elementary, 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

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.

Pedagogical Strategies for Play-Based Learning



Adapted from Pyle and Danniels, 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 co-ordination (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

SSE is a vibrant and dynamic learning community that is committed to ensuring students experience an inclusive, equitable, and welcoming school. We believe in delivering high-quality curricular and core-competency educational experiences for students to support their pathway to ultimately crossing the stage at graduation with dignity, purpose, and options.

Salt Spring Elementary cultivates a safe and caring environment that involves caregivers and the local community in promoting and inspiring active learning and social responsibility.



Our three main tenants are:

Be Caring

Be Respectful

Be Safe

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/>



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



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



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

Salt Spring Elementary Daily Schedule

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

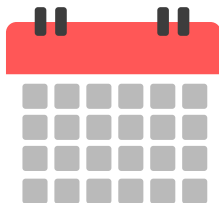
8:40am - Welcome Bell

8:45am - School Begins

10:15-10:30am - Recess

11:45-12:30pm - Lunch Recess

3:30 pm - Dismissal



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

School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)

2024/2025 Four-Day Instructional Week 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.

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Prescribed Minimum Hours of Instruction

In accordance with the *School Act*, a Board of Education must offer not less than the following hours of instruction in the school year to students enrolled in the schools in its district:

853 hours of instruction for students in Kindergarten
878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7
952 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12



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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.