

are hosted at our school. These include monthly assemblies, pep rallies, concerts, and special guest presentations. We also modify school wide events, such as the annual Terry Fox Walk which is combined with Relay for Life, to ensure that all of our children can be included. Kindergarten students practice their reading with Reading Buddies. This is an ideal way for the children to develop confidence in their reading and is a wonderful leadership opportunity for our older students as well.

We hold two family BBQ days, one at the beginning of the year and one at the end. These days allow parents and students to enjoy lunch together as we celebrate the beginning and end of the year.

### **Restorative Practice**

New Prospect School is a full restorative school. Classrooms build community by using daily circles that allow students and staff to get to know each other personally. These circles are also used for instructional purposes as well as to solve classroom and or school problems as they arise. When students experience difficulties on the playground, smaller circles happen immediately to allow all students to be heard as well as to come up with solutions to the problems that have occurred. Restorative practices allow students to tell their side of the story and help them build empathy and compassion as well as problem solving skills.

### **Specialized Programming and Extra-Curricular Activities**

New Prospect offers a variety of different programs that allows students to learn and explore in a way that is meaningful to them.

As New Prospect is located on 10 acres of land with lots of play space, surrounded by city maintained walking paths and soccer fields, our students take full advantage of these amenities by going for nature walks, cross country skiing or snowshoeing during recesses and physical education time or just enjoying all that space to run and play during break times. Our school also has a huge garden that each class uses to plant and harvest fruit and vegetables each year.

The LINK Program is a specialized program offered to students in our school. This program offers small group, precise teaching to students who require alternate learning experiences or extra assistance in academic areas. It also delivers speech and language programming determined by a Speech Language pathologist. The LINK program offers many life skills opportunities for students who require it. LINK also looks after the breakfast and weekly fruit bowl program in the school.

The Gateways Program is for students from grade 5-8. This program allows students to choose activities that they would like to participate in each month. Students choose different activities every month so they have a chance to experience and try different activities throughout the year. The students participate in this program 100 minutes a week. They can choose from activities such as GPS geo-caching, golfing, cooking, bowling, sewing, fitness, photography, community volunteering, fire making/outdoor cooking, just to name a few.



# **Welcome to Kindergarten at New Prospect Public School!**



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**All stakeholders create a culture of learning so that students come first**



## Learn more about Kindergarten at New Prospect Public School!

New Prospect School has three Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten programs. These classrooms are staffed with specialized Kindergarten teachers and Early Childhood Educators who are experts in early childhood development. There is a dedicated, fenced in safe area for your child to experience the full benefits of outdoor, exploratory play. All entrance doors to the school will be locked at all times. Any parents or visitors to the school will have to ring a buzzer outside the main entrance at which time the office will be able to view through a video camera the person waiting at the door. You will be asked to identify yourself and the purpose of your visit before being buzzed in. Once buzzed in, **everyone entering the school must come to the office to sign in and receive a visitor sticker.** Safe Schools mandates that all visitors to the school have checked in at the office prior to visiting any location in the school.

### Before and After School Programs

Before and After School programs are held at our school for children who need extended amounts of supervision. Students are escorted from the Before School Program to their classrooms in the morning. At the end of the day, students are escorted to the After School Program to ensure safe arrival.

**Best Start** as well as the **Nursery School Co-op** are also located in our facility which allows students a smooth and easy transition from the daycare into the school setting.

### Breakfast/Lunch Programs

A full breakfast program with a variety of food items are offered daily, which is enhanced by grab & go snack stations with healthy food that are strategically placed throughout the school with a variety of cut up fresh, grain products and vegetables. We understand that many children have an early breakfast and are often hungry by the time they arrive at school. Healthy breakfast choices are provided to all of our students who would like a snack first thing in the morning. Classrooms are stocked with fresh fruit bowls weekly as well as a wide variety of light snacks such as nutri-grain bars and crackers.

### Facilities

Each kindergarten classroom is equipped with a child sized water-fountain and private bathroom. Students have convenient access to these facilities without having to leave their classroom.

### Supervision of Students

During nutritional snack breaks, the kindergarten classrooms are supervised by school staff. Senior student helpers are in the classroom as well to assist your

child with opening their snacks and getting dressed for outdoor play.

During outdoor play, Kindergarten students enjoy their own brand-new play-structure in a safe and spacious, enclosed play area. The play structure includes a canopy to provide shade on hot days. We offer a large ratio of supervisors to students on the playground. Student safety is ensured by several Supervisors who wear bright orange vests so they are easily visible to the students.

### Communication with our Students' Families

Communication with families is a priority for us. We send home weekly newsletters via email on Monday to ensure all families know what is happening at New Prospect each week. Teachers contact families via phone calls, email and notes home. Classroom blogs and websites are used to allow parents to see and experience all the exciting things that are happening in our classrooms daily.

The school website has a variety of information that is posted on a regular basis → board calendar with PD days & holidays; monthly school calendar; weekly newsletters; school council information; school forms; student handbook; teacher blogs; board information; transportation info; bullying reporting portal.

### Classroom Learning

Through the full day early learning program, children receive a formalized reading and writing program and begin to study the fundamentals of mathematics. To balance out their learning, children also have time to socialize with classmates and use their imaginations through learning centers and free play. Music, rhyme and song, arts and crafts are also woven throughout the day. Music education provides many benefits to students. Here at New Prospect, students from K-8 receive instruction in music from our music teacher. Through singing, movement, playing instruments and even the use of technology, students are exposed to a variety of situations designed not only to activate and stimulate the brain but also to develop a strong appreciation of music as a whole. Students are given an outlet where they can express themselves creatively. Music education is more than just introducing students to beats, notes and songs. Instead, it completely transforms a child's mind and opens up endless possibilities to their learning potential. Technology is a large part of instruction. Smartboard, mini laptops and iPads are frequently used for educational games and activities to enhance student learning.

Education Assistants provide support to students with extensive learning needs. Every child receives speech and language screening upon entry to our program. On-sight delivery of speech and language programming is provided when required. New Prospect School is staffed with a Reading Intervention Teacher to provide additional support to children who are struggling with reading.

### New Prospect School Community

New Prospect School is very focused on building a strong school community where all children and families matter. Students in the Early Learning Program participate in monthly school assemblies and attend the various special events that