

**"I like lots of activities, it's all about fun!"**  
-Lucius, Kindergarten student at Open Roads Public School

## Open Roads School Community

Open Roads School is very focused on building a strong school community where all children matter. Students in the Early Learning Program participate in monthly school assemblies and attend the various special events that are hosted at our school. These include monthly assemblies, Fine Arts productions, concerts, and special guest presentations. We also modify school wide events such as the annual Terry Fox Walk 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.

## Specialized Programming and Extra-curricular Activities

As an Open Roads student, your child will be able to experience a variety of programs to enhance their education. Open Roads offers programs to reach a multitude of learning styles. Through the Explore Program, the athletic and adventurous student can enjoy a variety of activities including hockey camp, Canada Fitness training, dogsledding, canoeing, outdoor camping, quinzee building as well as learning to play the djembe drum. For the more art minded student, Open Roads provides a Fine Arts Program. Students in this program learn art techniques using a multitude of media, explore acting and performing through drama and dance, and learn to play woodwind and brass instruments in an orchestral band which explores both classical and modern music.

Extra-curricular activities are offered for all students at Open Roads School. Junior and Intermediate students can join a variety of sports teams. These teams compete in tournaments with neighbouring community schools. Daily sports intramurals are offered in the gym over the lunch hour. Junior PALS leaders provide fun interactive games to our primary students during recess. Various clubs are offered throughout the year. Rock Club, Chess Club and Cheerleading are some favourites among the students.

Open Roads School has a very active Parent Council, called Parents 4 Kids. This group of parents hosts a variety of activities that help make Open Roads School a fantastic place for our children. A complimentary Winter and Spring Feast, Family Halloween Dance, and end of year Family Day picnic are just a few of the events that they support. Fundraising that occurs through cupcake sales and magazine sales is always used to support these events.

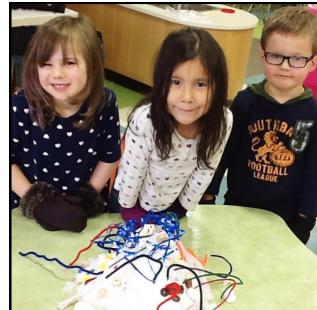


# Welcome to Kindergarten at Open Roads Public School!



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



## Learn more about Kindergarten at Open Roads Public School!

Open Roads 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.

### Parking at the School

Parking is reserved for kindergarten parents for pick-up and drop-off in the visitor parking lot. Student pick-up and drop-off is supported by a private entrance with direct access to the student cloak-rooms.

### School Bus Transportation

Students who require bus transportation are met during morning arrival by a kindergarten teacher and escorted to their play area. At the end of the day, students are escorted to their buses by their Early Childhood educator. Crossing guards support students who walk home and have to cross the streets to ensure daily safe arrival and departure.

### 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.

### Breakfast/Lunch Programs

Breakfast items are offered daily. We understand that many children have an early breakfast and are often hungry by the time they arrive at school. Toast, fruit, cheese and vegetables are provided to all of our students who would like a snack first thing in the morning.

Milk is available for sale daily. Hot lunch items are offered throughout the month. A monthly student calendar outlines when each meal is available. Hot lunches can be purchased with the ease of School Cash Online.

### Facilities

Each classroom is equipped with a 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 their teachers. 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. Supervisors wear bright orange vests so that they are easily visible to the students.

### Communication with our Students' Families

Communication with families is a priority for us. Teachers contact families via phone calls, email and notes home. Classroom blogs are also used as a way to share exciting events that are occurring in your child's room. To see an example of one of our Kindergarten blogs, please go to [www.mrsmcready.wordpress.com](http://www.mrsmcready.wordpress.com)

### Classroom Learning

Students are exposed to both traditional and modern teaching practices. 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. Technology is a large part of instruction. Smartboard 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.

We recognize that many of our children are very young when they enter our JK program. Some families feel that their child requires a gradual entry to the program. To support this development, we provide families with short term solutions, offering an alternate or shortened day to support their child's initial learning needs. Open Roads School is staffed with a Reading Intervention Teacher to provide additional support to children who are struggling with reading.

**"I like learning the alphabet and writing words with my friends!"**  
-Payton, Kindergarten student at Open Roads Public School