



Dear Kinderschule Parents!

Schönen Sommer noch! We hope you've had a good summer and have had the opportunity to enjoy time with your children, your family, and friends.

In getting ready for this upcoming school year, we have some information about Kinderschule to share with you. Throughout the year we will send weekly 'NewsEmails' to keep you up to date -- and of course for the photos.

The 2014-2015 Year

This year Kinderschule will be staffed by **Christoph McLaughlin and Hanna Denker**. Welcome Hanna! We'll have a biography of Hanna's in the next NewsEmail. **Irene Harder** is off on a maternity and soon will be home with her newborn baby boy **Ian Harder**. Congratulations Irene!

Christoph will continue in his role as Pedagogical Director but for the rest of 2014 will be doing administrative work -- he is also on parental leave till January.

Kinderschule Calendar

The 2014-2015 Kinderschule Calendar is being sent electronically in a separate email. We have printed copies for you as well, which you've either received or can get with your orientation package.

It is also posted on the Kinderschule website at www.kinderschule.ca/calendar.

Please note the **Annual General Meeting** of all Kinderschule parents, friends and staff: **Thursday Sept 25th** from 8:00pm - 9:30pm -- save the date!

South Winnipeg Kinderschule School Calendar 2014 - 2015		
August 24	Saturday	Toy Cleaning 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
September 03	Wednesday	Kinderschule opens; Parents' Orientation for all parents at 9:00 am
September 25	Thursday	Kinderschule Annual General Meeting, 8:00 - 9:30 pm
September 26	Friday	Jandling / Field Trip: The Forks (date tentative)
October 1, 2, 8	Weeks 1-3/4	Picture Days
October 13	Monday	Thanksgiving -- Kinderschule closed
October 16	Thursday	Jandling / Field Trip: Pioneer Farms Trip (date tentative)
October 31	Friday	Halloween
November 01	Saturday	Laternen Basteln - Lantern Making Social, 10:00 am - 12 noon
November 07	Friday	Laternenfest - St. Martin, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
November 11	Monday	Kolumbusfest Day - Kinderschule closed
November 30	Sunday	Christkindlmarkt: children perform and information table!
December 06	Saturday	Sankt Nikolaus visit Kinderschule
December 08-09	Mini Term	Closing in 2 weeks
December 29	Friday	Last day of Kinderschule
Dec 28, 2014 - Jan 6, 2015	Winter Break	
January 03	Saturday	Toy Cleaning, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
January 05	Monday	Kinderschule opens
January 22	Thursday	Jandling / Field Trip: Museum (date tentative)
February 02	Thursday	Ursprung Visit at Kinderschule (tentative)
February 04	Monday	Louis Riel Day - Kinderschule closed
February 21	Saturday	Feasting Party, 10:00 am - 11:30 pm
March 10	Wednesday	Jandling / Field Trip: Assiniboia Park Conservatory (tentative)
March 27	Friday	Last day of Kinderschule, Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 28, 2015 - Apr 5, 2015	Spring Break	
April 06	Monday	Kinderschule opens
April 23-25	Mini-T	Prep for Annual St. George's Anglican Church Garage Sale
May 18	Monday	Victoria Day - Kinderschule closed
May 22	Friday	Jandling / Field Trip: Fort Rycroft Centre (tentative)
June 01-02	Mini-T/Mini-T	Kinderschule Graduation Week
June 26	Friday	Last day of Kinderschule
June 27	Saturday	Jubiläum / Year End Celebration, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm



Registration

The form is also being sent in another email to follow this one. Please mail in your Registration Form before the beginning school, complete with all cheques for the year. If you are planning to come to our centre for any other reason, you can drop it off then too. For instance, you could bring it during...



Toy Cleaning!

Get to know us, other Kinderschule families, and *the Kinderschule Toys!* Please join us on **Saturday August 30th, from 10am till noon.** Children are welcome and can help and/or play in the gym. Plus, we'll have snacks to keep your energy up.

First Days of Kinderschule

The first day back to Kinderschule is **Wednesday, September 3rd.** We hope that all families will come that day for Kinderschule Orientation.

To give an idea of what's ahead when returning to school, here's an outline:

What to bring:

Indoor shoes - Children must keep these on at all times; a big plus is if they are such that the child can put the shoes on him or herself.

Outdoor shoes - Closed-toed is best; also such that the pebbles from the nearby playground surface don't enter so easily.

Outdoor clothes - While we don't go out in the dead of winter, there is an opportunity on 'good' weather days to use the playground at the Grosvenor School. Children should be dressed to be able to go out for about half an hour.

What to bring (cont'd)

Change of clothes - a full compliment is best. Kinderschule is very warm in the winter so one layer is fine.

Two Photos -- if possible please bring two current photos, or even easier, do this: *email a photo before Friday August 29th* and we'll be glad to get the printing done. These are for the children's cubbies and the birthday calendar.

No Snack - We do a group snack and will prepare a schedule for the first week's snack. More info on that coming up -- a list will be established once all registrations are complete.



What to do:

Collect Information Package - This includes the calendar and a few other pages of info, including the Parent Handbook for new parents.

Sign Criminal Record Check Form - Please complete and sign this form so that you can help as a volunteer during the year or during trips. You need a number from an official ID card (i.e., **Drivers License**) to complete it.

Attend Orientation on Wednesday- For new parents in particular, but best if all families can attend. Please come (with child) even if not attending Wednesdays.

Stay, as needed - Parents of children new to our program should stay for the morning: children may need to see a parent before being used to our program.

In the separate email you are being sent an electronic copy of the Parent Handbook, chock-full of information about the program and the year. All new families will receive a printed copy of the handbook as well.

Please give us a call or email with any questions or feedback.

Thank you!

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