

Kitchener Elementary School

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FAMILIES AS PARTNERS Conversations September 19 & 21, 2023

An important factor in your child's success in school is connectedness to the school and next to family nurturing, is the most important protective factor in a young person's life. It provides a solid foundation for learning. Research indicates that when children feel connected to their school, they experience better academic outcomes and better health outcomes such as improved feelings of wellbeing, positive behaviours, decreased anxiety, etc. It is important for the home and school to openly exchange information, which will help us to work most effectively in furthering your child's development in all academic and social-emotional areas.

To facilitate the beginning of the important transfer of information between home and school, our Kitchener teachers will be scheduling conversation time, Families as Partners Conversations, on September 19th and 21st.

To book an appointment, go to <https://kitchener.burnabyschools.ca/families-as-partners/> on the Kitchener website.

Step 1: Click on your child's teacher's name.

Step 2: Choose September 19 or September 21.

Step 3: Choose from the available time slots.

Step 4: Add your name, email address, and your child's name.

Step 5: Click BOOK.

You will automatically receive an email notification confirming your appointment.

FAMILIES AS PARTNERS CONVERSATIONS

The conference will be 10 minutes in length. Please be on time. We encourage you be prepared to talk about the following questions after discussing with your child(ren) to gain their insight, especially in the area of goal setting. This way, the conversations can be focused and informative as we begin our partnership to help your child fully benefit from the opportunities provided this year.

- What is my child's general attitude towards school and how have they adjusted so far?
- What are some of my child's strengths or things they do well?
- What are my child's hobbies and interests?
- What are some concerns in school?
- Are there any medical or family concerns you would like to share?
- What works and does not work with consequences, limits, and appropriate behaviours?
- School friendships – Are there any concerns or goals for your child?
- Please share some family expectations and responsibilities important at home.
- After having a conversation with my child, their goal for this year is...
- What are my hopes, dreams, and wishes I have for my child this year?
- How can we help your child become most successful this school year?
- Any other things to discuss about my child's growth mindset?

Kindergarten families: You will be able to book your appointment once you are informed of your child's teacher for the year. The links to book your appointment will be available at the end of this week after you find out who your child's teacher is. Thank you for your patience.