



Welcome to Kindergarten at Swift!

We are looking forward to seeing you and your children at school for the 2025-26 School Year. Here are a few things that you need to know:

1. **Volunteering** - We can't do some of the things we do without parent volunteers (grandparents are awesome too!). If you want to volunteer at school, the first step is getting your Criminal Record Check. This is done through the School Board Office (2790 Tims St). You can get all the info on our [website](#) or follow the link on this QR code. As it takes a few weeks to clear the CRC, taking care of this over the summer is the best way to be prepared for September opportunities!
2. **Paying for things** - The Abbotsford School District uses "SchoolCash" to process all payments for school fees and field trips as well as permissions and consent forms. Please check out how to create an account or add a student to an existing account. This payment system will follow your child throughout their time in the Abbotsford School District. Registering for your SchoolCash account is mandatory. We do not accept any cash payments at the school. You can get information on [SchoolCash here](#) or follow the link on the QR code. This will be available to you at the end of August or early September. Please keep your account up to date.
3. **School Supplies** - School Supply lists are loaded on our website in Spring. [Check it out Here](#) or scan the QR code. Supplies can be purchased through "School Start" or purchased at a store. All online orders are delivered to your home address. Please note that there is a list for Regular Kindergarten and one for Nature Kindergarten.
4. **Nature Kindergarten Clothing List** – Check out the lists provided to stay warm and dry.
5. **Kindergarten Spare Clothing** – please be sure to pack a full set of spare clothing for your child in their backpack. Bathroom accidents or playground spills can happen anytime!
6. **Communication!** School-Parent communication is important to us. Here are a few ways you can get info:
 - a. Every other week or so, you will get **Newsletter emails** from our principal with info, updates, and calendar dates to note.
 - b. **Our school website:** swift.abbyschools.ca is full of useful information, calendar dates and news.
 - c. **Call or email the Office!** We would love to help you and answer your questions.
 - d. **Teacher communication** – Open your child's communication folder daily for anything your teacher may have sent home.
 - e. Concerns or questions? Many issues can be resolved by **talking directly to your child's teacher**. If necessary, they will include the principal in the conversation. We want you to come to us with your concerns and questions.
 - f. You can join the **Dr. Thomas A Swift PAC Facebook** page where you will get info from the school and PAC.
 - g. Get involved with the **Parent Advisory Counsel**. They have a website where you can find up-to-date information. <https://www.taswiftpac.com/>

