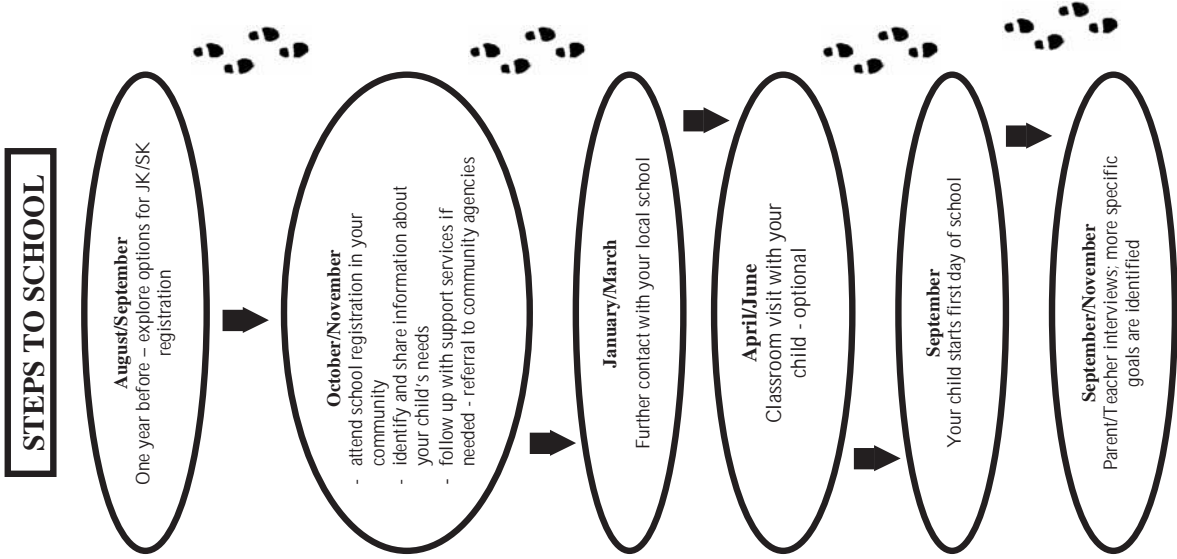
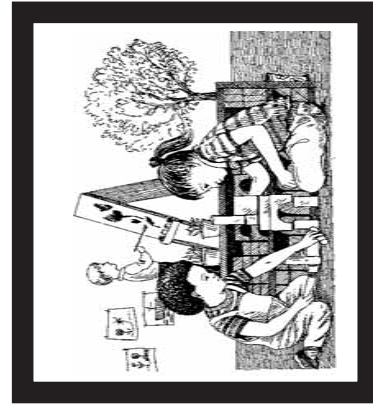


## A.1 Let's Learn: Kindergarten Registration



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## STEPS TO SCHOOL

The year before your child starts JK or SK .....

Step #1:

- "Finding Out" – August / September**
- one year before your child is to start school, call your nearest school to introduce yourself and your child
  - attend parent meetings to gain information about all programs being offered in Kindergarten such as French Immersion
  - discuss the needs of your child with the school principal at a meeting location of your choice
  - you may ask a friend or advocate to attend ongoing meetings with you for support

Step #2:

- "Signing Up" - Registration – October / November**
- attend the "Ready, Set, Let's Go to School" Kindergarten registration clinic in your community to register your child for school and receive the "Entry To School" package
  - share information about the needs of your special child with the school
  - discuss a plan for your child's needs by linking to all supports and current services involved with your child

Step #3:

- "Learning All About Me" – January / March**
- share and plan together with the school, along with community service partners involved.
  - attend parent information meetings that are offered
  - plan a visit to the school with your child to develop a positive relationship

Step #4:

- "Visiting the School" - April / May / June**
- plan to visit the Kindergarten classroom with your child
  - attend community events held at the school
  - visit and explore the school playground

Step #5:

- "Welcome to School" - September**
- entry to school interview - child/parent/teacher
  - delayed entry plan and your child's first day at school

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### TIPS FOR PARENTS

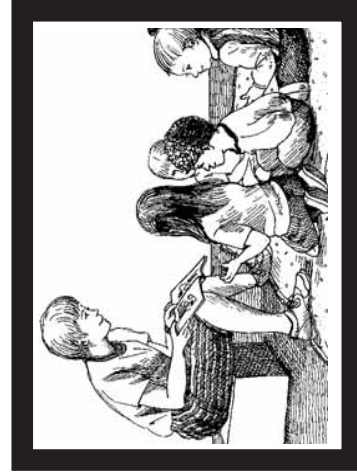
- Children may start school in September if they turn 4 (JK) or 5 (SK) by December 31 of that year. They are not legally required to attend school until age 6. You can choose whether or not to send your child to Junior or Senior Kindergarten.
- Your choices are:
  - ❖ enrol your child in the neighbourhood school
  - ❖ enrol your child in school and continue in the nursery school/child care program on alternate days
  - ❖ do not enrol your child
- You may change your mind at any time during this process. Discuss enrolment concerns with the school Principal.
- Planning ahead helps with smooth entry to the school system.
- Start this process in the Fall of the year before you are thinking of enrolling your child in school for the following September.
- The principal is your first contact at the school. He/She may assign another staff member to be your contact within the school.
- Ask about the school's "Let's Learn" information sessions for parents.
- Your school contact, Pre-school Resource Teacher, Family Support Worker, Early Intervention Worker, or a friend may help you through this process and accompany you to meetings to help plan for a smooth entry for your child to school.

Questions to consider and helpful hints in preparing your child for school are available from Early Years Centres, Pre-school Resource Program or your school.

**Your child's first day at school is a very big step. There are many steps to take in making your child's entry to school a smooth and comfortable one whether your child starts in Junior or Senior Kindergarten.**

**We hope these ideas will help you and your child look forward to a memorable start to school.**

***Happy Learning!***



### Meeting The Needs Of All Children

Programs are planned to ensure success for each child and student. Progress is followed in all areas of development as part of our Early and Ongoing Identification Process. Where particular needs are evident, each school has access to Board and local community support services.

The Resource Teams within the local Boards consist of: Psychometrists, Psychologists, Speech and Language Pathologists, Attendance Counsellors, and Resource Teachers. Members of this team, either individually or in partnership with one another, are available to provide support to students who have learning needs, their parents, the classroom teacher, and the in-school resource team. The Resource Teams also work in partnership with many local community agencies.

### Agencies

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| Community Care Access Centre<br>225 18 <sup>th</sup> St. West<br>Owen Sound, ON N0G 2V0<br>Tel: 371-2112 Fax: 372-0561                             | Grey Bruce Health Services<br>Box 1800, 1800 8 <sup>th</sup> St. East<br>Owen Sound, ON N4K 6M9<br>Tel: 376-2121 Fax: 376-1846    |
| Bruce County Social Services<br>399 30 Park St.<br>Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0<br>Tel: 881-0431 Fax: 881-1619                                            | Walkerton & District Community Support Services<br>19 Durham St. East<br>Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0<br>Tel: 881-3713 Fax: 881-0531     |
| Community Living Owen Sound<br>769 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. East<br>Owen Sound, ON N4K 2N5<br>Tel: 371-9251 Fax: 371-5168                              | Grey Bruce Health Unit<br>920 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. West<br>Owen Sound, ON N4K 4K5<br>Tel: 376-9240 Fax: 376-1287                  |
| Ministry of Community, Family & Social Services<br>945 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. East, Box 697<br>Owen Sound, ON N4K 5R4<br>Tel: 376-1951 Fax: 376-4254 | Grey County Social Services<br>P.O. Box 9, 509 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. East<br>Owen Sound, ON N4K 5P1<br>Tel: 371-2600 Fax: 371-6440 |
| Community Living Kincardine & District<br>P.O. Box 9000, 286 Lambton St.<br>Kincardine, ON N2Z 2Z3<br>Tel: 396-9434 Fax: 396-4514                  | Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board<br>799 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave.<br>Hanover, ON N4N 3A1<br>Tel: 364-5820 Fax: 364-5882      |
| Bluewater District School Board<br>351 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. North<br>Chesley, ON N0G 1L0<br>Tel: 363-2014 Fax: 363-3448                            | Bruce-Grey Children's Services<br>845 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. East<br>Owen Sound, ON N4K 2H2<br>Tel: 1-800-567-2384 or 371-4773      |