

# Primary Learning Community (K-3) Airport Elementary

*We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.*

## Program Overview - Foundational Practices

The Primary Learning Community (K-3) at Airport Elementary provides young learners with a flexible learning environment that centres relationships with cohort peers and their teacher over time. Through play-based and place-based learning, students experience growth in their learning achievement and competency development in addition to a deepened sense of community.



### Multi Age Learning

Strong, positive relationships provide the foundation for a child's long-term social, emotional, and cognitive development. Within this multi-aged learning program, learners continue with their teacher and cohort of peers across multiple years. In this learning environment, children develop enduring relationships and experience the benefits of continuous learning with a teacher who knows them well over time. This approach also includes opportunities for collaborative learning and mentoring among peers.



### Play Based

Play-based learning is a personalized and wholistic approach that honours children's natural curiosity and joy in learning through play. This approach fosters exploration and imagination through hands-on and engaging learning activities that promote student confidence and competence in critical and creative thinking as well as social emotional well-being.



### Place Based

Place-based learning recognizes that authentic learning occurs within and beyond the school building. This approach connects children to their local surroundings and communities, enabling rich and meaningful opportunities to learn outdoors and through engagement with community.

## Flexible Learning Environment

The program is a blended learning opportunity that integrates the environments of school, place, and home.

### School

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, learners will be immersed in a combination of indoor and outdoor learning experiences at Airport Elementary School. Please note that, as an educational choice program, families are responsible for transporting their child to the school on these days.

### Place

On Fridays, students will engage in their learning in various places within the Comox Valley. Please note that, as an educational choice program, families are responsible for transporting their child to the location on this day. A monthly calendar will be sent to families in advance, including details about location and times.

### Home

Families play a crucial role in extending and enriching the education programming. On Mondays, students engage in home-based learning, exploring inquiries and activities that connect with the concepts they're working on with the teacher.

## Professional Learning Demonstration Program



### Guiding Documents

- [BC Ministry of Education Curriculum](#)
- [First Peoples Principles of Learning](#)
- [Learning in the Primary Years](#)
- [BC's Early Learning Framework](#)
- [Pedagogy of Play](#)

The Primary Learning Community Program goes beyond the conventional notion of a learning space for young children and includes a professional learning component for educators within and beyond the district. At least one day per week, the program will be open to adult visitors, extending an ongoing invitation to educators to observe and engage with the teacher and students to learn more about how to approach effective play-based and place-based learning with primary students. Positioned as a hub for continuous learning, innovation, and transformative practices within the education sector, the program redefines the boundaries of learning experiences for all ages. Please note that children in the program should be comfortable with ongoing visitors and interactions with adults with whom they are unfamiliar.

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## Information Session

A Zoom information session will take place on Wednesday, January 29th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. To attend, please register using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/TYKKKQMcEr>  
The Zoom link will be sent via email the day before the session.



## Expression of Interest

An Expression of Interest period will take place from Tuesday, February 4th - Friday, February 7th. Families can complete the Expression of Interest form on the school district website:

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/expression-of-interest-form/>

The initiation of this program depends on several factors, with sufficient student interest being the first critical step. Families will be informed the following week if the process to start the program will move forward.

## More Information

If you are unable to attend the zoom session, or have any questions please email Lisa Pedersen-Skene at [lisa.pedersen-skene@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:lisa.pedersen-skene@sd71.bc.ca)

