

CEDAR GROVE SCHOOL

2025/26 Enrollment Information Package





Welcome

Thank you for your interest in Cedar Grove School!

We are an independent, nature-based elementary school guided by the principles of Waldorf education. Whether you're new to our community or have been part of our journey from the beginning, we're glad you're here.

Following two years of development, we are proud to share that our school has recently been incorporated as a non-profit organization. This marks an exciting new chapter—one that includes a deepened commitment to Waldorf-inspired education.

Our programs currently serve Kindergarten through Grade 4, with both full-time and part-time options available. We plan to grow steadily to include Grades 5 through 8 in the years ahead.

We believe in nurturing each child's academic, physical and social/emotional well-being by offering a well-rounded and developmentally appropriate curriculum that integrates the arts and movement. This multidisciplinary approach to engaging the head, heart and hands stirs the imagination and enhances and enriches learning. We aim to cultivate freedom in thinking, healthy emotional development, compassion, and imagination – essential capacities for becoming active citizens of the world.

We invite you to get to know more about our school by referring to our website www.cedargroveschool.ca.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Claire Telford Brittany Shannon

Administrative Director (Interim) Pedagogical Director

Programs and Age Requirements

Early Childhood

Kindergarten	Children should be 4 by September 1st and show readiness for Kindergarten (e.g., developing independence with self-care, can separate from parent, engage in a full day of programming, and participate in play with peers). <i>Children with autumn or early winter birthdays may be considered.</i>
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Grade School (Gr 1-4)*

**Please note: over time, the school aims to expand programming to Gr. 8*

Grade 1	Children should be 6 by September 1st and show readiness for Grade 1. <i>Children with autumn or early winter birthdays may be considered.</i>
Grades 2-4	Children must have successfully completed the previous grade. <i>Please identify if this is your child's first time enrolling in a Grade-based school program.</i>

Forest Adventure Program

Grades 1-4	Children should be 6 by September 1st and show readiness for Grade 1. <i>Children with autumn or early winter birthdays may be considered.</i>
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School Location:

2590 County Road 15, Picton ON.

All Regular Program Hours:

8:40am: Drop off and supervised play time

9 - 3:15pm: Programming

3:15 - 3:30pm: Pick up

After Care* Hours:

4:30pm: Pick up

**After-care available with sufficient enrolment, advanced registration required.*

Tuition Fees

Please note: there is a non-refundable Registration Fee of \$100.00 for all programs and priority enrollment will be offered to families seeking full-time programming

Administrative Fees (non-refundable)	
New Students	\$100
Returning Students	\$50
Deposit (All Students)	\$300* <i>*to be deducted from first tuition payment</i>

Kindergarten* (payable in full or in 10 monthly installments) <i>*scheduled program days subject to change based on final enrolment numbers</i>	
Standard Program (M-F)	\$12,500 per year
Part-time 4 day (M-Th)	\$12,000 per year
Part-time 3 day (M-W)	\$9,000 per year
Part-time 2 day (Th-F)	\$6,000 per year
Part-time 1 day (F)	\$3,000 per year

Grade School (payable in full or in 10 monthly installments)	
Standard Program (M-F)	\$12,500 per year
Core Academic (M-Th)	\$12,000 per year
Forest Adventure Day (F)	\$3,000 per year

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Extended Care*

**available with sufficient enrollment*

After Care

\$400/day for full year
\$15/day for occasional use (advanced
notice required)
**late fees: \$5 for every 10 minutes
increment past 4:30pm*

Our enrollment process allows for parents to get to know our school as well as familiarize themselves with our philosophy and curriculum.

The process involves the following steps:

1. **Learn More:** Review our website (www.cedargroveschool.ca) for information about our school, educational philosophy and curriculum.
2. **Book a Call (optional):** Email admin@cedargroveschool.ca to schedule an exploratory phone call with the Administrative Director.
**Please note: as we are completing the construction of our school building, it will not be available to tour until late summer 2025*
3. **Complete Application Form:** available at www.cedargroveschool.ca
4. **Participate in an Admissions Meeting:** The Admissions Meeting is an opportunity for the parents and student to meet Faculty members and allows the Faculty members to observe the student's readiness for the program. Based on the meeting, observations, and information shared, the Faculty will determine whether the needs of the student can be met within our programs.
**Please note: due to ongoing construction, Admissions Meetings will be held over Google Meet.*
5. **Offer of Enrolment:** We aim to notify parents of admissions confirmation within two weeks of the Admissions Meeting. If confirmed, we invite parents to complete the enrolment process as soon as possible to secure the student's spot.
6. **Complete Enrolment Agreement Form:** To be emailed to families along with Offer of Enrolment
7. **Submit Registration Fee and Deposit:** Registration Fee and Deposit are collected to complete enrolment and secure the student's spot. Both are non-refundable, however the deposit is deducted from the first tuition payment (due September 1st). Payable by e-transfer to admin@cedargroveschool.ca.

All required forms and commitment to pay must be on file before children may attend school.
All existing families must have accounts in good standing in order to re-enrol.

For new students, the first 6 weeks of attendance are a **probationary period**. This can be extended, in writing, at the discretion of the Faculty. During the probationary period the family will have the opportunity to become familiar with the school, and the Faculty will be able to observe the student's needs and abilities. If a student's needs cannot be met by our program and our staff, we will meet with the parents to share observations and discuss options. The school reserves the right to discharge a student if we are unable to meet the student's needs.



Withdrawal and Refund Policy

If a family withdraws after September 1, 2025, and before May 1, 2026, one full month's written notice and payment is required.

Amounts owing (if any) will be calculated based on our September 1st through June 1st standard schedule. If a family withdraws from extended care programming, one full month's written notice and payment is required.

After May 1, 2026, no refund will be given. If Cedar Grove School is unable to meet the student's needs, the school reserves the right to discharge a student. All prior payments are considered non-refundable. If a family is not on a standard payment plan, any amounts owing will be calculated on a September through June schedule.

Cedar Grove began as the vision of a small group of parents interested in the ideals of nature-based holistic education. Our community-based school will continue to flourish with the involvement of many families who will share their diverse ideas, skills and experiences. We anticipate that parents' involvement will provide a holistic contribution to their families' experience at the school. Getting involved builds connections with other parents, teachers, staff and the wider community. Most importantly, our children sense the meaningfulness that comes with their parents' contribution to the school. To them it cultivates a sense of belonging that includes not just themselves, but their whole family. We look forward to each parent's involvement in one or more of these areas:

- Supporting school events and building community
- Enhancing our naturalized playgrounds
- Volunteering in classrooms
- Contributing to the improvement of our school inclusion
- Sharing a passion (e.g., gardening) or expertise (e.g., knitting).

Thank You

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