

# Welcome to Gesner Street Elementary School 2025-2026

School Hours: 8:20AM-2:30PM, Monday-Friday

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## Welcome

We are excited to start the new school year with all of you. Your child will be an important member of our K-2 school with approximately 233 students. Each day, we pride ourselves on promoting academic excellence along with developing strong social and emotional awareness with all our students. We look forward to working with you and your family during your childhood with us at Gesner!

## Administrative Staff

Principal – Mrs. Sheila Baker

Vice Principal – Mrs. Stacey St. Peter

Administrative Assistant – Mrs. Karen Chapman

## Communication

School newsletters with school events and updates are emailed to families monthly. Teachers also send weekly newsletters/emails to outline homework and special events specific to their classrooms. Families can contact the school by calling the direct line or emailing their child's teacher. However, please remember that teachers are teaching throughout the day, and are not available to check emails until after school. **Any time sensitive messages such as changes to afternoon dismissal are best made through a direct phone call to our office.**

## Attendance

We love seeing your child at school every day as regular attendance supports school success. However, if they do need to be absent, please let us know. You can call the school before 8:10 AM to leave a message or register them as absent through the School Messenger App. Without notification, we will call home to confirm the absence as a part of our Safe Arrival Program. We will send information home in September regarding the School Messenger Program.

## School Website

Our Gesner homepage, <https://ge.nbed.ca/>, is an easy way to help you stay informed on all school activities and current information. Through our website you will have quick access (at any time of the day) to the following:

- School Calendars
- Hours of Instruction
- School Mission/Vision/Focus
- School Rules
- School Cash Online
- School Supply Lists

- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Gesner-Street-Elementary-School-114945196991019>
- **X:** @GesnerStElemen1
- **Instagram:** @gesnergecko

### **School Cash Online**

School Cash Online is our main way to pay for school fees, hot lunch, field trips, school t-shirts, etc. You can sign up with your child's name and birth date to track any expenses and make payments as needed. We will send out information in September regarding this program.

### **Hot Lunch**

Our School Volunteer Committee organizes our Hot Lunch Program. Families can order from the hot lunch options on School Cash Online. A message is always sent to indicate when hot lunch is open for orders.

### **Bus Transportation**

Keeping our students safe is important to us. We follow policies set by Anglophone School District West that allow for only two drop off locations. This keeps our students safe by minimizing confusion. Parents can designate a primary and alternate location within our catchment area to be used as their child's bus stops. This does not allow for occasional drop-offs to birthdays or playdates. If an emergency does arise, please call the office and we can help make arrangements or issue an emergency bus pass.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

Families are welcome to drop off their child between 8:00-8:15 AM at the side doors. We do ask that parents walk their child through the gate to keep them safe from the flow of traffic. ***Please remember that dogs are not permitted on school property during operational hours which includes drop off and pick up times.*** After 8:15 AM, we ask parents to walk their child to the front door and sign them in. During regular dismissal, parents can pick up their child at the side door at 2:30 PM. Please meet your child on the inside of the gate to ensure their safety. To pick your child up early, please call the school and come to the front office to sign them out.

### **Locked Door Policy**

We keep our doors locked throughout the day as a safety measure. If you need to come to the school, please use our doorbell and indicate to our staff why you are there. We will happily open the doors for volunteers, drop-offs/pick-ups, or even for those dropping off forgotten items.

### **A Few Important Dates**

School office opens: Aug. 25, 2025

Meet the Teacher Open House: Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025, 6-7 PM

First day of school: Sept. 2, 2025

Last day before/first day back for Christmas Holiday: Dec. 22, 2025/Jan. 5, 2026

March Break: March 2-6, 2026

Last day of School: June 19, 2026

### **Sincerely**

We look forward to learning, laughing, and growing with our students in the 2025-2026 school year!



*Gesner Staff*