



# JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

*Learning through play and discovery*



## Nelson Christian Community School

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“Growing in Christ Centered Character, Academics, and Service”

**What is the Supply/Activity Fee for?** Apart from asking parents to send: **a pair of indoor runners, a backpack and a snack**, we do not have a supply list for Junior Kindergarten. Instead, **teachers purchase any needed supplies for children**. The activity portion of the fee covers the costs for special events and classroom guests.

**Can a family apply for Tuition Assistance for the Junior Kindergarten program?**

Unfortunately, the Junior Kindergarten program does not qualify for Tuition Assistance, because we do not receive any government funding for this program. Families may apply for subsidies from the Ministry of Children & Family Services. For more information, please visit:

[www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/subsidy/index.htm?WT.svl=Body](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/subsidy/index.htm?WT.svl=Body)



**Where can I find out more about Junior Kindergarten at NCCS?**

Please visit our website: [www.nelsonchristian.ca](http://www.nelsonchristian.ca)

Call the school: 250-352-0526;

Email the school: [office@nelsonchristian.ca](mailto:office@nelsonchristian.ca)

**How do we apply?**

To apply please go to our website and click enroll now.

**Introducing Nelson Christian Community School's Junior Kindergarten  
Program for 2017-2018**

	<b>1 Day Program</b>	<b>2 Day Program Choose 3 days</b>	<b>3 Day Program</b>
<b>Ages</b>	Must be 3 years old by September 1st		
<b>Times</b>	8:40-11:40 (3 hrs. per day)	8:40-11:40 AM (3 hrs. per day)	8:40-11:40 AM (3 hrs. per day)
<b>Monthly Fee</b>	\$100.00 (25.00 per day)	\$195.00 (24.00 per day)	\$260 (\$22 per day)
<b>Supply &amp; Activity Fee</b>	\$50.00		
<b>Application Fee</b>	\$25.00		

**Is a Junior Kindergarten Program like a preschool?** Our program is intentional in **providing learning and play opportunities for children** to build motor skills, and social experiences to help them prepare for full day Kindergarten in BC.

**In the NCCS JK program will students sit in desks and work from workbooks?** The classroom is very different than a traditional one. Children do not have desks and they do not use workbooks. The classroom is designed such that **children work through centres and interactive spaces during their morning**. The classroom environment is warm and inviting and includes play spaces, tables to work on, comfy chairs, an indoor garden and lots of hands-on kinesthetic learning opportunities.

**What is the Christian Component of the program?** **We want our children to know that our loving God has uniquely created them.** We want them to know that Jesus is our Saviour and that he cares for them. We weave these messages throughout the day and program. Students do have daily Bible learning, sing Bible songs and also learn Bible verses. We want our children to know that our faith is relevant to the larger world and not just time at school.

**Do kids have time to play in JK?** Yes, **play is an important part of learning at the 3+- year-old age.** Children learn in a play-focused environment with both indoor and outdoor play spaces. What children play with connects with the learning units that they are participating in. Some of our learning units include:

- Gardening & Farms
- Forests & Animals
- Taking Care of our Environment
- Sports
- Countries of the World



**What skills will students learn?** We help students develop gross and fine motor skills including holding a pencil/crayon/marker and being able to use scissors. We also help students learn their upper case letters and numbers from 0 to 10. **We also want students to learn the social skills of: taking care of ourselves and our world including; sharing, taking turns, helping those in need and how to play with others.** JK students must be able to use the washroom independently.

**My Child is only 4 why would I want to put them in JK?** Families have expressed a need for help to prepare their children for Kindergarten. Some have enrolled their children in multiple programs when they are 4 to get them used to being away from home and with other children. **Junior Kindergarten is a safe, peaceful and consistent place for students to be, spend time with children their age, and learn.** It gives children routine and helps them build friendships with children that will be with them in Kindergarten.

**Our Junior Kindergarten program takes place in a beautiful chapel bathed in natural light. This is a warm and inviting space.**



**Do students spend the entire morning in a classroom?** No, we have a **large outdoor space** at NCCS that we take full advantage of. Children have an outdoor play area, outdoor learning area and we have many trees and a forest right on our campus. Deer have been known to spend time in our fields.

**Do students eat any meals at school?** Parents will need to send a healthy snack with their child and there is a set mid-morning snack time. We do not have/serve lunch in Junior Kindergarten.

**Does the Junior Kindergarten Schedule follow the same calendar as NCCS?** Yes, **Junior Kindergarten does follow the same calendar as NCCS.** This means that the start of the year is the first Tuesday after the September long weekend and the year ends the third week in June. Junior kindergarten is also off on the same Holiday, Professional Development and Organizational days as NCCS. The fees take into account the above days off.

**Does my child get to participate in some of the same activities as the older students at NCCS?** Junior Kindergarten children will spend part of their day with the 5-year-old Kindergarten students, however the **JK program is very different than the rest of the school.** In a few special occasions, Junior Kindergarten children will participate in all-school activities— such as the visit of a special guest (e.g. author, athlete or artist).