



## Welcome to our Early Learning Program!

Spaces available in JK, SK, Grade 1 & Grade 2.

Explore our program and see for yourself the warm welcome and wonderful learning opportunities that await your daughter.

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# It Starts with Kindness

Welcome to our Early Learning Program, where kindness sits at the centre of everything that we do. At Linden, we know that the best learning takes place when girls understand each other. Your daughter's growth in the early years will be rich with social-emotional development as she learns how to use her voice and body to communicate and solve problems. We strive to nurture empathy in each girl so that she can confidently advocate for herself, while being mindful of the needs of others. We want our girls to genuinely care about themselves and each other.

Linden girls learn right from the start that our environment is inclusive of all people. We honour and celebrate the diversity of our community, and look forward to sharing this with your daughter.



## Safe Spaces



## Community

## The Linden Family

Linden's community is like no other—one that feels just like a family. From the moment your daughter sets foot through our doors, she will meet girls of all ages who are warm, friendly, and welcoming. We know about the benefits that come from relationships between girls of different ages, such as increased school participation and engagement, improved self-regulation, and greater empathy toward others. Because of this, we deliberately create new opportunities where our Early Learners can interact with older girls and adults in meaningful ways.

By having a reading buddy, walking in the ravine with older students, or having a friend take an interest in her stories, your daughter will know that she is cared for and loved by the entire school community. She is already beginning to make friends that will last a lifetime.

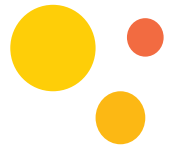
# Curiosity & Discovery

Linden establishes a strong foundation for learning within a caring, inquiry- and play-based environment. Girls actively participate in their own learning by wondering out loud, asking questions about the world surrounding them, and developing theories to create a shared understanding with their peers.

As your daughter engages in play, she will find herself innovating and creating. Children are most receptive and engaged in learning when it is authentic and meaningful to them, and allows them to explore real-world problems. You will see a strong link between play and learning, especially in the areas of problem-solving, language acquisition, literacy, numeracy, and physical, social, and emotional development.



## Play-Based



## Empowering

# Independence

She has the foundation—kindness, a loving family, and her curiosity—now watch her grow. We believe that all students are capable. The Early Learners can do whatever they set their minds to. We equip them with the confidence to try, the tools to succeed, and the resilience to learn from their mistakes. We encourage them to practice appropriate responses to challenging feelings. They learn how to recognize and manage fatigue, disappointment, frustration, and over-stimulation, allowing them to be the ones in charge of their own responses.

You will see your daughter become more autonomous, asking both peers and adults for help only when she feels that she needs it. By feeling both capable of directing her own learning and regulating herself, your daughter can develop a lifelong love of learning at Linden.

## Outstanding Academics

Based on our work with girls, we know that engaging girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) from an early age directly influences their choice of subjects and careers. This is why your daughter will conduct scientific experiments, participate in math and science fair presentations, and learn computer programming from the very start of her time at Linden.

We see science and math as deeply linked to the arts and humanities. Learning through the arts will foster your daughter's imagination, and promote her communication and social skills. She will enjoy many opportunities for creative experimentation through visual art, music, and drama.



## Well-Rounded



## Engaging



## Beyond the Classroom

The Linden gym is where your daughter will feel excited and safe to challenge herself physically, socially, and emotionally. Our high energy classes focus on cooperative play and fun that fosters teamwork.

Your daughter will also enjoy various community activities, field trips, and outdoor experiential learning opportunities, such as our Week Without Walls. She will likely become involved in many school clubs, such as cooking, chess, library and programming clubs. She will find herself developing the confidence to use her voice at school-wide events with older students. These include our Social Justice Data Fair, Science Fair, Drama Night, Art Show, Festival of Lights, and Celebration to Greet the Summer.



# Leading Girls' Education

The Linden School is the only school in Canada created to incorporate cutting-edge research on girls' educational needs. Research supports what we know from experience—that girls thrive academically and socially when they are engaged in collaborative learning.

Our JK–Grade 12 community allows us to provide your daughter with high-calibre specialist teachers for visual art, computer studies/design technology, French, math, music, and physical education. We excel in differentiating our teaching to support your daughter's unique learning needs: our small classes allow us to put your daughter at the centre of every learning experience.



## Research-Based



## Beyond the Early Years

The Early Learning Program is just the beginning of your daughter's journey. Since 1993, Linden has been proudly graduating confident and capable students skilled in critical and creative thinking, who have become leaders in not only STEM fields, but also the arts, humanities, and global entrepreneurship. Our graduates enjoy a university acceptance rate of 100% to their first choice of program, and this year, all students who applied for early acceptance received offers.

The Early Learning Program gives girls the foundation they need to excel academically and to contribute to the Linden and global community.



## Strong Foundation

## High-Calibre Specialists

Meet Savannah Barker (OCT, MA), who is one of our Early Learning Program teachers. She excels in integrating best practices for developing high-quality inquiry- and play-based learning experiences that promote the cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development of students.

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Each new student experiences a remarkable transformation within a few months of joining Linden. Girls who were hesitant can now read out loud and lead conversations, eagerly asking questions and sharing opinions. Their love for learning and infinite capacity to explore and grow is a source of pure joy in the classroom.

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## Girl-Centred



## Nurturing



## Small Class Size

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We switched schools mid-year after a disappointing experience with a 34-student classroom. Our daughter was overwhelmed by the sheer number of kids and had stopped communicating. During her very first week at Linden we saw a dramatic change as she started to brighten up and look happy again, eager to return to Linden the following day. When asked if she liked Linden she told me, “No. I don’t like it. I love it!” The small class size really allows teachers to follow a play-based approach by enabling the girls to lead their own learning without getting bogged down with crowd control issues.

It makes all the difference.

—Early Learner Parent

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## Individualized Attention

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The small class sizes—the level of attention paid to the social dynamics between the girls, and the one-on-one attention and mentoring has been outstanding.

This is a critical factor that other schools just aren't able to provide for some reason. So, whether a child is perfectly capable, or has a few challenges, the awareness of each girl's talents and predilections lends itself to creating a supportive environment where no one falls through the cracks.

—Linden Parent Survey Respondent

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# ADMISSION GUIDE

## 1. Explore

- Read our early learning blog:  
[www.lindenschool.ca/early\\_learning\\_blog](http://www.lindenschool.ca/early_learning_blog)
- Explore our program and philosophy:  
[www.lindenschool.ca/why\\_choose\\_linden](http://www.lindenschool.ca/why_choose_linden)

## 2. Visit

- Meet our admissions team and faculty
- Get a personalized tour of the school

## 3. Apply

- Include the following in your application:
  - Linden application form (downloaded from [www.lindenschool.ca/application\\_form](http://www.lindenschool.ca/application_form))
  - Birth certificate copy
  - Immunization record copy
  - Application fee

## 4. Meet

- Once the application has been received, you and your daughter will be invited to participate in an informal meeting that will help us get to know you

## 5. Enroll

- Admission offers will be made once the above-mentioned requirements are completed

We welcome girls who are 4 years and older. Early learning applicants are accepted on a rolling basis until spaces are filled. You can apply anytime.

Early Learning class size is capped at 10 students per class.

Affordable tuition with sibling discounts and financial assistance. Optional after-school care available.

## Book your visit today!

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