



### **School Hours**

School hours for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students are permitted on school property after 8:40 a.m. Most students are dropped off at 8:45 a.m. to ensure they will be ready for class on time.

### **Transportation**

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the school. Information about private school bus companies is available at the office. Public transportation is nearby (OC Transpo routes: #18 in front of school, and #3 two blocks away).

### **Lunch & Recess**

Students bring a lunch and snack to school. A “hot or cold lunch” programme is available for purchase 4 days per week. Microwave ovens are available in each classroom for student use.

There is a morning recess with supervised outdoor play and a second outdoor period following lunch. The school is equipped with an enclosed play area, a climbing structure and sand box. A second, paved area is used for ball games and activities.

### **Trips & Outings**

Educational trips and outings are an important part of the Counterpoint Academy™ experience. Each class will have at least one or two special experiences per month, which may include trips to the National Arts Centre, Museums, or in-school visits from authors and musicians. In addition, students in Grades 3 to 6 go on a class overnight excursion each year.

### **Concerts**

Public speaking and self-confidence go hand-in-hand. These important skills are encouraged through monthly assemblies and class concerts, which take place in December and June. Music, Poetry, French and Drama are all showcased at these special family events.

### **Homework**

Homework assignments are designed as part of the overall curriculum. Parents are encouraged to support their child with homework assignments. Each student is responsible for completing the work to the best of his or her ability. Junior and Senior Kindergarten students may receive small, occasional homework assignments. Students in Grades 1 through 6 expect homework daily. Approximately 10 to 20 minutes of work is added per grade level.

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## Community

At Counterpoint Academy™, our students enjoy the small, family-style atmosphere and are treated as a respected, contributing member. Inclusiveness and kindness are key expectations. Social events, concerts and extra-curricular activities provide opportunities for friendships to develop. Parental involvement in class trips and special school events strengthens relationships with teachers and other parents.

## Extended Programmes

Counterpoint Academy™ offers a rich and varied programme of after school activities. Our Clever Kids™ programmes are available daily and include activities such as:

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| • Before School Care | 7:30am - 8:40am | • Chess Club               |
| • Homework Club      | 3:15pm - 5:30pm | • Robotics/Computer Skills |
| • Fun with Friends   | 3:15pm - 5:30pm | • Private Piano Lessons    |
| • PD Day Care        | 8:30am - 4:30pm | • Sports Clubs             |
| • March Break Camp   | 8:30am - 4:30pm | • Martial Arts             |
| • Summer Camps       | 8:30am - 4:30pm | • Swim Team                |
|                      |                 | • Dance Club               |

## Special Services

A variety of special services, staffed by fully qualified professionals, are available at Counterpoint Academy™:

- Speech & Language Therapy
- Tutoring
- Educational Testing

Services are conducted by certified professionals for an additional fee. Recommendation for assessment is provided by the homeroom teacher or principal.

