

**Herman L. Bradt Primary School
Kindergarten Screening Results**

Spring 2023

Dear Parents:

The ***Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning, Fourth Edition*** (DIAL-4), is an individually administered screening test designed to identify young children in need of help with academic skills or in need of further assessment. The DIAL-4 tests a child's skills in the following areas: Motor (skipping, hopping, cutting, writing), Concepts (knowledge of colors, numbers, and other early learning concepts), and Language (articulation, knowledge of letters, sounds, and words, and problem-solving skills).

The skills measured on the DIAL-4 have been shown to help predict a child's success in the classroom. The DIAL-4 screening can help parents and teachers determine whether future interventions or evaluations are needed. Screening information gives our Kindergarten Team the opportunity to prepare to meet the needs of each kindergarten student. We realize and take into account that other factors (anxiety, mood, health) may have had an influence on your child's performance on his/her screening day.

The DIAL-4 provides scores that show how a child's developmental skills compare with those of the national norm group (a group of typical children from across the United States who are the same age as your child). On the DIAL-4, percentile ranks range from 1 to 99 and compare your child's performance with other students at their same age level. A percentile rank of 50 is average (50th percentile) and means that a student scored higher than 50 out of 100 same-aged peers in the normative sample for the assessment. Thus, if your child obtains a percentile rank of 70, it means your child scored higher than 70 out of 100 same-aged peers in the normative sample for the assessment.

The Kindergarten Screening Team reviewed the results for each child screened. In general, if a child scored below the 10th percentile in a specific performance area, his/her progress will be monitored in that area throughout the school year to determine the need for potential interventions, re-screening, or further evaluation. There may be some instances where developmentally, your child's scores are age-appropriate, however, the evaluator made observations of your child's current skills that warrant keeping an eye on his/her development in that area. Your child's classroom teacher will keep you informed on your child's progress and the need to pursue any additional support or evaluations.

We are truly excited to welcome your child to kindergarten at Bradt Primary School and look forward to getting to know them this year!

Sincerely,

The Bradt Kindergarten Screening Team