



Welcome to Kindergarten

Thursday May 30, 2024



Calgary Board
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Agenda



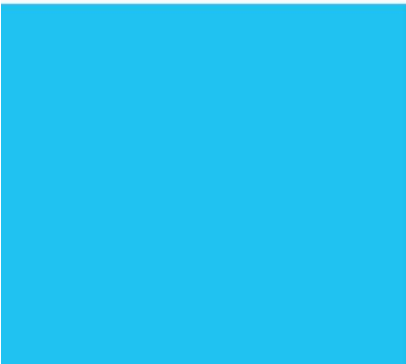
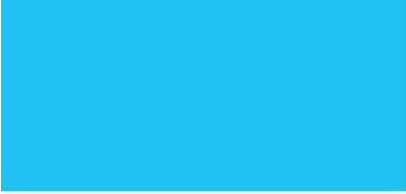
- Introductions
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

The Calgary Board of Education



The early years are a time of significant development in a child's life. Personalized attention is extremely beneficial to early learners.

At the Calgary Board of Education, we understand that children bring their own unique talents and gifts to their learning experience. Our dedicated staff know how to help children reach their full potential.



Learning Through **PLAY**

More than just skill building or practicing for the world we will grow into, play is the primary way which children manipulate new information, fit it into existing schema or create new ones and then adjust their understanding accordingly.

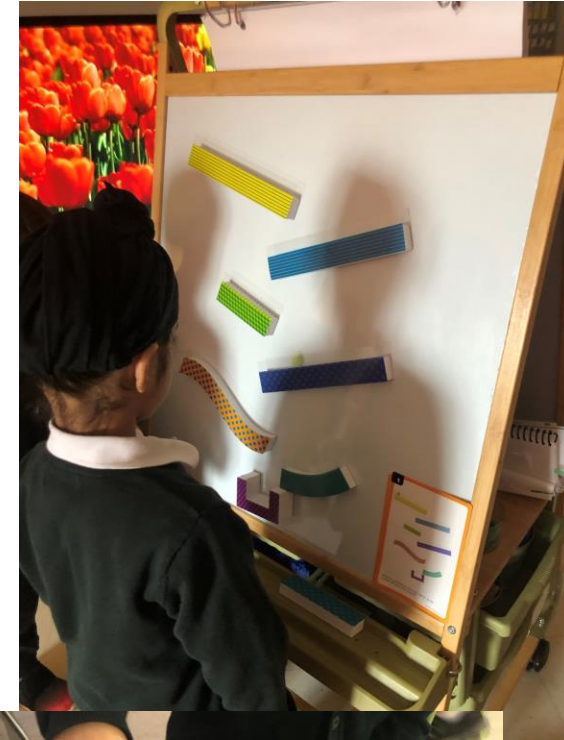
formulating **hypothesis**

engaging in experimentation and exploration

discovering patterns

creating **theories**

Learning Through PLAY



Learning Through PLAY



“Research shows that children who engage in complex forms of socio-dramatic play have greater language skills than non-players, better social skills, more empathy, more imagination, and more of the subtle capacity to know what others mean. They are less aggressive and show more self-control and higher levels of thinking”

~Miller & Almon

Early Literacy & Numeracy



Enhanced Supports



The classroom teacher is at the centre of your child's learning team and is supported by a school learning team. Based on classroom needs, each kindergarten program will also be supported by a multidisciplinary team that works with large and small groups in the classroom.

This team may consist of:

Education Assistants or Early Childhood Practitioners

Early Learning Strategists

Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)

Psychologists

Occupational Therapists (OTs)

Physiotherapists (PTs)

School Family Liaison (SFL)

English Language Learners



We encourage families to help their children continue to use and develop their home language



68% of our students speak a language at home other than English



We have staff members who speak Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, Pashtu, Arabic, Kurdish, French

Our staff and students are always happy to help when a student needs help to communicate

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- dress themselves (zippers, buttons, shoes & boots!)
- use the bathroom and wash their hands on their own
- put away toys and help out in other small ways at home
- practice opening and closing snack containers and using a water bottle
- play games, take turns and compromise
- develop a consistent bedtime routine



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Read to your child every day:

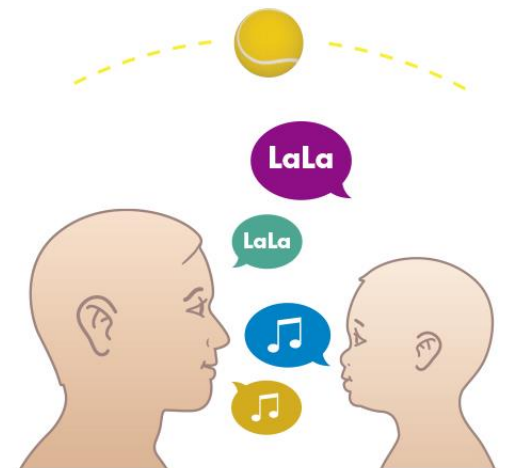
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- visit your community library (when possible)

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:

- share special activities together, such as walks to the park
- talk about what you are seeing and doing
- talk, read, sing and play in *your first language* every day
- praise children for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks
- talk about how it is okay to make mistakes



Important Times & Dates



June 16, 2024 – Deadline for bus registration



August 29, 2024 – First Day of School Staggered Entry

August 30, 2024 – AM Kindergarten Class Attends



September 2, 2024 - Labour Day – School Closed

September 3, 2024 – First Day of School

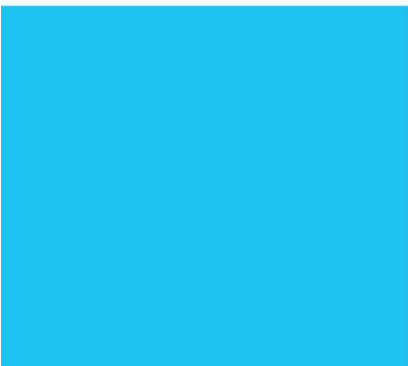
September 6, 2024 – PM Kindergarten Class Attends



Important Times & Dates



Regular Schedule:



Monday to Thursday		Fridays Alternating AM & PM Classes
AM Class	8:55 AM – 11:45 AM	8:55 AM – 12:35 PM
PM Class	12:45 PM – 3:35 PM	

First Days of Kindergarten



August 29, 2024 – Staggered Entry



8:55 AM – 9:55 AM: Last Name A - J

10:55 AM – 11:55 AM: Last Name K - Z



12:45 PM – 1:45 PM: Last Name A – K

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM: Last Name L - Z

Bussing will not be available for August
29, 2024

Transportation | Bussing



One-way bussing for Kindergarten

- Morning Program – Bus to school, parents pick up
- Afternoon Program – Parents drop off, children ride the bus home

Kindergarten students are walked to their bus by an adult



Transportation | Bussing



Register for transportation by June 16, 2024



Registration is available through your [MyCBE account](#).



The fee is \$130 for one-way Kindergarten transportation

[Visit www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca)

For more information



School Fees



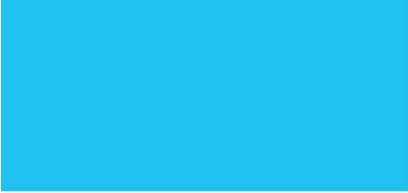
Student Supply Fee for Half- Day Kindergarten is \$20



Bussing (if applicable) \$130



Field Trip fees as required – We aim to limit these fees as much as possible



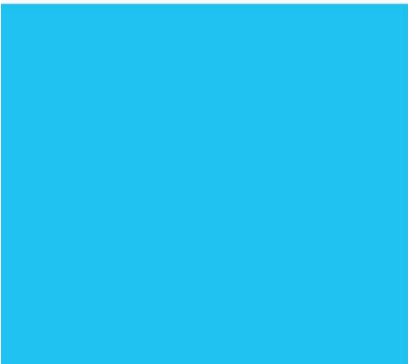
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All fees are accessed and paid through your [MyCBE account](#)



Visit the [Fees & Waivers page](#) on the CBE website for more information about fees and waivers



Volunteering



- We welcome volunteers to support learning at our school
- Parent volunteers are vital to making field trips happen
- Please obtain your clearance at the beginning of the school year

How to Volunteer

- Visit the school office to register as a volunteer
- Visit the CPS online electronic Police Information Check (ePIC) to obtain your police check
 - There is a fee of \$21.25 to be paid to CPS
- Share your clearance document with the school

Security Clearance is valid for 5 years. A new school volunteer form will need to be filled out each year

School Council



Parent group dedicated to supporting student learning at our school

- Fun Lunches
- Spirit Wear
- Field Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Coordinating Volunteers
- Purchasing technology and special learning supplies

Casino Date to be announced for January –
March 2025 More info to come!

Additional Resources



The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness*:
<https://calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/kitchen-table-classroom-kindergarten-readiness/>



The Calgary Public Library- Kindergarten Booklist:
https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393767397_calgarylibrary_kids/1859193931_books_to_get_ready_for_kindergarten?_ga=2.167944481.1601611572.1619640025-939542020.1599601380



I'm Ready for Screens- Parent Resource:
https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English

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Questions

