



# Welcome to Kindergarten

Thursday May 28, 2026



Calgary Board of Education

# 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.

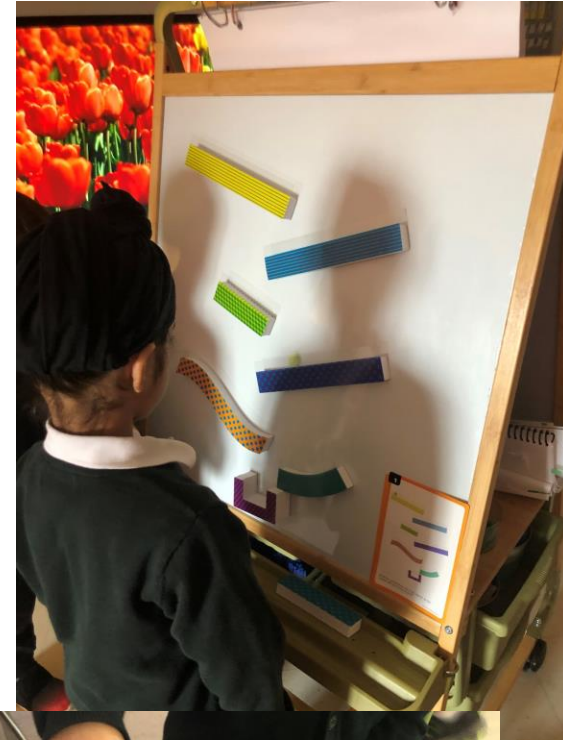
formulating **hypothesis**

**engaging** in experimentation and exploration

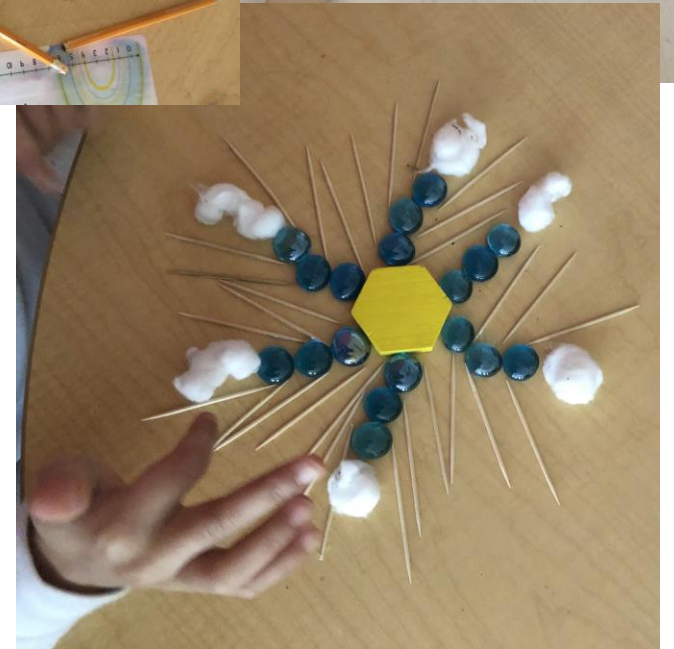
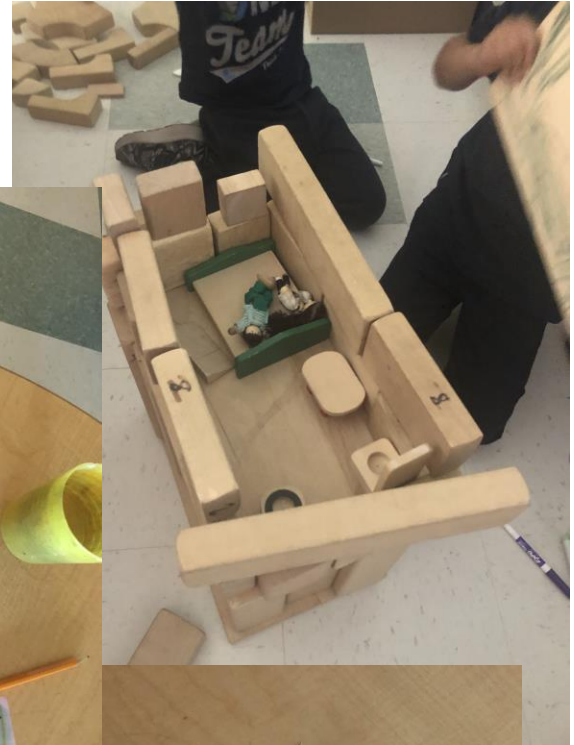
**discovering** patterns

creating **theories**

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*“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.

# Enhanced Supports



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



78% of our students speak a language at home other than English



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

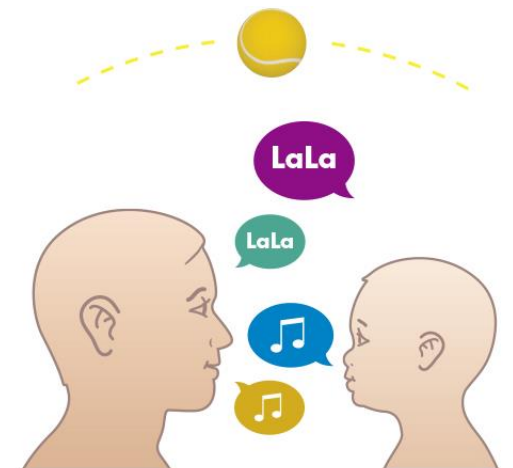
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- 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 Dates & Times



## Regular Schedule:



<b>Monday to Thursday</b>		<b>Fridays Alternating AM &amp; PM Classes</b>
<b>AM Class</b>	<b>9:05 AM - 11:55 AM</b>	<b>9:05 AM – 1:07 PM</b>
<b>PM Class</b>	<b>12:47 PM – 3:37 PM</b>	

# First Days of Kindergarten



## Staggered Entry



## August 31, 2026

- Three – 30 - minute blocks
- Parents are welcome to join their child to participate in classroom activities



## September 1, 2026

- Two - One hour and 10 - minute blocks
- Children attend with half of their class

# First Days of Kindergarten



September 2 and 3, 2026

Children attend for the full ½ Kindergarten day!  
Bussing available



September 4, 2026

AM Kindergarten attends for the full day 9:05  
am – 1:07 pm



Times and further details will be shared by  
email

# Important Dates & Times



September 3, 2026 – School Council Meeting  
Please watch for an email invitation!



September 7, 2026 – No School (Labour Day)

September 11, 2026 – PM Kindergarten Class Attends



September 24, 2026 – Meet the Teacher

# Attendance



Please contact the school to let us know if your child will not be attending school

If your family is planning to take an extended holiday (2-weeks or more) please contact the office. We will ask you to submit an extended absence form.

# 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

**Bus Registration is Now Open**

**Register for transportation by June 14, 2026**

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

The fee is \$250 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) \$250



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

## School Fees



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 no fee if you complete the check online
- 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 Fundraisers

# School Council

Our Next Casino Fundraiser will be on October 24 & 25 at Pure Casino

Please consider volunteering for this important fundraiser



# Additional Resources



Click the links below to access the following helpful resources

[The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness](#)

[The Calgary Public Library- Kindergarten Booklist](#)

[I'm Ready for Screens- Parent Resource](#)

[Kindergarten Eye See, Eye Learn Program](#)

# Questions



Use this QR code to access our  
CJM Kindergarten page.