



Kindergarten Orientation

Banting and Best School

Thursday, May 16, 2024

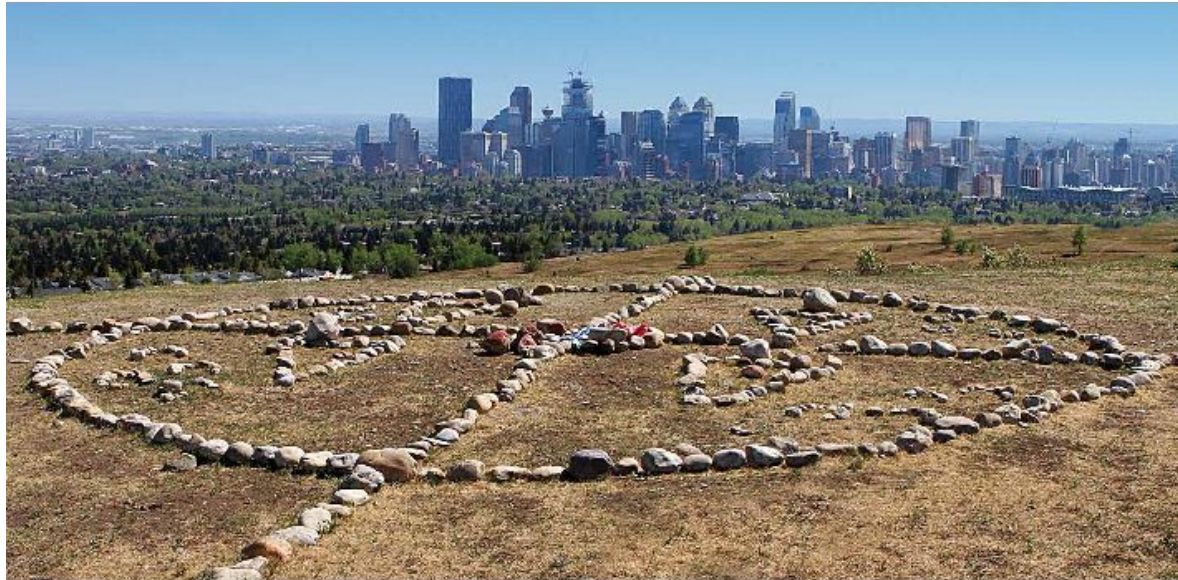
(5:30 - 7:00 pm)



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of Education**



Acknowledging the land where we gather



We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



learning | as unique | as every student

Meet our Banting and Best 2023-24 Kindergarten Team



Ms. Jordan Gardiner
Teacher



Ms. Chantelle Laviolette
Teacher



Ms. Shauna Frank
Teacher



Ms. Kim Durnford
Principal



Mrs. Heather Seymour
Learning Leader



Mrs. Roselea Allard
Admin Secretary

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School Council



- School Council provides parents an opportunity to hear and make decisions about activities and resources that are provided to students at Banting and Best School
- School Council meetings occur monthly
 - In-person and virtual options
 - Meetings take place every second Tuesday of most months from 6:00-7:30 pm
- For more information click [here](#)

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.

[CBE Kindergarten Video](#)

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**



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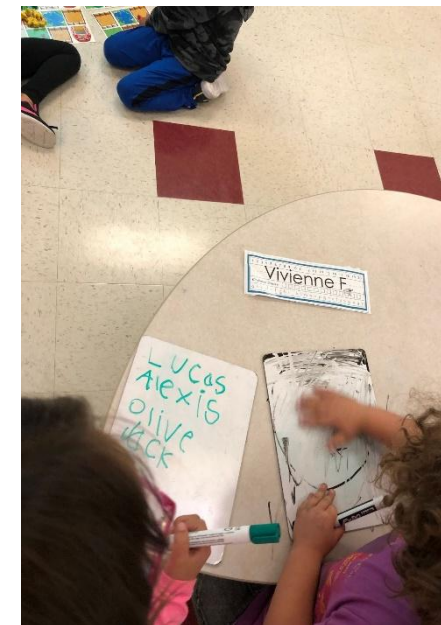
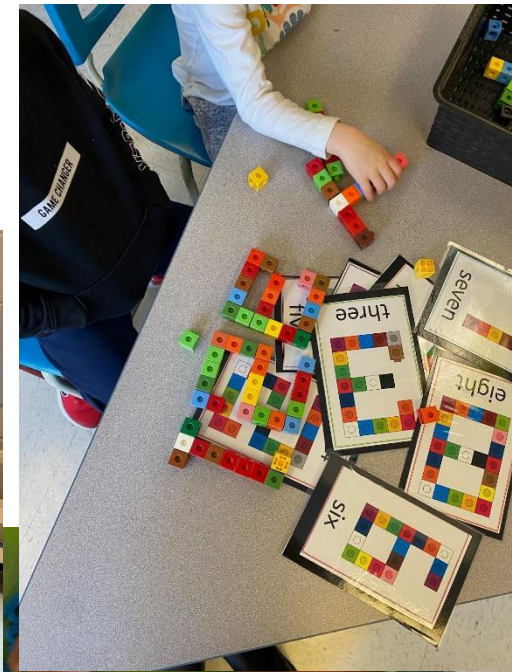


“Research shows that children who engage in complex forms of socio-dramatic play have greater language skills than non-players, better social skills, more empathy, more imagination, and more of the subtle capacity to know what others mean. They are less aggressive and show more self-control and higher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

~Miller & Almon

Early Literacy & Numeracy

The kindergarten curriculum addresses early literacy skill development through phonological and phonemic awareness. Developing strong oral language skills is a large part of the kindergarten curriculum and foundational to later reading and writing skill development. In kindergarten, both literacy and numeracy outcomes are addressed through a combination of direct teaching and intentionally designed play-based centres.



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)



Kindergarten Birthdate Calendar | 2024-25



2018	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Students will be 6 in 2024
2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Students will be 5 in 2024
2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Students will be 4 in 2024

Blue Months- Child must be registered in Grade One.

Green Months- Child should be registered in Kindergarten (*please see below)

Yellow Months- Child is eligible to start Kindergarten in 2024-25 **OR** 2025-26

Red Months- Cannot register as this child is too young (born after December 31, 2019 cutoff).

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- Dress themselves (zippers, buttons, shoes)
- 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
- Practice using scissors
- Practice reading and writing their own name



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)

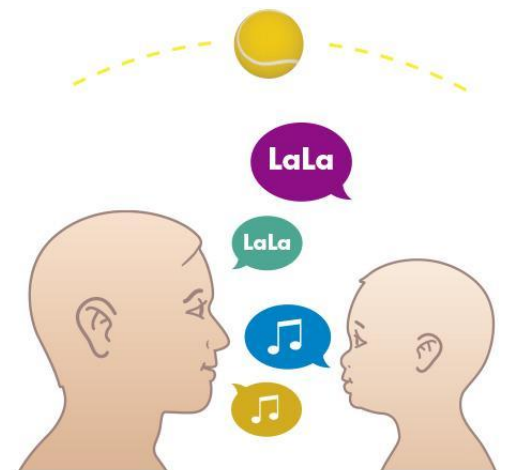


Getting Ready for Kindergarten



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



Calgary Public Library Supports Readiness for future Kindergarten Students!



View this [video](#) to learn about FIVE tips for school readiness from the Calgary Public Library!

Visit the [Kindergarten Family Event](#) page for more info!

First Days of Kindergarten: What to Bring



When students come to Kindergarten, they need to bring:

- A backpack (make sure it's big enough)
- Indoor running shoes (labelled with their name)
- A change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks - labelled)
- Healthy snacks – students need to be able to open packages and containers independently
- A water bottle (labelled with their name)

*****It is important all items are labelled with student names.**

****The teacher will meet the students outside on the West Side of the School (across from the playground).**

A TYPICAL DAY IN KINDERGARTEN



MORNING ROUTINE

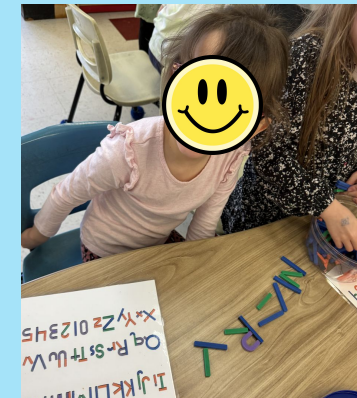
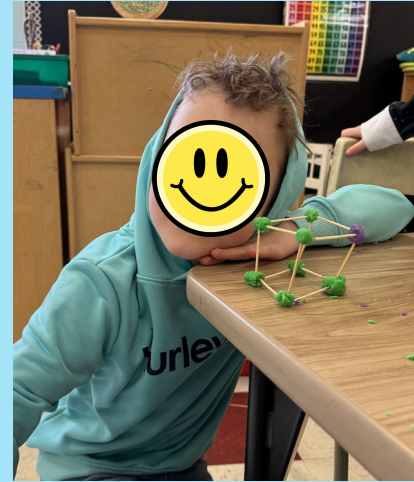
-Hang up belongings



-Breakfast

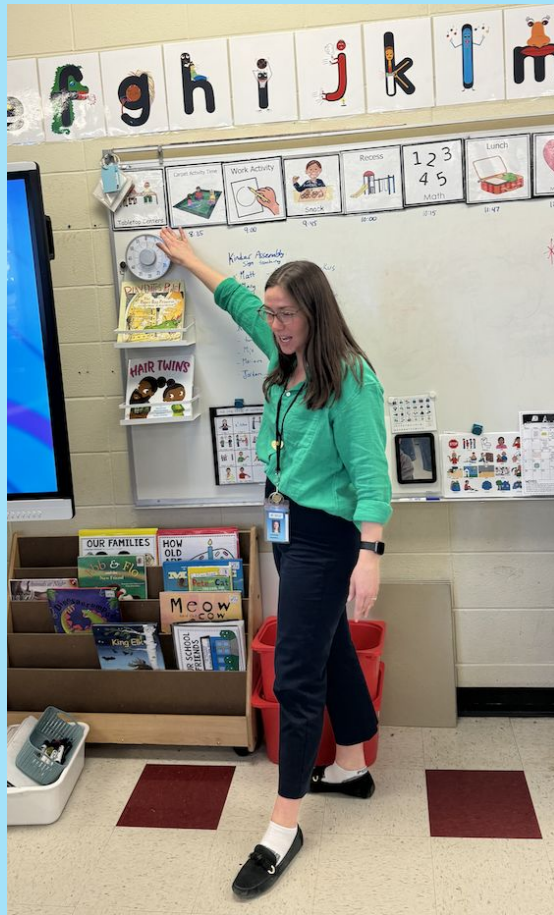


-Table Top Centres



MORNING MEETING

- Daily Schedule Review



- Songs



- Stories

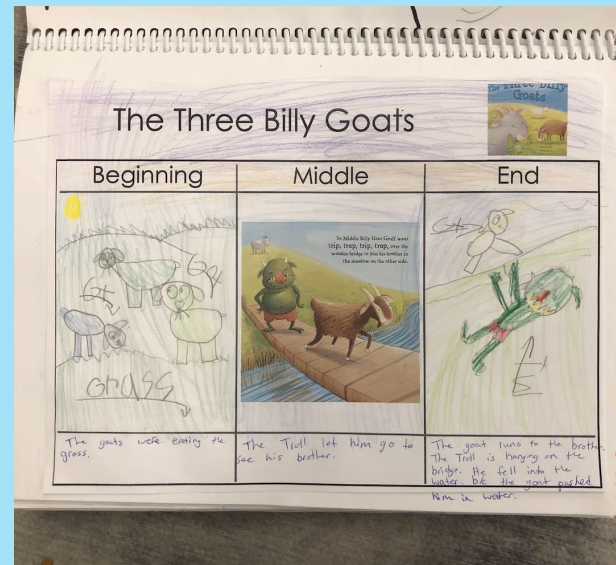
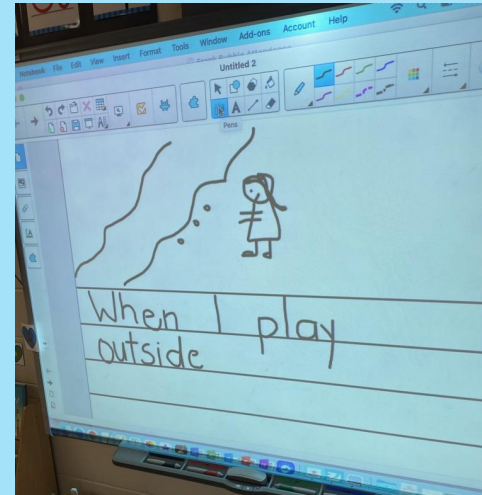
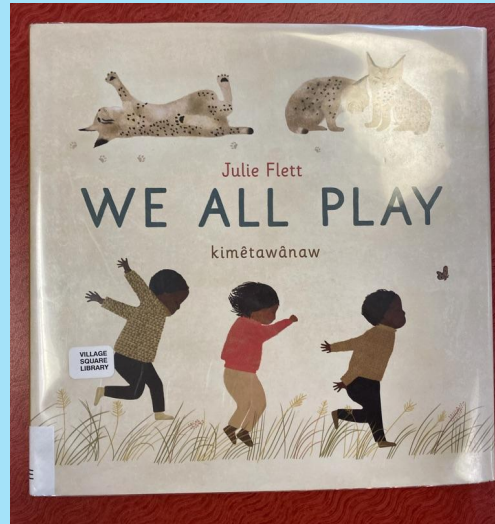
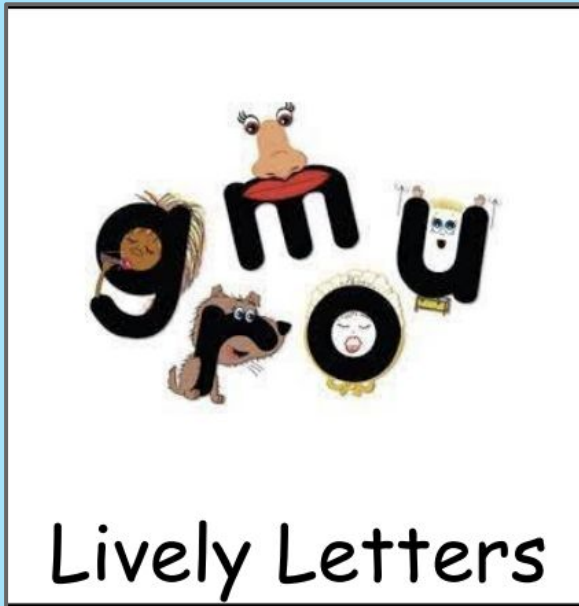


KINDERGARTEN JOBS

- Literacy/Phonics

- Journalling

- Numeracy



GYM

- Gross Motor



- Group Games



- Coordination



SNACK

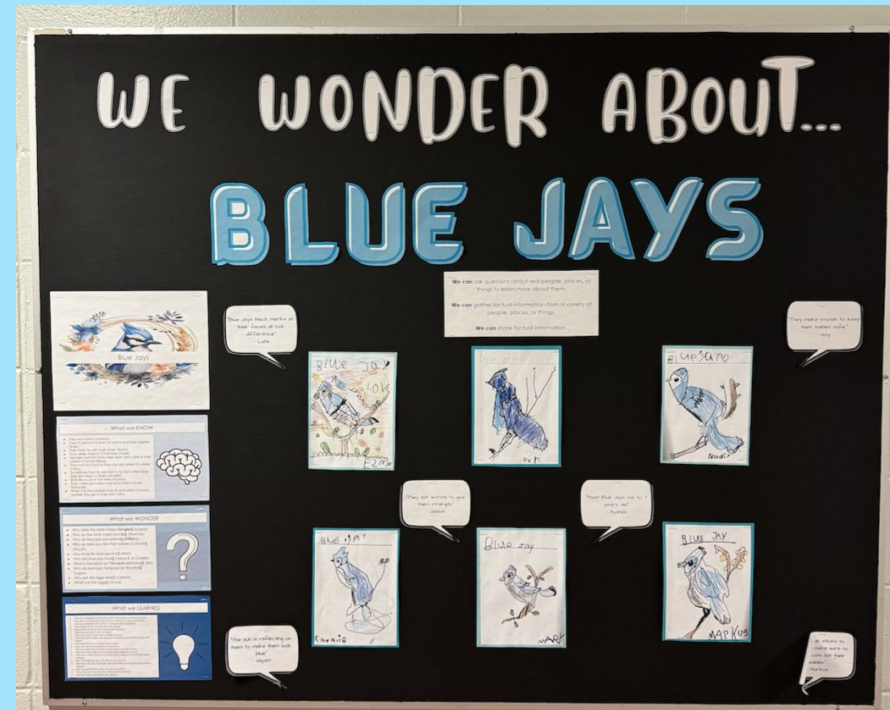
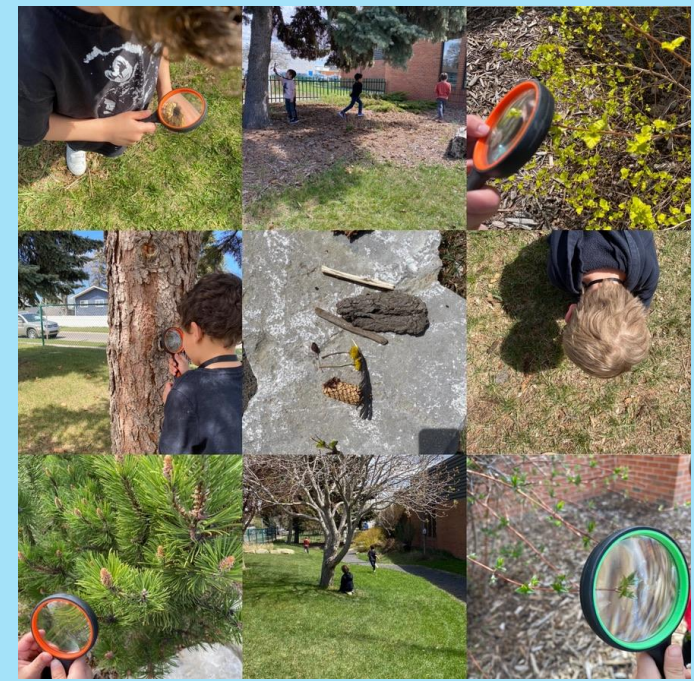
- Independent
- Nutritious
- Water Bottle



OUTDOOR LEARNING

- Wednesday Walks

- Outdoor Learning Space



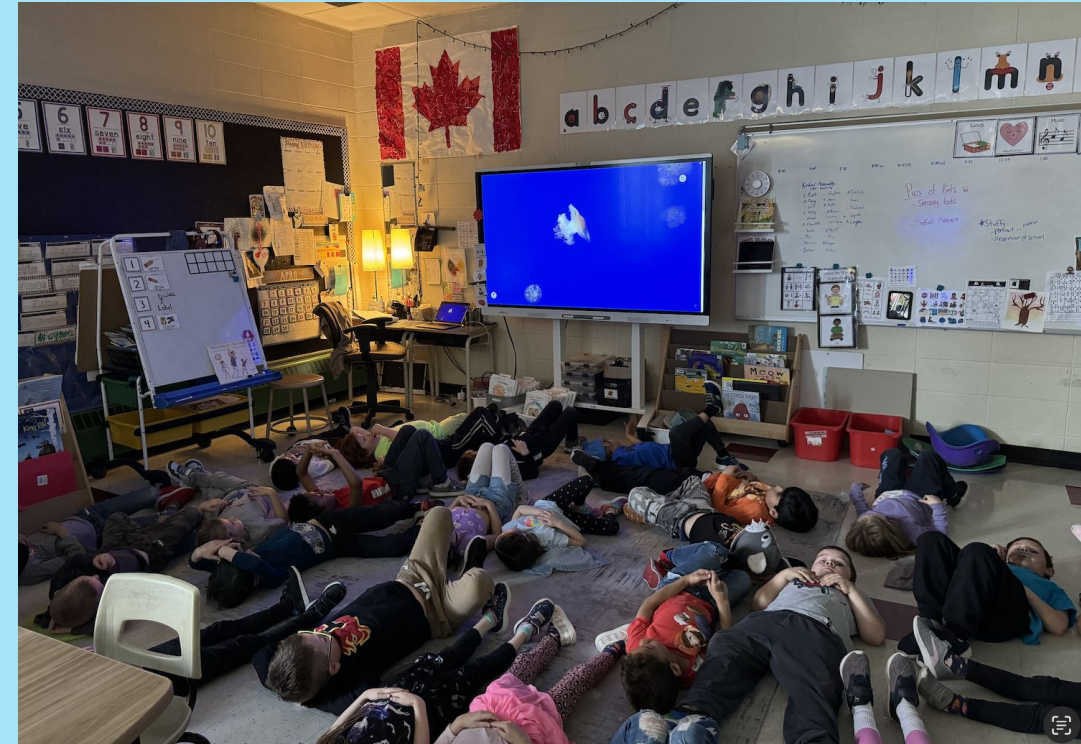
- Inquiry Projects

YOGA/MEDITATION

- Calm

- Reset

- Mindfulness

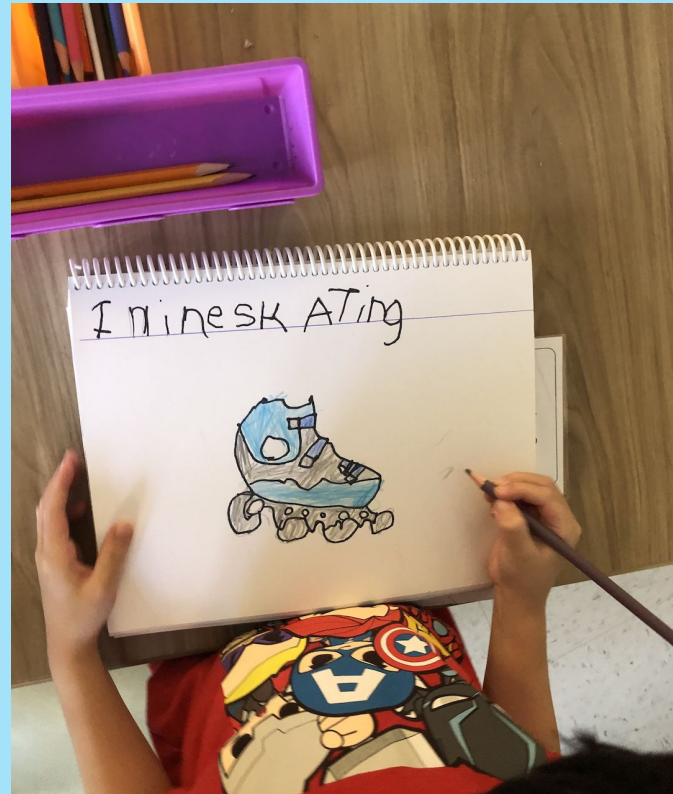


KINDERGARTEN WORK

- Fine motor

- Guided Drawing

- Classroom Guests



CENTRES

- Exploration



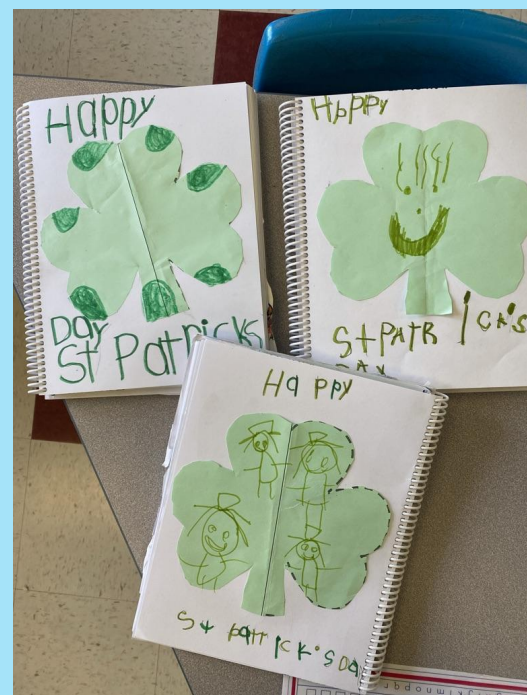
- Free Play



- Social Skills



SPECIAL DAYS



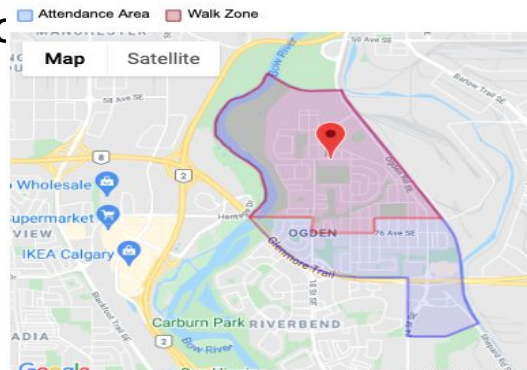
HOME TIME

-independence -dismissal -aftercare programs -bus



Transportation | Bussing

- Students who are outside of the Walk Zone (blue area on the map) are able to access Bussing. A more detailed map can be found [here](#)
- Registration for bussing is completed online using your MyCBE/PowerSchool Account
- **Families must register by approximately June 10** for addresses to be considered for congregated stops (exact date to be determined)
 - Registrations for bussing are accepted after the deadline; however, students are added to the closest existing stop with available space, and processing in September can take up to 8 weeks due to volume
- For Kindergarten students:
 - For a.m. classes, students can take the bus to school and families will need to arrange pickup.
 - For p.m. classes, families will need to arrange drop off, and students can take the bus home
- This year the annual fee was **\$130 (one way)**. It is possible to request to have this fee waived.
- The CBE offers a school bus orientation program for first-time riders and their parents, called [My 1st Ride](#). The program consists of a presentation followed by a short ride on a school bus. Sessions run **Sat. June 26, 2024**. These sessions are **FREE** but families must register.



Important Times & Dates

Tentative schedule for 2024/25 Kindergarten

These times are **approximate, times will be confirmed via email when approved*



Monday-Thursday:

- AM class:
 - arrival (soft-entry): 8:00 am
 - 8:10-11:00 am
- PM class 12:00-2:50 pm
 - arrival: 12:00pm



Alternating Fridays:

- 8:10-12:30 pm



First Day of School:

- Grades 1-3: August 29, 2024
- **Kindergarten Staggered Entry, Aug 29th & 30th**
You will receive your child's staggered entry time via email closer to start date.

Back to School Open House:

- August 28, 2024, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- All students and families are encouraged to attend

First Days of Kindergarten



The first **two** days of Kindergarten are staggered entry days. Students come for a shorter amount of time (approximately 60-90 minutes) so they can feel more comfortable and get used to the routines of Kindergarten with fewer students.



Staggered Entry dates are:

- Thursday, August 29th
- Friday, August 30th

Your child's staggered entry times will be confirmed via email, along with your AM/PM designation before the end of June.



Monday, Sept 2nd - NO School for students

Tuesday, September 3 - Regular AM/PM Schedule begins

Before and After School Care Programs



Coded Minds

- **before** and **after** program in our school gym

Find out more about the program [here](#); Register [here](#)



Lynnwood Learning Centre

- daycare during non-Kindergarten hours/days

Find out more about the program [here](#)



Kids R Fun Daycare

- daycare during non-Kindergarten hours/days

Find out more [here](#)

These centres will be
attending the
orientation on May 16...
see each booth to ask
any questions you may
have!

Please note: we are providing these as a courtesy, not as a recommendation.
The CBE does not endorse certain before/after programs or daycare centres.

Volunteering

We welcome volunteers in the classroom, on field trips and with certain tasks at school or at home as certain activities or field trips would not be possible without the active participation of our volunteers.

All adult volunteers require a valid security clearance - **NO exceptions.**

We can start the security clearance process at any time, so that when volunteer opportunities arise, you have a valid security clearance. We recommend starting the process as soon as possible as it can several weeks to complete. Security clearances are good for **five years** and is transferable to any CBE School.



Additional Resources

Please see your package for the following documents:

- Banting and Best Orientation Letter
- Tentative Banting and Best Calendar
- Immunization Information
- Attendance Tips
- CBE Kindergarten Welcome Letter
- Specialized Services Flat Sheet

The email also included the following links:

- The Calgary Public Library has created a short video, [School Readiness | How to Prepare for Kindergarten](#)
- [The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness*](#):*Developed in collaboration with the CPL, Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School Division
- [The Calgary Public Library- Kindergarten Booklist:](#)
- [I'm Ready for Screens- Parent Resource:](#)
- [Talk box: A parents' guide to creating a language rich environment](#)
- From our Physical Therapist: [Intro to Physical Literacy](#)

Our School Website contains a wealth of information: [Banting and Best School Website](#)

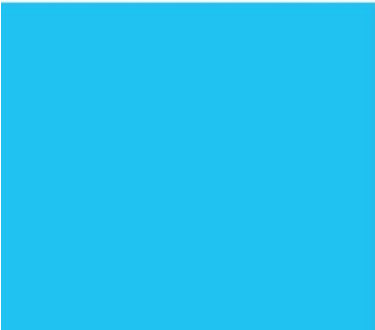




Parents can Self-Refer for Speech Support

You don't have to wait until Kindergarten to receive speech support for your child.

Parents can self-refer ***now*** through AHS by calling (403)910-2070



Parent/Guardian Next Steps:



- ❑ **ATTEND the IN-PERSON Kindergarten orientation at Banting and Best School on Thursday, May 16th from 5:30 - 7:00pm**
- ❑ Register for your MyCBE/PowerSchool Account
- ❑ Register for Bussing Transportation (if required)
- ❑ Register for daycare (if required)
- ❑ Subscribe to ensure you receive all emails/texts → → → → → → → → → →
- ❑ Police Security Clearance (to volunteer)
- ❑ Watch for an email to arrive in late August from Admin and your child's teacher
- ❑ Have a great summer!

SUBSCRIBE  **stay informed**



1. Complete the form at www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe

2. Text YES to 978338

Please contact us (bantingandbest@cbe.ab.ca) with any questions or concerns that you may have

May 16 Kindergarten Orientation - Community Partner Booths

During the evening, families will have the opportunity to connect with the following resources:

- Daycare/Before and After Centres
- Nurse Stephen - immunization information
- Ogden Hub:29
- B&B School Council & Fundraising Society (Mabels Labels)
- See Mrs. Allard for Volunteer registration





We are excited for your child to join us in August. We look forward to working together with you to help your child have a great start to their school career.



Banting and Best School Staff



Questions

Please feel free to ask any outstanding questions during the Kindergarten Open House on **Thursday, May 16th**. The event begins at 5:30pm!

