



Kindergarten Orientation

Battalion Park School

May 8, 2025

5:30pm – 6:30pm



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Land Acknowledgment



Agenda



- School Council and the Signal Hill School Enhancement Society
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important information, dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten
- Communication information
- Supporting you child's learning & resources
- Questionnaire
- Kindergarten classroom visit

****Please note:** A digital copy of this presentation will be emailed to families

School Council and Signal Hill School Enhancement Society (SHSES)



Battalion Park School Council

- Encouraging and enhance community culture.
- Volunteering for school events like the Halloween dance, family skating night, etc.
- Holds In person and virtual meetings 7 times a year to inform parents and provide opportunities for involvement in ongoing school activities.

Signal Hill School Enhancement Society (SHSES)

- Provides financial support for student program enhancements
- SHSES holds meetings 4 times a year.

Volunteering

We are currently looking for volunteers for both the School Council and the SHSES for the next school year.

Sign up for volunteering in Fall or reach out to us at:

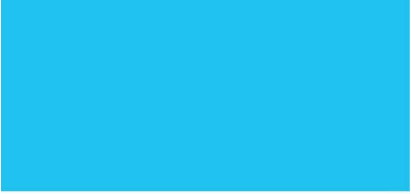
- bpschoolcouncil.ca or volunteersbps@gmail.com
- info@shses.ca

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)

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

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



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Read to your child every day:

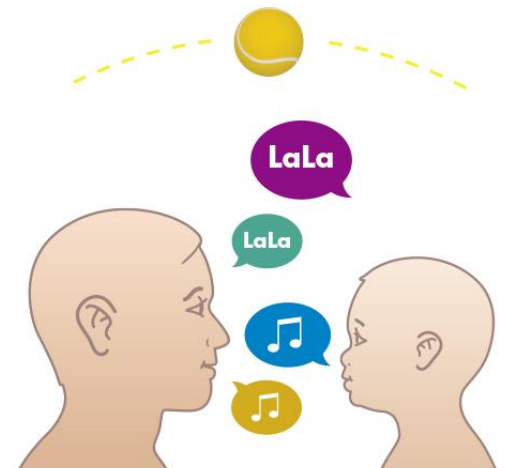
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



First Days of Kindergarten



For the first day of classes, and every day that follows, please be sure to send your child to school with:

- A backpack large enough to hold a library book, a 'Home and Back' folder, a lunch bag and a water bottle.
- Healthy snack: If your child is attending before or after school care, please pack the snack for school in a separate container/box
- Indoor running shoes with Velcro fasteners (shoes will be left at school) that your child can put on and take off independently
- If your child brings shoes with laces, please ensure they can tie them independently.
- Items for the weather (ie. hats, mittens).
- Clothing that is appropriate for playing, creating and exploring!
- Spare set of clothing (socks, pants, shirt, undergarments)

*****Please label all clothing, backpacks, shoes, lunch boxes and snack containers with your child's name*****



Staggered Entry



We will begin the school year in a 'staggered entry' format. Please note the date and timeslot below for your child's first day of school.



Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Morning Classes:
Last names A to K

Afternoon Class:
Last names A to K



Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Morning Classes:
Last names L to Z

Afternoon Class:
Last names L to Z

Regular Classes Begin:
Thurs. Sept. 4, 2025

As we are awaiting system approval of our bell times for the 2025-26 school year, these times may change slightly in September.

Regular School Hours – Thurs., Sep. 4, 2025



Please note that Fridays are an early dismissal day for Battalion Park School. Therefore, BOTH morning and afternoon Kindergarten classes will attend for a portion of the morning.

Morning Classes:
Start time 8:38

Mondays to Thursdays:

Fridays:
Early dismissal

Afternoon Classes:
End time: 3:11

Mondays to Thursdays:

Fridays:

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2025-26 school year.

Important Times & Dates

The 2025-2026 School Calendar will highlight school hours and important dates.

Please check the school website for the most up-to-date calendar.



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CBE schools are closed on the days
shaded grey.

August 27, 28, 29	Non-instruction days
September 1	Labour Day
September 2	First day of school
September 29	Non-instruction day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 13	Thanksgiving Day
October 20	Non-instruction day, Calgary General Election
November 7	Last day of classes
November 8-12	Fall Break
November 13	Classes resume
November 28	Non-instruction day
December 19	Last day of classes
Dec 20 - Jan 4	Winter Break
January 5	Classes resume
January 30	System Professional Learning Non-instruction day
February 12, 13	Teachers' Convention
February 16	Family Day
February 27	Non-instruction day
March 19	Last day of classes
March 20	Non-instruction day
March 21-29	Spring Break
March 30	Classes resume
April 3	Good Friday
April 24	Matoomai Pookaiks, Professional Learning Non-instruction day
May 15	Non-instruction day
May 18	Victoria Day
June 26	Last day of school Early Dismissal
June 29, 30	Non-instruction days

2025 – 2026 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

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Approved Nov. 28, 2024

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Friday	June 26	Last day of school for students; early dismissal day
Monday	June 29	Non-instruction day
Tuesday	June 30	Non-instruction day

Number of Days

Month	Operational Day	Instructional Day
August	3	0
September	20	19
October	22	21
November	17	16
December	15	15
January	20	19
February	19	16
March	17	16
April	21	20
May	20	19
June	22	20
Total	196	181

Alberta Education Minimum Hours of Instruction

- Kindergarten 475 hours per school year
- Grades 1 to 9 950 hours per school year in each grade
- Grades 10 to 12 1000 hours per school year

CBE Additional Information

- Schools may use a maximum of three (3) non-instructional days for Student Learning Conferences.
- High Schools may have one flex day for graduation. K-9 schools may not have a flex day.
- June 26 is a system-wide early dismissal day.

Transportation | Busing



Morning kindergarten program, you may be eligible for your child to ride the bus to school in the morning. Please note that you will need to arrange for your child to be picked up at the end of the kindergarten morning.

Afternoon kindergarten program, you may be eligible for your child to ride the bus home from school at the end of the day. Please note that you will need to arrange for your child to get to school at the beginning of the afternoon.

For kindergarten, **only one way busing is available**.

Register on MyCBE on the CBE website.

*ensure your PowerSchool information is up to date as that is the address they use when planning the bus routes. If you need to make changes, please contact the school office (403-777-7187)

Additional busing Information can be found on the CBE website



Transportation | Bussing



**YOUR
JOURNEY
TO SAFETY**

Day 1 Session #1

When: May 24, 2025

Where: Bishop Carrol High School
[2624 Richard Rd. SW, Calgary](#)

When: 9 AM – 3 PM

Registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open!

Day 2 Session #12

When: May 25, 2025

Where: Sherwood School
[2011 66 Ave. SE, Calgary](#)

When: 9 AM – 3 PM

Registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open!

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/my-1st-ride-2025-tickets-1301179676439?aff=oddtcreator>

Pick-Up and Drop-Off Procedures



Students will be dropped off and picked up at the kindergarten doors. Students will be dismissed to parents/caregivers. On the days you have to make alternative arrangements for your child to be picked up, please inform the office and your child's teacher.

For those students arriving/departing by bus transportation, there will be an adult to greet your child each day and they will be accompanied to the kindergarten door for the first part of the year. At the end of the day, students will be accompanied and supervised as they load onto their departing busses.

If your child is late for school, please check in at the office.

If your child is going to be away, please email battalionpark@cbe.ab.ca as well as your child's teacher.

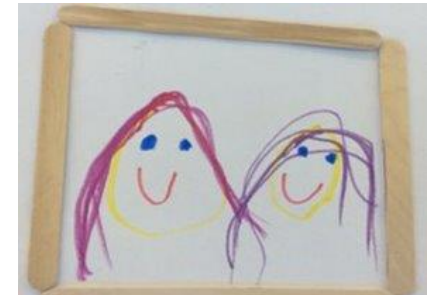


Communication



Sign up for **School Messenger** to receive emails from the school. This is the primary way we communicate with families. If you do not subscribe for emails, you will only receive limited communication. To subscribe, visit: www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe

Sign up for **MyCBE** to access information about your student's progress, school conferences, register for school bus transportation and lunchroom information. Please refer to the following pages for steps to initiate an account.



Communication



Follow these steps to access your **MyCBE account**. You will need your child's **CBE Student ID number** (available in the school office) to begin the process of activating your account.



Step 1: Click on Create a MyCBE Account

Go to: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe> and click the **Create a MyCBE Account**.

Step 2: Create Parent / Legal Guardian Account

Click the **Parent Legal Guardian** tab, if you are creating an account to access information about your children in MyCBE



Review the information on the page.

To create a MyCBE account, you must agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#). To activate the create account button:

Check the box in front of: *I agree and acknowledge the terms and conditions of a MyCBE account*. Click the **Create Parent / Legal Guardian Account** button to continue.

Communication



Complete the Parent Account Form

Enter the information in the appropriate boxes. For Email, **enter your email address that is on file at the school.**



To create an account you must link to at least one of your children.
The child must be currently enrolled or pre-registered in a CBE school or you will not be able to create an account.

Enter the following information in the appropriate boxes.

Student First Name: Child's legal first name on file at the school

Student Last Name: Child's legal last name on file at the school

CBE Student ID: Student ID Number (available at the school office)

Date of Birth: Child's date of birth



Then click ***Submit*** near the bottom of the page.

Step 3: Verify the Email Address and Sign In

Verify your email and sign in to access your new account.

You will receive a verification email to the email address you provided.

Communication



If you do not get a verification email, the email on file at the school may be different from what you used to create the account.



Click on the verification link in that email within 24 hours to finish setting up your account.

When you click on the email link, you'll see a verification screen with a congratulations message and be able to sign into your new account. Enter the username and password you chose and click **Sign In** to access your new account.



A detailed **video** outlining the steps involved can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/ezVNcTpLgdg>

Additional **details** can be found at: <https://cbe.ab.ca/support/Pages/MyCBE-PowerSchool-Creating-Account.aspx>

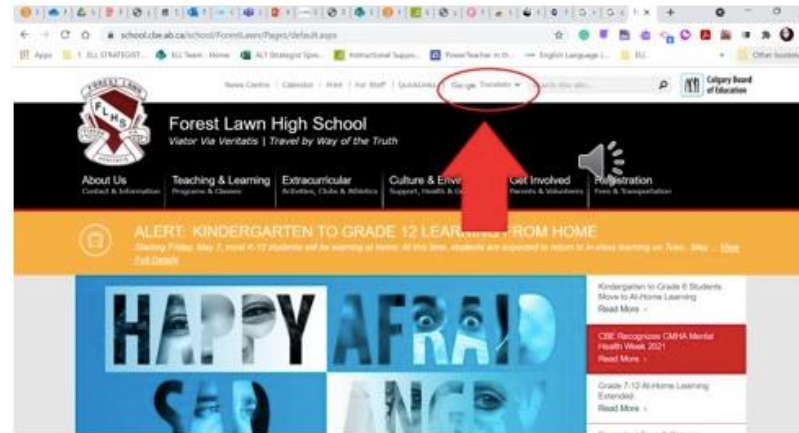
Parent Account Help Line: [403-817-6373](tel:403-817-6373)



English Language Learners



Google Translate on CBE Websites



[Link](#)

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English Language Learners



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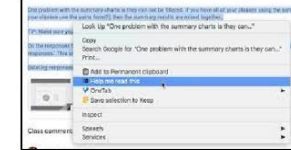
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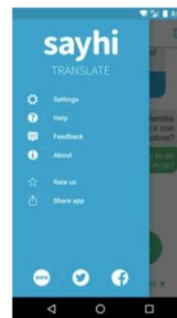
Immersive Reader



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SAY Hi App for Speaking Translation



Supporting Your Child's Learning



- ✓ Stay Connected – Your child's teacher will provide you with contact information in late August. Feel free to contact them (or the school) with any questions you may have.
- ✓ Access – The school website can be accessed for pertinent school information at: <https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/battalionpark/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✓ Attend – There will be opportunities to attend meetings to review your child's goals and progress on a regular basis throughout the school year. Dates for formal meetings will be identified on the 2025-2026 School Calendar.
- ✓ Join School Council – Become a member when school returns in September.
- ✓ Volunteer - Volunteer to assist in your child's classroom or for school events. The clearance process can take several weeks

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

*Developed in collaboration with the CPL, Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School Division

Questionnaire



We are excited to get to know your child better! Tomorrow we will email a link to a brief questionnaire to provide next year's teacher with important information about your child! Deadline for responses is **June 1, 2025**.

The information gathered will enable staff to understand your child's strengths and needs when they join our school in September.

Questions



A Sincere Welcome!



We sincerely welcome you as you begin your child's learning journey!

We are looking forward to having you join our school community and wish you many happy and rewarding experiences with us throughout the school year!



Kindergarten Classroom Visit



You are welcome to visit our kindergarten classrooms with your child.



There will be some centers for you and your child to explore and enjoy.

On our way to the classroom, we will pass by the gym, bathrooms, and main office.



To familiarize yourself with our Kindergarten doors, we will assist you and your child in exiting through the North doors at the end of our orientation.