



Kindergarten Orientation

Beddington Heights School
Friday, June 5, 2026



**Calgary Board
of Education**



Acknowledging the Land Where We Gather

Oki, Dadánast'áda, Ába Wathtec, Tānisi, Taanishi, Bonjour, Hello

The Calgary Board of Education acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi, comprised of the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Iyârhe Nakoda, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney Nations, the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta.

This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wichispa (Nakoda), and otôskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree).

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.



Agenda



- Welcome to Kindergarten CBE Video
- Learning through PLAY
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- First day of kindergarten
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- Volunteering at the School

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- The early years are a time of significant development in a child's life.
- Personalized attention is extremely beneficial to early learners.
- We understand that children bring their own unique talents and gifts to their learning experience.

<https://youtu.be/REXo5ZapcZc>

Learning Through *PLAY*



- Play as a learning **tool**
- Strength based
- Integrated learning
- Teacher and child initiated and led
- Literacy and numeracy foundations
- Social emotional development
- Encouraging exploration

Early Literacy, Numeracy, and Assessment



Types of assessment for Kindergarten students:

1. AB ED Assessments (January)
2. Report Cards
 - February – literacy and math
 - June – All subjects
3. Ongoing Observations, Anecdotal and Rubrics – PowerSchool

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Building Independence



Put on and zip jacket



Open lunch containers
and water bottle



Put on shoes



No laces!

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Building Independence



Play games



Have conversations



Clean up



Bedtime routines

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Building Independence



Summer camps



Calgary Public Library

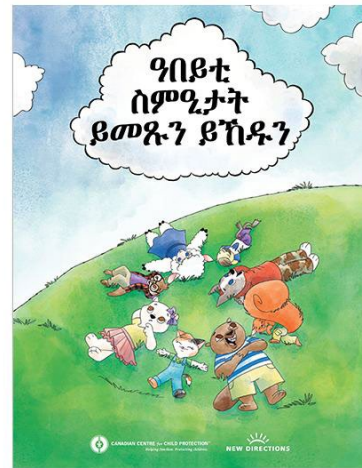
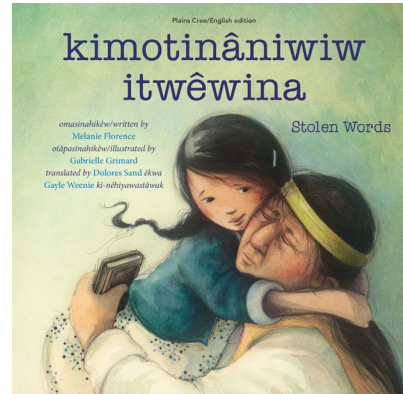


Swimming



Our playground

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Building Literacy

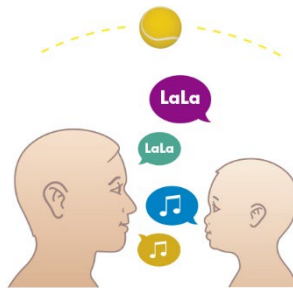


- Read every day with your child (make it a routine)
- Read books in your first language
- Talk about the pictures, ask questions together, make it a fun and calming activity with your child

Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Building Oral Language Skills



- Connect with your child about everyday activities
- Praise children for effort and courage
- Talk about how it is okay to make mistakes



Getting Ready for Kindergarten:

A note on Screen Time



- Screen time can be disruptive
- Moderation is key
- Monitor screen time by planning limits and boundaries with your child
- Always check to see what they are watching – lots of rabbit holes



Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Building Independence

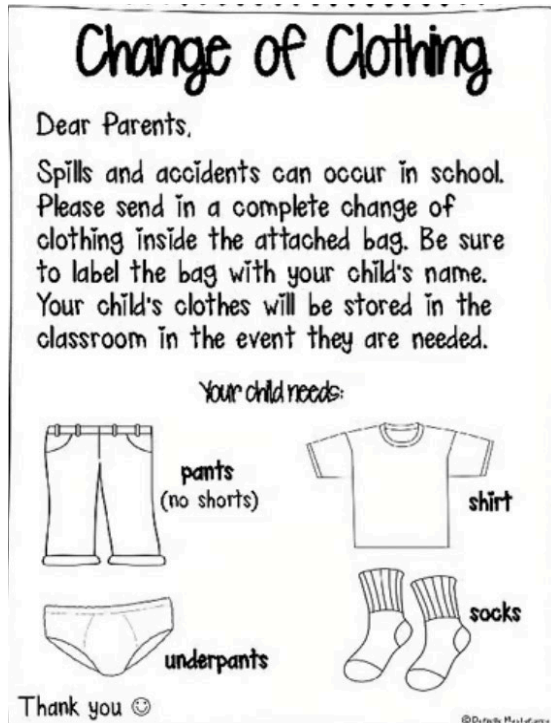
Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- Talk about their feelings i.e. separation anxiety

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_5eiYlo1XM



First Days of Kindergarten – What to Bring



- Full sized backpack
- Indoor Sneakers (that they can put on themselves)
- Lunch kit and easy to eat snack (no peanuts)
- Non spill water bottle
- Spare change of clothes

First Days of Kindergarten



Monday, August 31: Staggered Entry with Parents, each group will attend for an hour.

Tuesday, September 1: Staggered Entry without Parents, each group will attend for an hour.

September 2 & 3 : First Full Half Day

Friday, September 4: AM Kindergarten Only

Parent/ School Communication



- Contact office if absent and reason.
- To contact your Kindergarten teacher, the best method is through e-mail.
- Teachers will share information with parents through weekly email.





Enhanced Supports



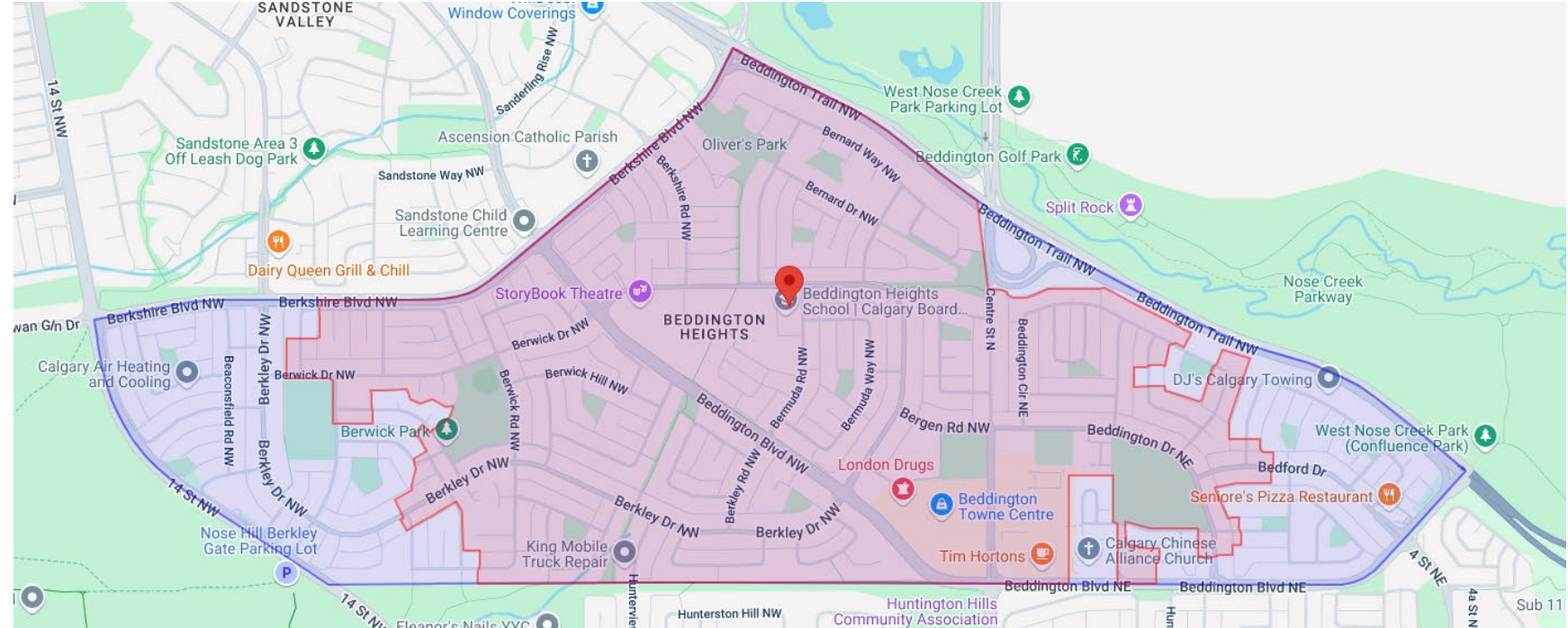
IT TAKES A VILLAGE

- 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 can sometimes work with large and small groups in the classroom.

This team may consist of:

Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) | 1 visit/ week based on assessment
Occupational Therapists (OTs) | Monthly in collaboration with teacher
Physical Therapists (PTs) | Monthly in collaboration with teacher
Early Learning Strategist | Collaborates with School Learning Team

Transportation | Bussing Map



- Students in kindergarten get **one way** transportation
- RED indicates students who are in the walk zone.
- Those in the BLUE zone are eligible for bussing
- Families within the walking zone can apply to be conditional riders.



Important Times & Dates



BEDDINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL 2026 – 2027 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

CBE schools are closed on the days shaded grey.		August 2026 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September 2026 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	October 2026 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
August 26, 27, 28	Non-instruction days			
August 31	First day of school Kindergarten staggered entry			
September 1	Kindergarten staggered entry			
September 7	Labour Day			
September 25	Non-instruction day			
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation			
October 12	Thanksgiving Day			
October 19	Non-instruction day			
November 10	Last day of classes			
November 11-15	Fall Break			
November 16	Classes resume			
November 26	Kindergarten only: no school Gr 1-6 PT interviews (evening)			
November 27	Non-instruction day K-6 PT interviews			
December 18	Last day of classes			
Dec 19 - Jan 3	Winter Break			
January 4	Classes resume			
January 29	System PL Non-instruction day			
February 11, 12	Teachers' Convention			
February 15	Family Day			
February 26	Non-instruction day			
March 17	Kindergarten only last day before Spring Break Gr 1 - 6 Last day of classes			
March 18	Kindergarten only: no school PT interviews			
March 19	Gr 1-6 PT interviews (evening)			
March 19	Non-instruction day K-6 PT interviews			
March 20 - 29	Spring Break			
March 30	Classes resume			
April 30	Maatoomsi! Pookaiks Non-instruction day			
May 21	Non-instruction day			
May 24	Victoria Day			
June 24	Kindergarten only Last day of school			
June 25	Last day of classes			
June 28	Non-instruction day mark appeals			
June 29	Non-instruction day			

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Grades 1 – 6 Hours Monday – Thursday: Start - 8:00 am Dismissal - 2:35 pm Lunch 1: 11:00 am – 11:40 am Lunch 2: 11:45 am – 12:25 pm Lunch 3: 12:30 pm – 1:10 pm Recess: 15 minutes/day at teacher's discretion Fridays: Start: 8:00 am Dismissal: 11:50 am
Kindergarten Hours Monday-Thursday: AM Class - 8:00 am - 10:52 am PM Class - 11:43 am - 2:35 pm Fridays: AM and PM Kinder will alternate attending school on Fridays 8:00 am – 11:50 am. No classes for Kindergarten on Nov. 27 & Mar. 19 (parent - teacher interviews). Kindergarten Friday Schedule: AM class Fridays: Sept 4 & 18, Oct 9 & 23, Nov 6, Dec 4 & 18, Jan 15, Feb 5, Mar 5 Apr 2 & 16, May 7 & 28, June 4 PM class Fridays: Sep 11, Oct 2, 16 & 30, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 8 & 28, Feb 19, Mar 12 Apr 9 & 23, May 14, June 4 & 18

Kindergarten Times

Monday- Thursday

AM: 8:00-10:52

PM: 11:43-2:35

Friday

8:00-11:50

****Parents need to accompany their children for pick up and drop off.**

There is a calendar for next year included in your package.



BHS School Council

- Role of School Council
- How to get involved
- [Volunteering](#) at the school

[Presented](#) by BHS School Council – Opal
and Natalie

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