



Kindergarten Orientation

Windsor Park School



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Welcome & Introductions



- Christine McCrory – Principal
- Lucy Seddon– Kindergarten Teacher
- Tavie Woelk – Administrative Assistant

THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST:

- Klub Care <https://www.klubcare.com/>

Agenda



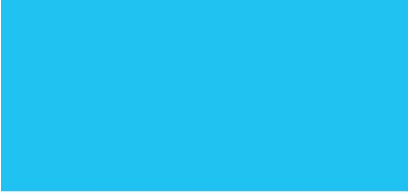
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

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*



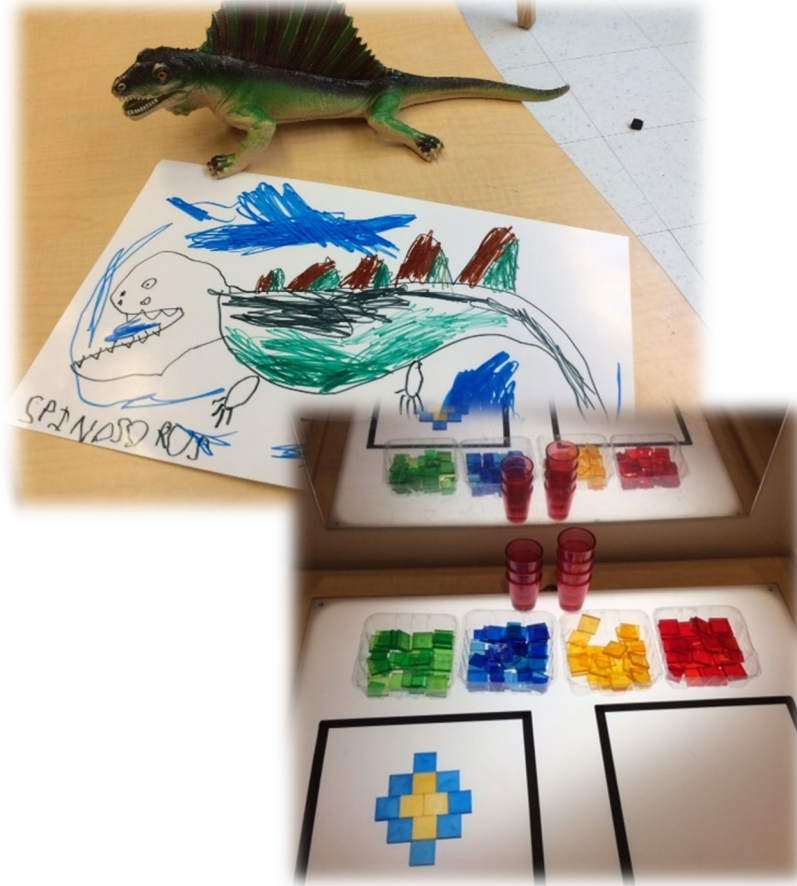
Learning Through PLAY



“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/Music/Library



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 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:

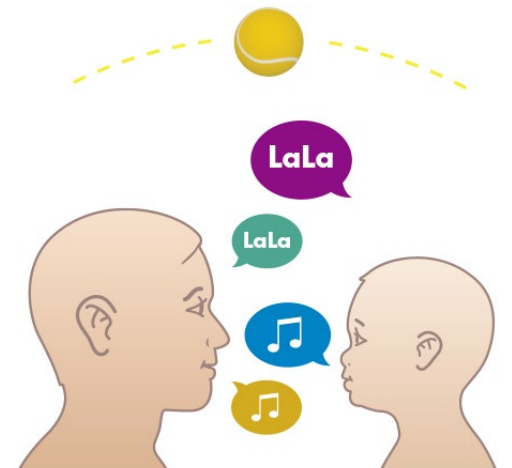
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



Windsor Park School



Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:00 – 3:15 pm

Fri: 8:00 – 12:50 pm

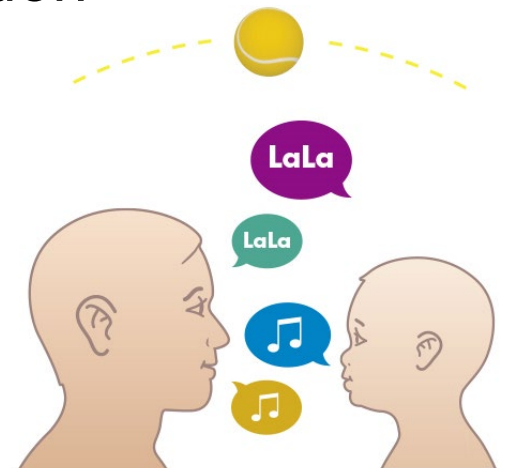
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Kindergarten School Hours

KINDERGARTEN

Monday - Thursday

AM 8:30am-11:50am

No Classes on Fridays

GRADES 1 - 3

Monday - Thursday

8:30am – 3:00pm

Lunch 12:00 – 12:40pm

Fridays

8:30am - 12:35pm

Kindergarten

Important Times & Dates 2025-2026



September 2-4 - Staggered Entry/Shortened Day

September 25 (Thursday) - No Kindergarten

November 13 (Thursday) – No Kindergarten

January 29 (Thursday) – No Kindergarten

March 19 (Thursday) - No Kindergarten

June 25 (Thursday) – No Kindergarten

Fall Break

November 8-16 (no school on Nov 13)

Winter Break

December 20-Jan 4

Spring Break

March 19-March 29

Note: Kindergarten have more breaks and non-instructional days with increased Mon-Thurs minutes

First Days of Kindergarten



Tuesday, September 2, 2025- Staggered

AM Group #1 (Last Names A-N) – 8:30am – 10:00am



Wednesday, September 3, 2025 - Staggered

AM Group #2 (Last Names O-Z) – 8:30am - 10:00am

Thursday, September 4, 2025 - Shortened

AM Whole Class – 8:30am – 10:00am



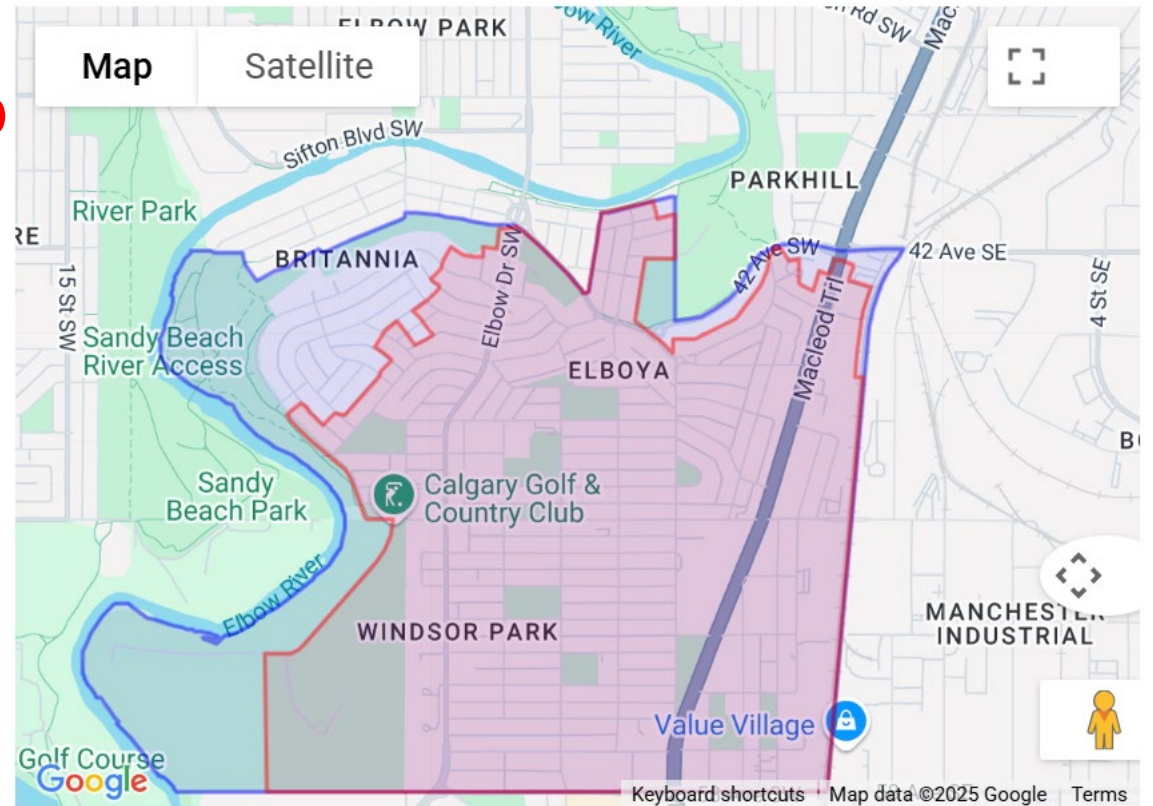
Friday, September 5, 2025 – No Classes

Kindergarten does NOT attend on Fridays

Transportation | Busing

Registration June 22

School Map



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[Transportation Registration](#)



Communication



- Email, phone, in-person
 - Backpack folders
 - Google Classroom
 - SchoolMessenger – opt in for commercial message & text:
[Subscribe to School Messages - Windsor Park School](#)
 - [MY CBE](#)
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- Website – Windsor Park and CBE
 - Instagram @cbewindsorpark

Student Fees



SCHOOL

Instructional Supplies and Materials (ISM) Fee

- \$20 includes all classroom supplies



ACTIVITY

Field Trip Fee

- For field trips



*Waivers available

Windsor Park FYI



- **Parents and visitors:** enter the school only through the front door and report directly to the office
- **Volunteers:** must first report to the office, sign in and sign out sheet; pick up a nametag
- **Kindergarten parents:** drop off/pick up students outside unless inclement weather
- **Students leaving during school day:** parent come to the office and student signed out
- **Absent, late, or not taking the bus:** phone absence line

Volunteering



- Beginning after October
- PIC required
- Classroom, fieldtrips, school events including fundraising events
- Rotation of volunteers may be required
- Adults only - no siblings please
- Maintain confidentiality

Traffic Safety



- Areas to avoid (ie. staff parking lot, bus zones, no stopping, alley safety)
- Please be respectful of our neighbours - do not block driveways, obey the signage
- Use Crosswalk
- Playground zone 30 km/hr
- U-turns in a playground zone are illegal & unsafe

Windsor Park School Council and Fundraising Society



- September workshops to create a council and society
- Purpose; Consults and advises school administration
- Works for the collective good of students
- Builds understanding
- Offers parents a voice in school matters
- Developing a School Council



Google Translate on CBE Websites

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Forest Lawn High School website. The address bar shows the URL: `school.cbe.ab.ca/school/ForestLawn/Pages/default.aspx`. The browser's bookmark bar includes links to 'Apps', '1. ELL STRATEGIST...', 'ELL Team - Home', 'ALT Strategist Spre...', 'Instructional Suppo...', 'PowerTeacher in th...', 'English Language L...', 'ELL', and 'Other bookmarks'. The website header features a navigation menu with 'News Centre', 'Calendar', 'Print', 'For Staff', 'QuickLinks', and a 'Google Translate' button circled in red. A large red arrow points to the 'Google Translate' button. The main content area includes the Forest Lawn High School logo and the motto 'Viator Via Veritatis | Travel by Way of the Truth'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links to 'About Us', 'Teaching & Learning', 'Extracurricular', 'Culture & Envir', 'Get Involved', and 'Registration'. An orange banner below the navigation menu reads: 'ALERT: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 LEARNING FROM HOME'. Below the banner is a large graphic with the words 'HAPPY', 'AFRAID', 'SAD', and 'ANGRY' overlaid on images of faces. To the right of the graphic is a sidebar with links to 'Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students', 'CBE Recognizes CMHA Mental Health Week 2021', and 'Grade 7-12 At-Home Learning'. The footer of the sidebar features the Calgary Board of Education logo.

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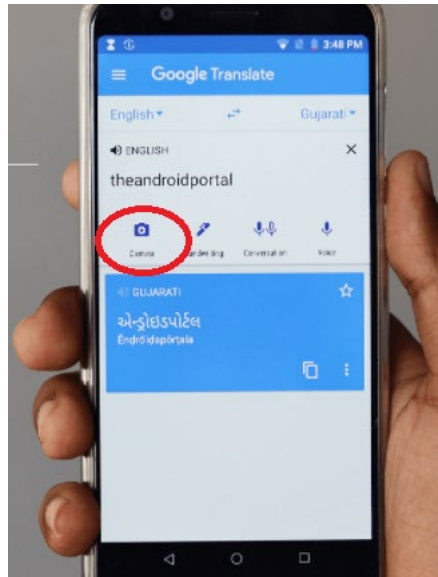
ALERT: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 LEARNING FROM HOME
Starting Friday, May 7, most K-12 students will be learning at home. At this time, students are expected to return to in-class learning on Tues., May ... [View Full Details](#)

Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students
Move to At-Home Learning
[Read More](#)

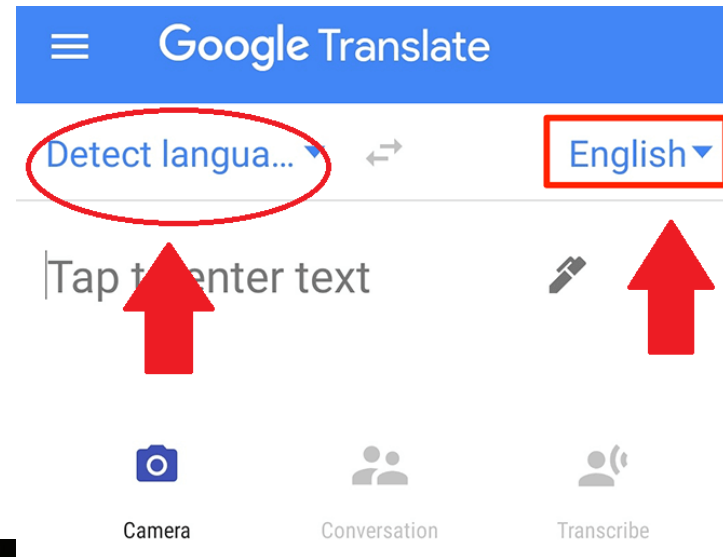
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Grade 7-12 At-Home Learning

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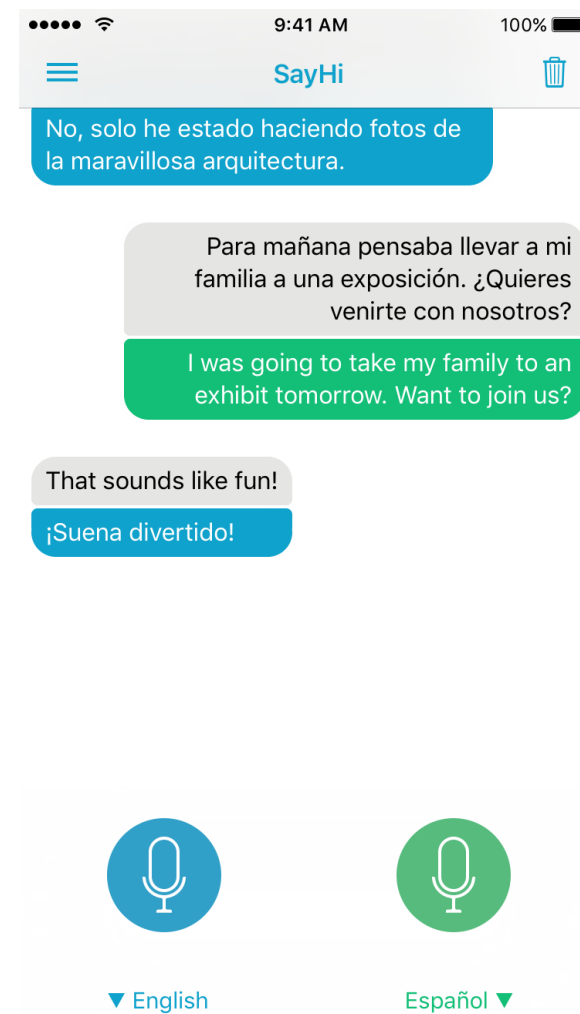
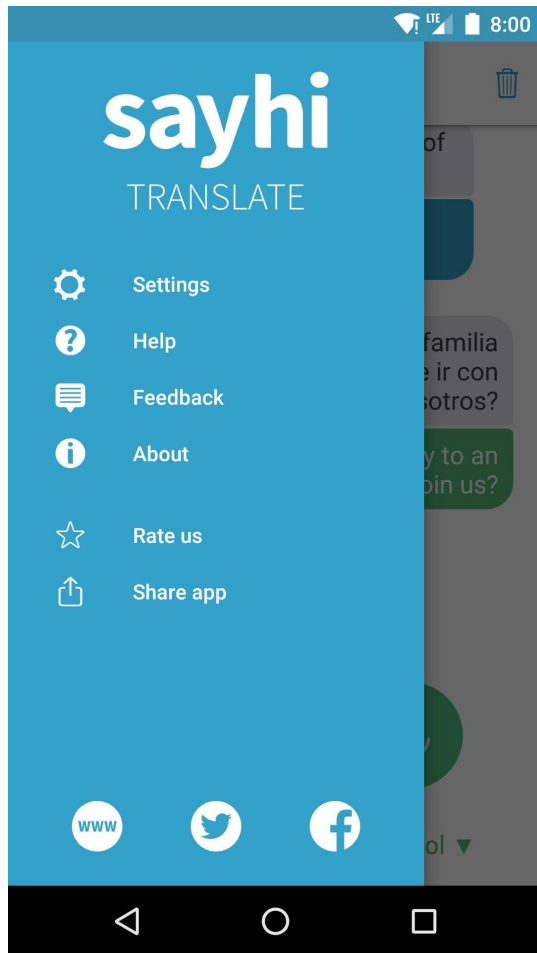
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Additional Resources



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

