



# Kindergarten Orientation

# Windsor Park School



Calgary Board  
of Education

# Welcome & Introductions



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

## THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST:

- Klub Care <https://www.klubcare.com/>
- Windsor Park Council and Society  
[windsorparkchair@gmail.com](mailto:windsorparkchair@gmail.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



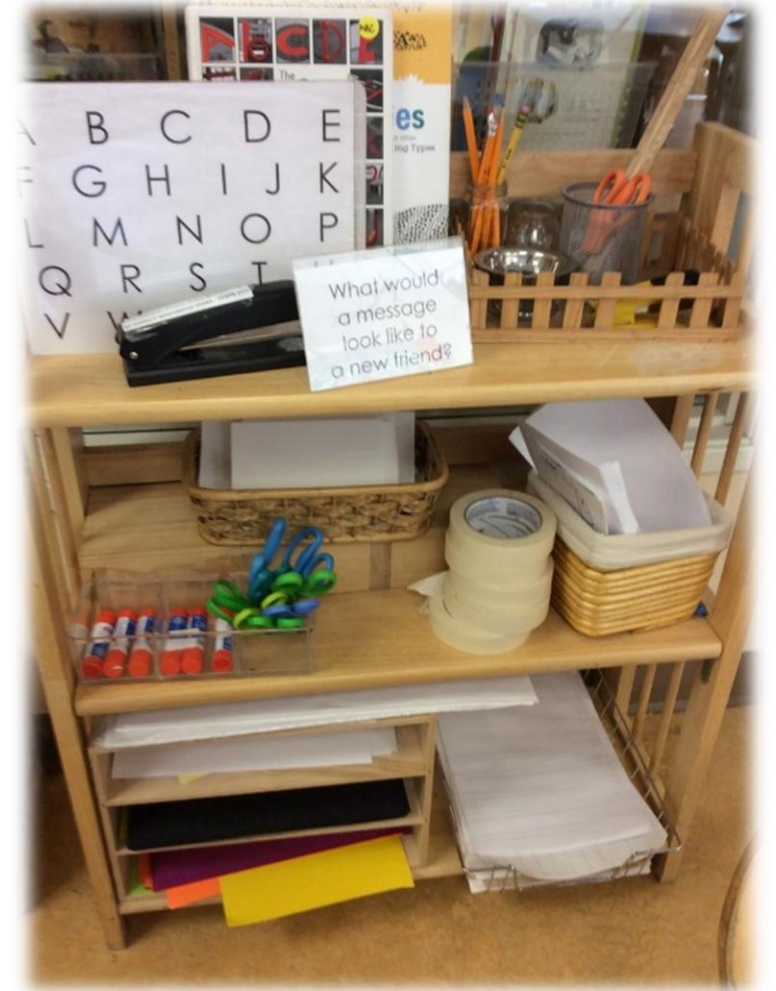
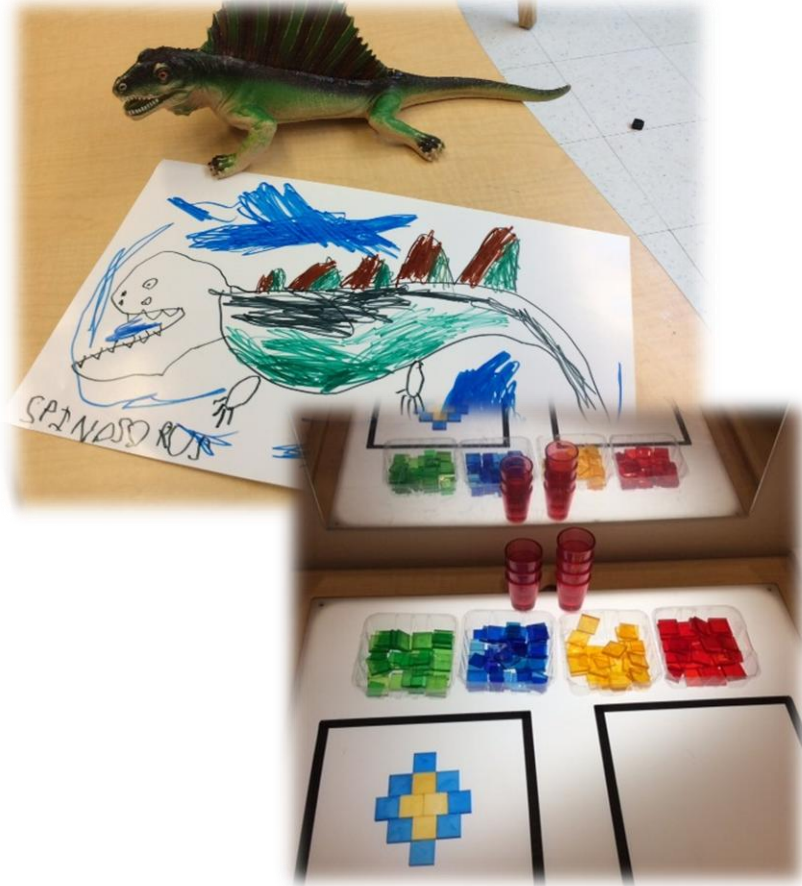
# Learning Through PLAY



*“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:

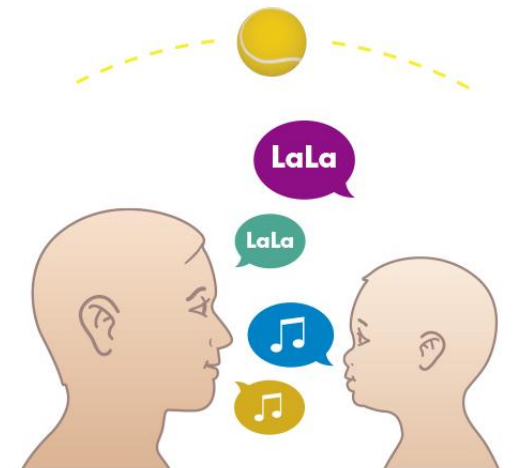
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



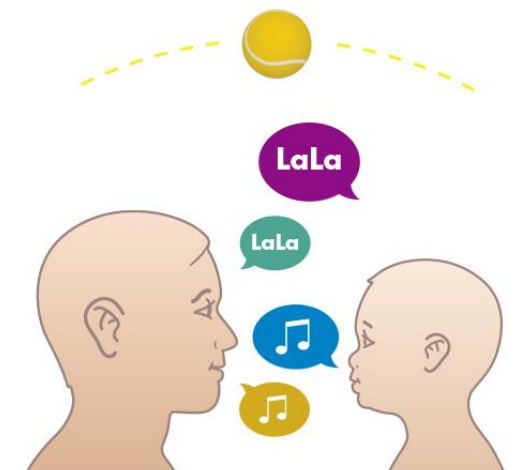
Office Hours: M-Th 8:00 – 3:15pm

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CBE: [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca)



# Windsor Park School Hours

## KINDERGARTEN

### Monday - Thursday

AM 8:30am-11:50am

No Classes on Fridays

## GRADES 1 - 4

### Monday - Thursday

8:30am – 3:00pm

Lunch 12:00 – 12:40pm

### Fridays

8:30am - 12:35pm

# Kindergarten

## Important Times & Dates 2026-2027



August 31 – Staggered Entry 8:45-10:45am Last name A-L  
September 1 – Staggered Entry 8:45-10:45am Last name M-Z  
September 2 – Shortened Day 8:45-10:45am Whole Class  
September 3 – 8:30-11:50am (regular hours)  
September 23 – Open House 6-7pm

### Extra Kindergarten Days Off

October 1 (Thursday)  
November 26 (Thursday)  
March 18 (Thursday)

Kindergarten classes are regularly Monday to Thursday  
Check out our calendar on our website [Home - Windsor Park School](#)

# First Days of Kindergarten



## **Monday August 31- Staggered**

AM Group #1 (Last Names A-N) – 8:45am – 10:45am



## **Tuesday, September 1 - Staggered**

AM Group #2 (Last Names O-Z) – 8:45am - 10:45am



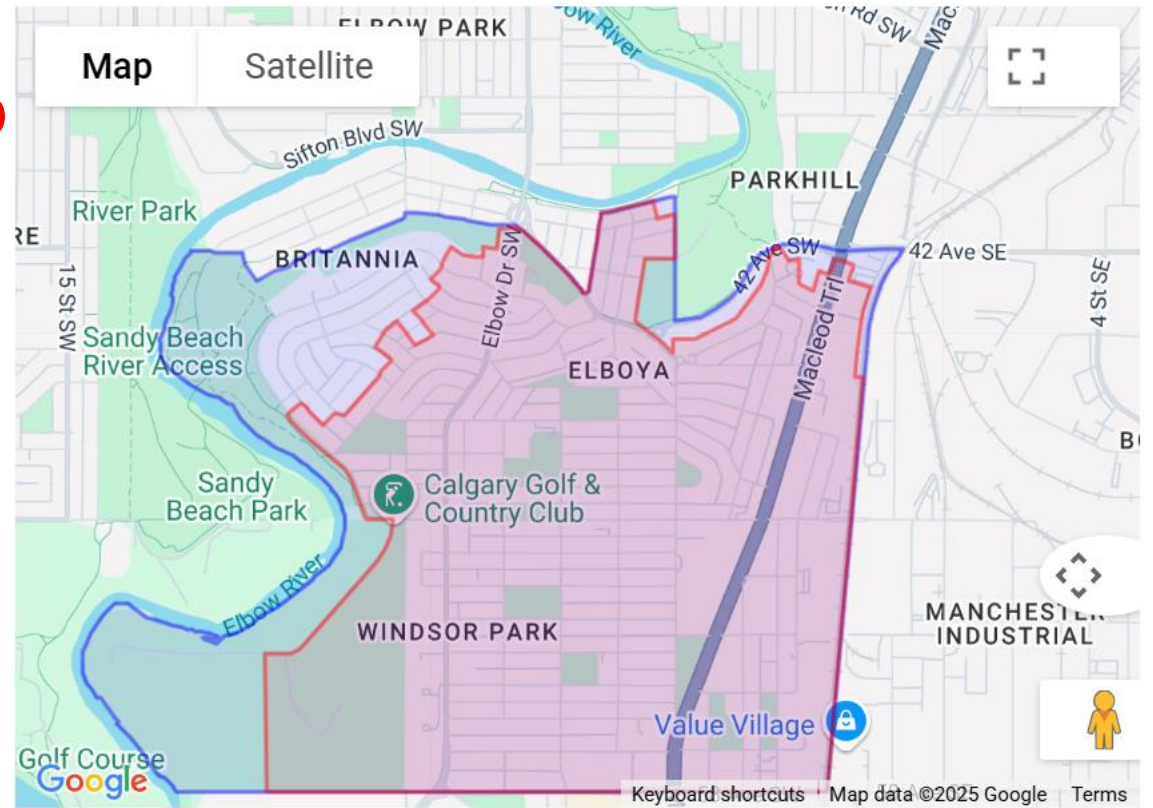
## **Thursday, September 3, 2026**

Whole class 8:30-11:50am

# Transportation | Busing

Registration June 22

School Map



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[Transportation Registration](#)



# Communication



- Email Ms. Seddon first
- Attendance – email teacher and office [windsorpark@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:windsorpark@cbe.ab.ca)
- Backpack blue folders (daily)
- Google Classroom
- School Messenger – opt in for commercial [MY CBE](#)
  
- Website – [Home - Windsor Park School](#) updated weekly/download calendar
- Instagram [@cbewindsorpark](#)

# Student Fees



## **SCHOOL**

### Instructional Supplies and Materials (ISM) Fee

- \$20 includes all classroom supplies

## **ACTIVITY**

### Field Trip Fee

- For field trips/ uploaded to MyCBE approximately \$50

\*Waivers available

# Windsor Park FYI



- **Kindergarten students** line up at the front door and are dismissed out the front door (unless attending out of school care)
- **Parents and visitors:** enter the school only through the front door and report directly to the office
- **Volunteers:** must first report to the office and sign in.
- **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 (403) 777-8490 or email [windsorpark@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:windsorpark@cbe.ab.ca)

# Volunteering



- We need volunteers to make our program shine!
- Beginning after October
- CBE Volunteer clearance required- start process now
- 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

# Windsor Park School Council and Fundraising Society



- September meeting and back to school event
- Purpose; Consults and advises school administration
- Offers parents a voice in school matters
- You are welcome to attend our School Council and Society without having a role
- Great way to learn about the CBE and how to support your child

# 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](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](https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English)

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

# Questions

