



# Kindergarten Orientation

Haultain Memorial School

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 23, 2024



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# Agenda



- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- First day of kindergarten
- Ways to be involved
- Kindergarten stations



# 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, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



learning | as unique | as every student



# Calgary Public Library Land Acknowledgement



# Introductions



**Sabrina Wilson:** *Kindergarten Teacher*



**Donna Brosh, Hana Rogstad, Kirsten Reber:** *Teachers*

**Angele Borrelli:** *Admin Secretary*

**Melanie Young:** *Principal*



**Heather Prangnell:** *Assistant Principal*

**Meagan Payne:** *School Council*

**Sherri Ingle:** *School Nurse (AHS)*

# CBE | Kindergarten

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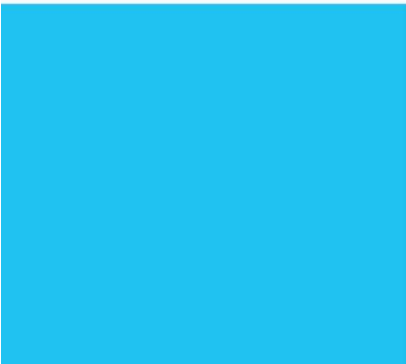
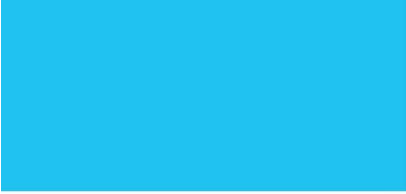
## Kindergarten

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# 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





# 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)

# Message from our Public Health Nurse



Sherri Ingle



## 4-YEAR-OLD IMMUNIZATIONS

What **You** Need to Know



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# 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

# 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 snack container and a water bottle
- Indoor running shoes with Velcro fasteners (shoes will be left at school) that your child can put on and take off 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\*\****



# First Days of Kindergarten



**Kindergarten's staggered entry will be as follows:**

Thursday, August 29, 2024

- Group A (Last name starts with **A-K**): 8:20 – 9:40 am
- Group B (Last name starts with **L-Z**): 9:50 – 11:10 am

No school for Kindergarten on Friday, August 30, 2024



Tuesday, September 3, 2024

- First full morning for all Kindergarten students
- Start Time: 8:20 am
- End Time: 11:08 am



The school calendar can be found on our website.

# Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures



Drop off and pick up will be at the Southwest doors near the basketball court.



# Ways to be Involved



## **At School:**

- volunteer in the classroom
- join us for assemblies and school-sponsored events
- attend School Council meetings and events



## **At Home:**

- read daily, play a math game before bed
- watch for notices and important information in your child's folder
- talk about everyday experiences and reference online classroom updates and emails
- ask your child: "What can you tell me about your day?"





# Communication



## Subscribe to Stay Informed



**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](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe)



**Sign up** for **MyCBE** to access information about your student's progress, school conferences and lunchroom information. Please refer to the following pages for steps to initiate an account. Go to: [www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe) and click the **Create Parent Account**.

# Volunteer Clearance Procedure



**Step 1:** Prospective volunteers must first fill in an Annual Volunteer Registration Form. The school office will then provide you with a letter enabling you to obtain a police information check from the Calgary Police Service (CPS).

**Step 2:** Visit the CPS online system, [electronic Police Information Check \(ePIC\)](#), to obtain your police check using your CBE volunteer letter.

**Step 3:** Once you receive your clearance document from CPS you will need to share it with the school. This can be done through School Engage, in-person or by email.

**Cost:** Your security clearance is valid for five years and the cost is \$21.25. If cost is a barrier, please let the school know. School Council will pay the fee for anyone who is in need.

Mrs. Borrelli is here to start the process for anyone interested.

# A Sincere Welcome



**Intake meetings** for each family will be scheduled in June. Mrs. Borrelli will be calling to set up these meetings, followed by an email with a link to an online survey. The online survey and intake meeting will help us get to know your child and plan for a smooth transition into kindergarten.

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 Stations



## Visit the stations:



- Refer to your station sheet to determine which station you are starting at.
- When you hear the chime, you will move to the next station.
- After your final station we will hand out a special Welcome to Kindergarten Bag (at the main entrance doors), donated by School Council.
- We also have some backpacks available for anyone to take, if you choose.

# HMS Family Resources

