



Kindergarten Orientation

Woodbine School



Calgary Board
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Welcome to the Calgary Board of
Education and Woodbine School



Calgary Board of Education Graduating Class of 2038

Introductions



- Jeff Hutton - Acting Principal
- Erik Sprong – Principal August 2025
- Cheryl Rosenbaum - Assistant Principal
- Alison Brown - Administrative Assistant
- Caroline Harper - Kindergarten Teacher

Agenda



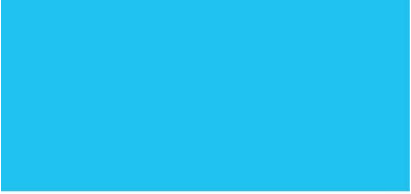
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

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.

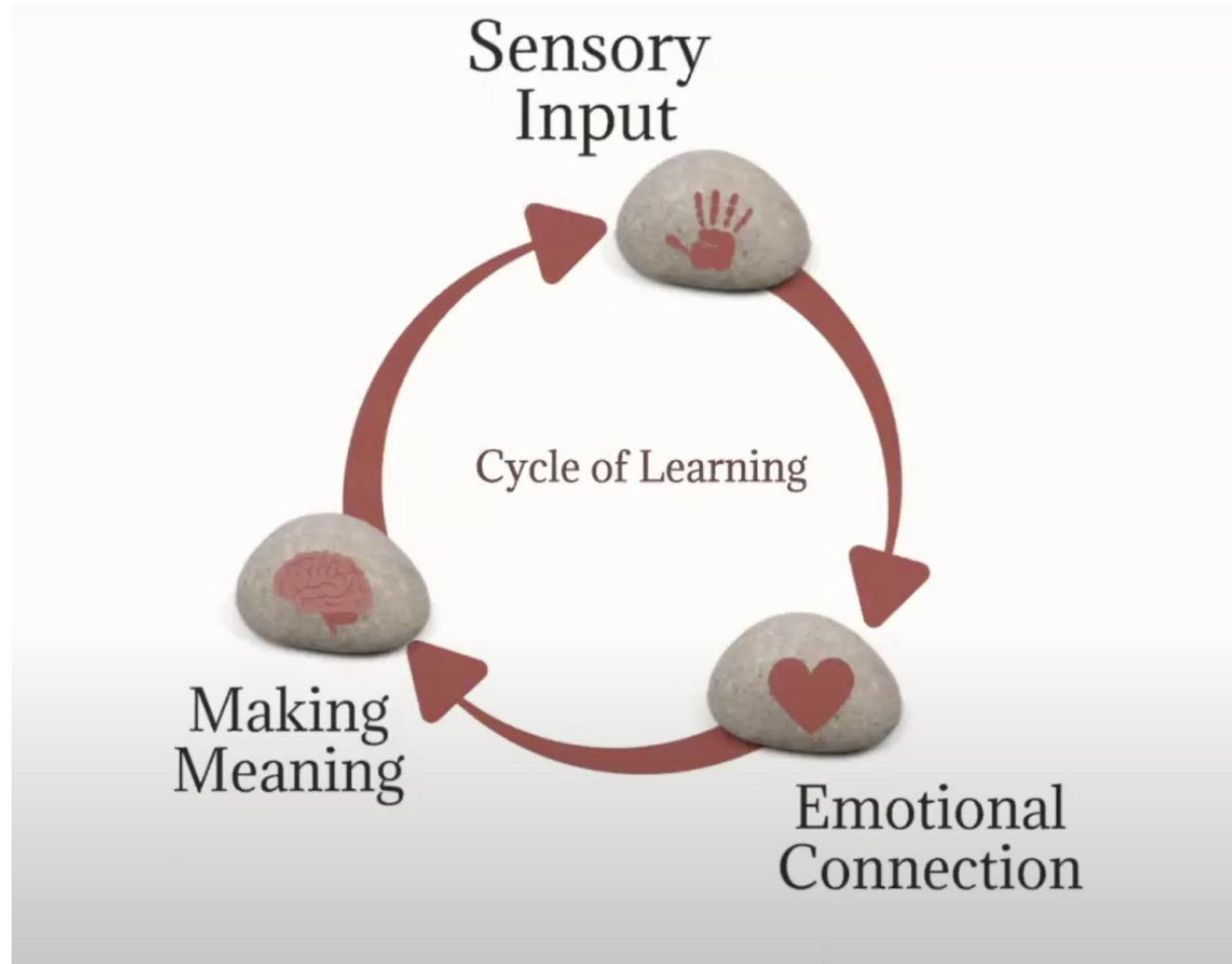
formulating **hypothesis**

engaging in experimentation and exploration

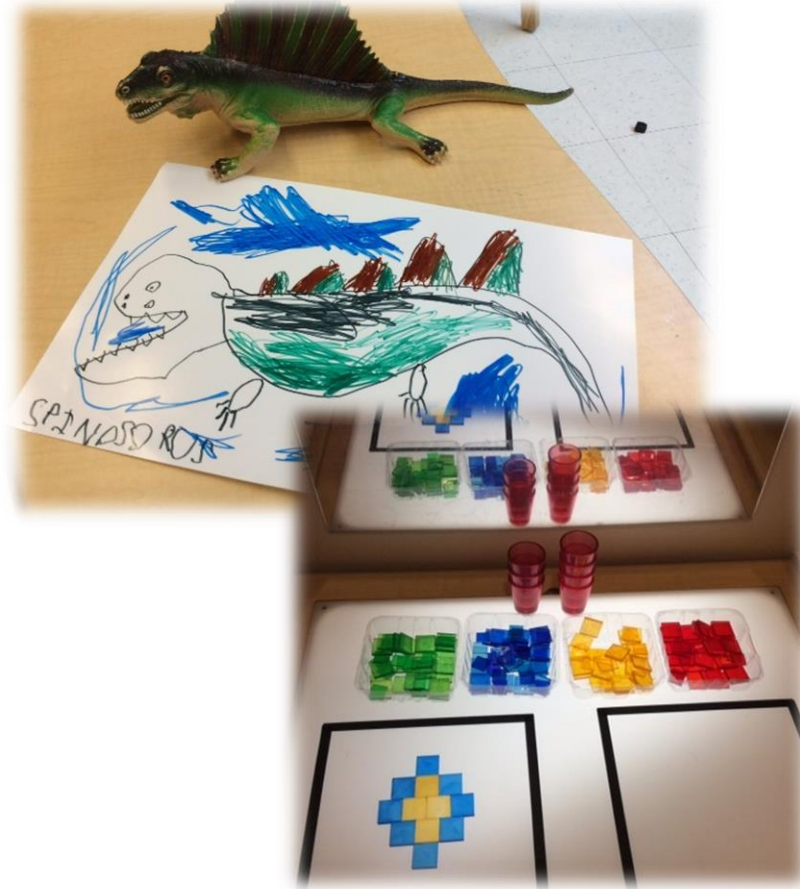
discovering patterns

creating **theories**

Learning Through *PLAY*



Early Literacy & Numeracy



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:

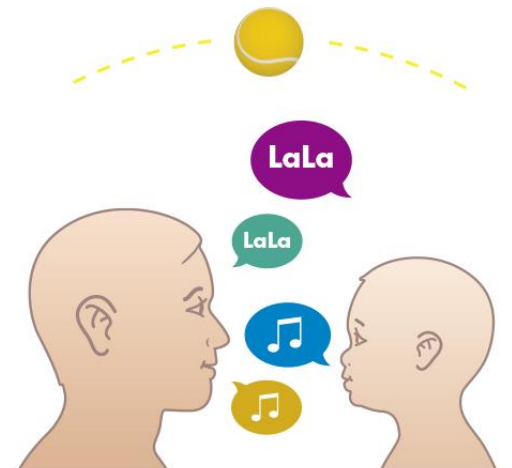
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



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)

Important Times & Dates



- September 2 – First Day of School (½ the students) – Staggered Entry
- September 3 – First Day of School (½ the students) - Staggered Entry
- September 4 – Regular Kindergarten hours begin (all students)

AM Kindergarten Hours

Monday-Thursday – 9:06 – 11:58

Alternating Fridays – 9:06-1:05

PM Kindergarten Hours

Monday-Thursday – 12:48 – 3:40

Alternating Fridays – 9:06-1:05

A comprehensive school calendar with Alternating Friday schedule, holidays and other non-student days is in the package you will get at the end of our orientation.

Transportation | Bussing

One-way yellow bus service is available to kindergarten children who attend their Woodbine School and live beyond the walk zone.

Morning Kindergarten

The bus will pick up your child from their assigned bus stop to drop them to school and you will be responsible for picking them up at the end of the morning

Afternoon Kindergarten

You are responsible for getting your child to school and the bus will drop them off at their assigned bus stop at the end of the school day.

Kindergarten students must have an adult present at the bus door during drop-offs or pick-ups at the bus stop.

Register by June 22 through your MyCBE account. There is no financial obligation for registration; families have until the fall to cancel without a fee

Proposed fee: one-way \$180

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114 Woodmont Ct SW, Calgary

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Search by School Name

Select a School

View Program Options

Regular (click for more programs)

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See below for more information

(* important designation information)

School Profile

Woodbine School

Programs (click to view on map)

Regular (K-6)

Map

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Map Legend

K-4

5-9

10-12

Unique

New School

Home

Attendance Area

Walk Zone

Community



MyCBE Account



New to CBE?

Legal Guardians must go to [SchoolEngage to Create an Account](#) (the same portal that you submitted your Kindergarten registration through).



Sign up for a MyCBE Account:

Having a MyCBE Account means you can -

- Access you child's grades, attendance
- Pay fees online
- Book parent/teacher conferences



Helpful Tip!

To create your MyCBE account, you will need the email address you provided on the registration form and your child's CBE Student ID and date of birth. Refer to [Creating a Parent Account Instructions](#), for more information.



SchoolMessenger

To ensure that you get all messages from the school, you need to:

1. Use the same email and phone number the school has in our records when you registered
2. Subscribe online to receive commercial messages (cbe.ab.ca/subscribe)
3. Opt in to receive SMS messages (text YES to 978338)



Volunteering



- Opportunities in the classroom, field-trips, library, etc.
- CBE Police Volunteer Clearance required ***BEFORE*** volunteering.
- Grandparents are welcome too!

English Language Learners



school.cbe.ab.ca/school/ForestLawn/Pages/default.aspx

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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](#)

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Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students
Move to At-Home Learning
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CBE Recognizes CMHA Mental
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Grade 7-12 At-Home Learning
Extended
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Resident Page & Welcome

First Days of Kindergarten



Staggered Entry

Students will attend in smaller groups for 2 hours on one of the first two days of school.

The schedule is included in the package you will receive at the end of our orientation.

What to Bring (every day)

- Indoor shoes suitable for the gym (velcro is nice)
- A snack (kindergarten is busy and they will get hungry)
- A water bottle (thanks for leaving the juice and milk at home)
- A backpack large enough to hold a picture book or two (library books are big)
- A change of clothes at the bottom of the backpack (accidents happen)

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

