



# Kindergarten Orientation

Cranston School



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# IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT KINDERGARTEN PACKAGE PICKUP TIMES



We have an envelope of information and some special treats for your child. **Since we are required to move the information meeting online, it is important that you pick up this package at the school next week.** Your child's unique Calgary Board of Education number is on a label on the envelope. **DO NOT THROW OUT THE ENVELOPE!** You will need this number to register for the bus and for your child's MyCBE account.

## **Package pick up times for new Cranston families:**

**Tuesday June 10th between 3:30pm and 5:00pm**

**Friday June 13th between 1:00pm and 3:00pm**

- We will send packages home with the older siblings of existing Cranston families.



# Acknowledging the Land Where We Gather

**Oki, Dadánast'áda, Âba Wathtec, Tânsi, 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 Îyârhe 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), Wîchîspa (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



- Introductions
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- MyCBE/PowerSchool account registration
- 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.

# 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

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Come learn with us!



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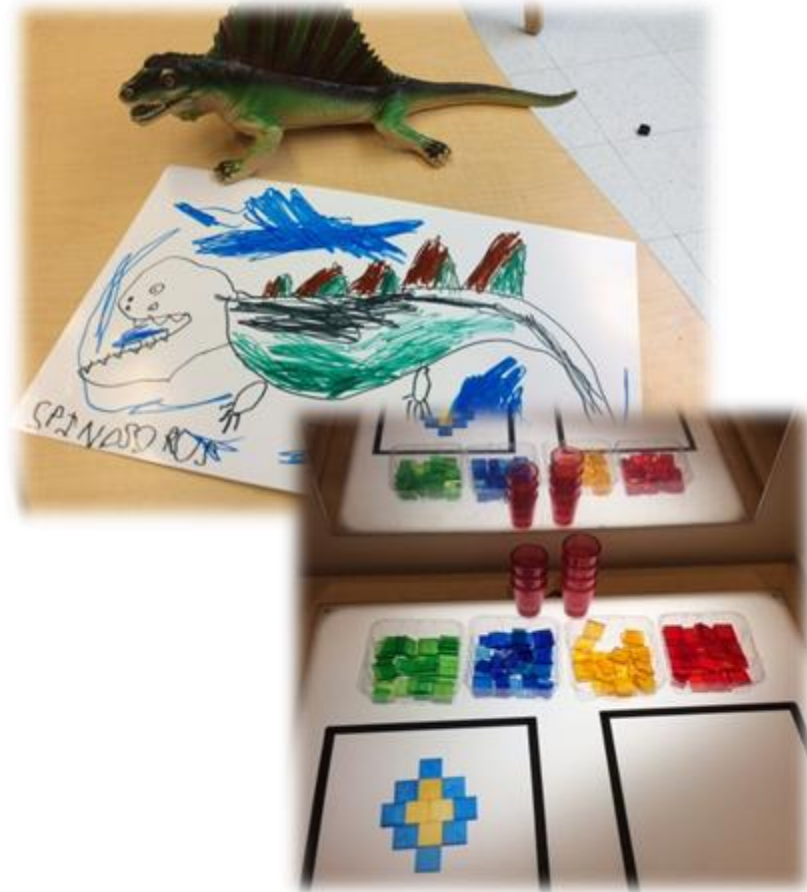
# Learning Through PLAY



*“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



# 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 and morning routine



# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



## Read to your child every day:

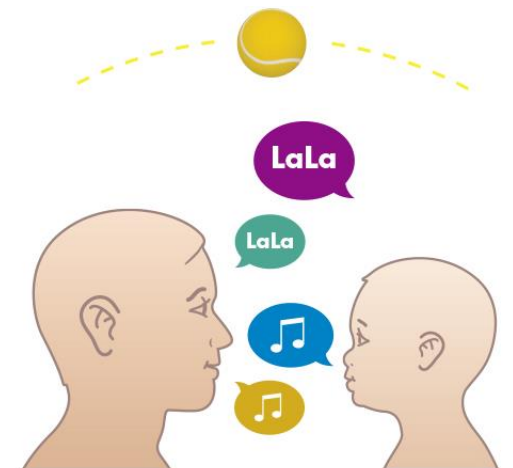
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



# Bell Times and other Important Dates



## Bell Times:

**Monday-Thursday AM classes 8:00 am to 10:50 am**

**Monday to Thursday PM classes 11:40 am to 2:30 pm**

**Alternating Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm** (please refer to Friday schedule in your child's package for the list of Fridays your child will attend)

## Meet the Teacher Open House

- **Thursday September 11th** (time to be determined)

## Picture Day

- **Tuesday, October 7**
- **Tuesday, November 27** (retakes)

# Bell Times and other Important Dates



## No School for Kindergarten on the following days

- **Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28**– Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences (Times to be determined)
- **Thursday, March 19 & Friday, March 20** – Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences (Times to be determined)

# Arrival and Dismissal Routines



## **DROP OFF (parking lot door South side)**

Doors open 10 minutes prior to bell time (7:50am).

A teacher will be standing at the door to let students in.

Students go independently to their classroom.

## **PICK UP (parking lot door South side)**

Students will be dismissed one at a time once the teacher has made eye contact with you.

If you are late, your child will be brought to the office for pickup.

# Arrival and Dismissal Routines



Please familiarize yourself with the signs around the building.

- Bus zone out front extends the length of the school.
- "Drop & Go" lane on South side of the building adjacent to the parking lot for students who are ready to walk to their doors on their own. You cannot exit your car in the "Drop & Go" lane.
- Parent vehicles are not permitted in the staff parking lot at any time.

# School Bus Transportation



You must register for the bus by June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Transportation will be provided for students who live 1.6km driving distance from the school.

There is **no** midday bus service M-Th. On half day Fridays there is bussing to and from school (12:00pm).

We walk the Kindergarten students to the bus at the end of the day and load them on first.

Kindergarten children will not be allowed off the bus unless a parent is at the bus stop. They will be brought back to the school on the bus for pick up.

# Communication and Fees



- Weekly message, "Cranston Connect" from the office.
- Please create a MyCBE/PowerSchool account in the fall. You will use this account to pay fees, register for Parent/Teacher Conferences, view report cards, pay fees, register for the bus etc. You need your child's CBE student number to register.
- Fees for Kindergarten are \$20 for the year .This \$20 covers all school supplies needed for Kindergarten. Additional fees are charged for field trips.

# First Days of Kindergarten



Kindergarten will begin on September 2nd.

Please pack your child some indoor shoes, an easy to open healthy snack, and a water bottle. School supplies are provided by the school.

An extra set of clothing is recommended.

Labelling your child's belonging is strongly encouraged.

# 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  
<https://calgarylibrary.ca/connect/students/grades-k-3/>

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

