

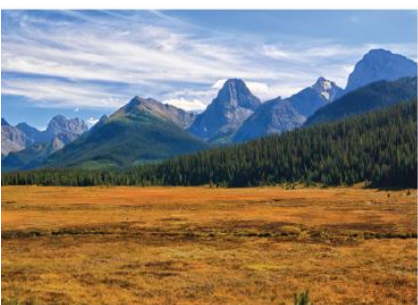


# Welcome to West Springs School!

Open House and Kindergarten Orientation  
May 28, 2026



Calgary Board  
of Education



# 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.

# Welcome and Introductions



Susan Westgate – Principal

Leah MacMillan – Assistant Principal

Robert Choate – Resource Learning Leader

Rachel Moxon – Literacy Learning Leader



Leah Kletsky – Kindergarten Teacher

Tanya Kinsey- Kindergarten Teacher

Jessica Lynn- Kindergarten Teacher



# What to Expect This Evening



1. We will begin with an overview of the CBE and West Springs School all together in the gym with administration
2. Our School Council will present about how you can get involved in your child's school experience
3. Kindergarten Families will remain in the gym for Kindergarten specific information
4. All Grade 1 – 4 new families will join Mr Choate and Ms MacMillan in the foyer for a school tour.
5. This Powerpoint will be posted to our website for your further review

# General Information



- West Springs School is an inclusive, Kindergarten to Grade 4 school with approximately 570 students total next year.
- Our staff includes teachers, education assistants, lunch supervisors, library assistant, and fantastic office staff.
- Physical Education and Music Specialists
- Resource Teacher to support diverse learners

# General Information



- The first day of school is August 31st for grade 1 – 4 students
- Kindergarten students will attend for a school experience, staggered entry on the first two days of school. More info to follow tonight and in August.
- School Bell Times:
  - Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:30pm
  - Fridays 9:00am - 1:00pm
  - AM and PM Kindergarten and alternate Fridays

# Connecting with the School



- All important school information is posted on our school website.
  - <https://westsprings.cbe.ab.ca/>
  - School Email is WestSprings@cbe.ab.ca
  - School Phone number is 403 777 6244
  - Report a late or absence 403 777 6244 ext 1
- Email is the most effective way to communicate with classroom teachers. They will respond within 24 – 48 hours on working days.
- Please call the office for emergent issues requiring an immediate response.
- You will find out who your child's teacher in late August. Teacher email addresses and introductory letters will be shared at that time.

# General Information



- Walk zones and Transportation (School bus) eligibility based on your home address is available on the main CBE website under the "Find a School" tool
- We encourage students to walk/bike to school with an accompanying adult as there is very limited parking and a lot of congestion
  - No Parking in staff lot
  - No Parking zones for the bus- be safe & courteous
  - Use our Hug & Go

# West Springs School Parking Map

**Red** No Parking    **Green** Parking ok here    **Yellow** Hug & Go: no parking allowed – only brief stopping to hug and let kids in or out of the vehicle



# Please Create a myCBE Account



- What is a Mycbe account?
  - Pay Fees online throughout the year (ie. field trips, school fees, etc.)
  - Transportation Fee – only for bus eligible students
  - Book Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - Access Report Cards
- If you have an account for a student already attending a CBE school, please just add your kindergarten child to your existing account
- Please create an account
  - Have your child's cbe student ID number handy
  - Go to CBE homepage [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca)
- HOW TO Videos:
  - <https://tinyurl.com/5dtzuzjm> (Creating a Parent Account)
  - <https://tinyurl.com/5hs8z83x> (Adding additional children)

# Transportation | Bussing



- Pre-registration is now open using [MyCBE / PowerSchool](#). **Families must register by June 14, 2026 for students to be added to routes for the start of the school year.** Processing times could be up to six weeks at the beginning of the school year due to volume. You can sign up for busing now.
- The fee from CBE is \$250/year for one-way kindergarten transportation; \$500/year G 1-4
- Please visit the link for more information and fees for transportation. <https://cbe.ab.ca/news-centre/Pages/2022-23-transportation-service-levels-and-fees.aspx>
- Bus pick up and drop off procedures – attendance and one to one hand off
- If you have any questions, please contact the office.



# Volunteering in the CBE



1. Register through your Power School account in the School Engage tab to become a volunteer. You will need to upload a selfie holding one piece of government issued identification with a photo and current address.
2. WSS office will process the application and then send off to Calgary Police for further processing
3. Parent will receive an email voucher from Calgary Police Solutions. Complete voucher and follow instructions given from Calgary Police Solutions. Once you have received your clearance letter, please upload into School Engage for completion
4. There is no cost
5. This process takes at least 4 **weeks** before you are cleared to volunteer at the school. Each clearance is good for 5 years. You may wish to start this process now to be ready for the fall.
6. Complete the Annual Authorization form each September

# School Council



School  
Council

Our wonderful council is very active and supportive of all students at WSS.

Please welcome members of our school council and society, Katherine and Cat.

# West Springs School Council (WSSC) & West Springs Development Association (WSSDA)

How to Stay  
Connected



## Who We Are

- All parents are members of WSSC and WSSDA – your voice matters!

## How We Help

- WSSC: Liaison between administration and parent community
- WSSDA: Fundraising to enhance experiences for all students & adding resources that enrich curriculum
  - Examples: School residencies and in-class presenters, books, reading tables, iPads, field trips

## How You Can Join In

- Join our monthly meetings to hear what's happening and help shape your child's school experience
- Volunteer opportunities including fun lunches, school events, and casinos

You **must** subscribe for commercial emails in order to receive school-wide event and fundraising updates



[@wssda.ca](#)



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Council/WSSDA



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# Questions ?



cbe.ab.ca

# Kindergarten

Come learn with us!



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# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



**Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:**

- dress themselves (zippers, buttons and shoe fastening of indoor and outdoor clothing)
- use the bathroom and wash their hands on their own (**practice in a public washroom with automatic and manual flush toilets**)
- put away toys and help in other small ways at home
- practice opening and closing snack containers and using a water bottle
- practice putting items such as a lunch box in their backpack, zipping up their backpack and carrying their backpack



# Getting Ready for Kindergarten



## Read to your child every day:

- read stories together in *your home 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

# First Days of School August 2026



- There will be staggered entry for Kindergarten Students August 31st and September 1st:
  - Half of the kindergarten students will come to school for the full amount of their kindergarten day to help with the transition. Students will come August 31 OR September 1st. Regular school schedule will begin September 2nd.
  - AM class time 9-11:50 Monday-Thursday; 9-1 some Fridays
  - PM class time 12:40 pm-3:30 pm Monday-Thursday; 9-1 some Fridays
  - More information to come from the school by August 26, 2026.

***First day of school for Kindergarten is August 31 OR September 1st. Full schedule starts September 2nd-September 4th. First day for grades 1-4 is August 31st at 9:00am full day!***

# 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 ?

