



Kindergarten Orientation

Connaught School



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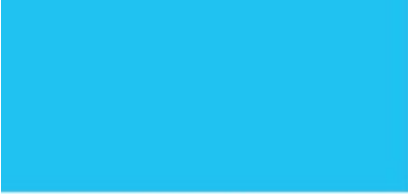
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The early years are a time of significant development in a child's life. Personalized attention is extremely beneficial to early learners.

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



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)

English Language Learners

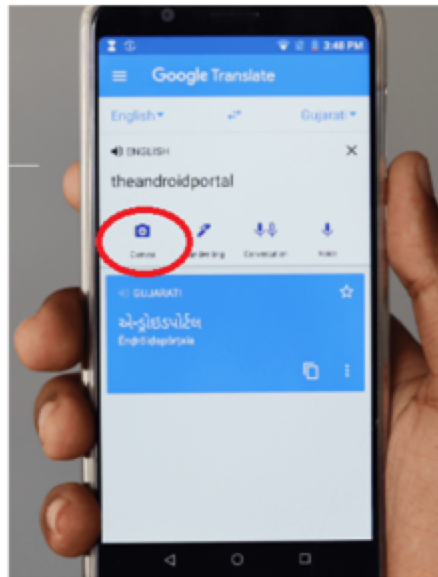


- Approximately 25% of students in the CBE are English Language learners. At Connaught School we have just over 65% of students identified as ELL.
- Language instruction is systematic, targeted and explicit while providing appropriate scaffolds to develop strong English Language proficiency specific to each student's needs.
- Teachers use the Alberta English Proficiency Benchmarks to formatively assess students and inform programing decisions.

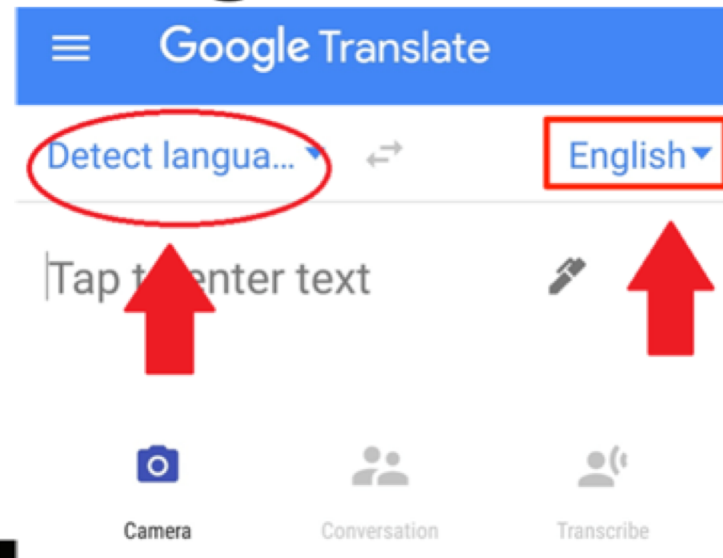


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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Forest Lawn High School website. The address bar shows the URL: school.cbe.ab.ca/school/ForestLawn/Pages/default.aspx. The website header includes navigation links: News Centre, Calendar, Print, For Staff, QuickLinks, and a Google Translate button (circled in red). A red arrow points to the Google Translate button. The main content area features the Forest Lawn High School logo and the motto: *Viator Via Veritatis | Travel by Way of the Truth*. Below the logo are links for About Us, Teaching & Learning, Extracurricular, Culture & Environment, Get Involved, and Registration. A prominent orange banner reads: **ALERT: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 LEARNING FROM HOME**, with subtext: *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](#)*. Below the banner is a large graphic with the words **HAPPY**, **AFRAID**, **SAD**, and **ANGRY** overlaid on images of faces. To the right of the graphic are links for Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students, CBE Recognizes CMHA Mental Health Week 2021, and Grade 7-12 At-Home Learning. The footer includes the Calgary Board of Education logo.



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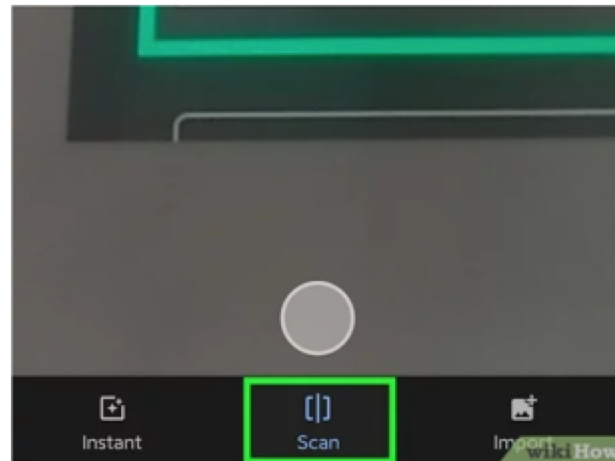
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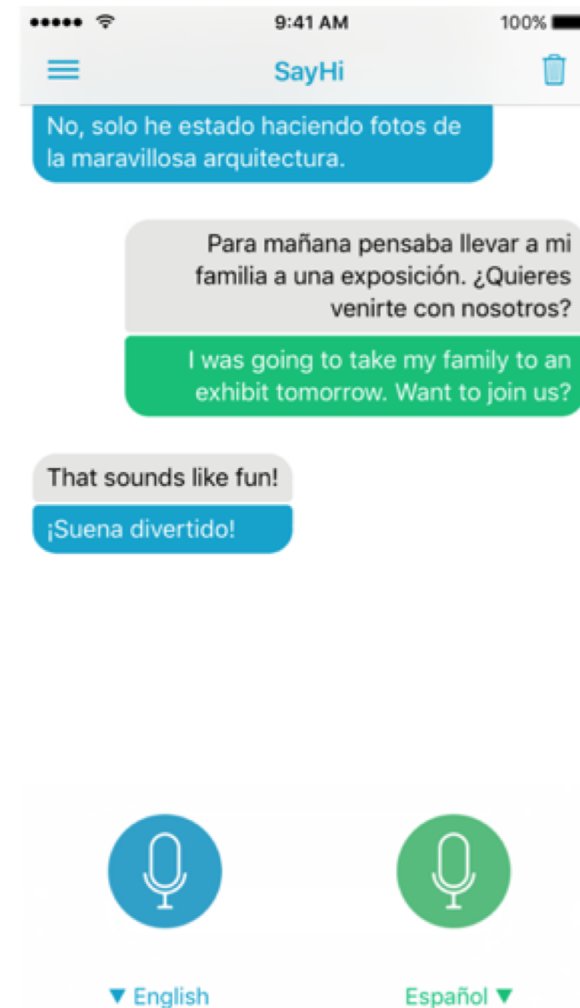
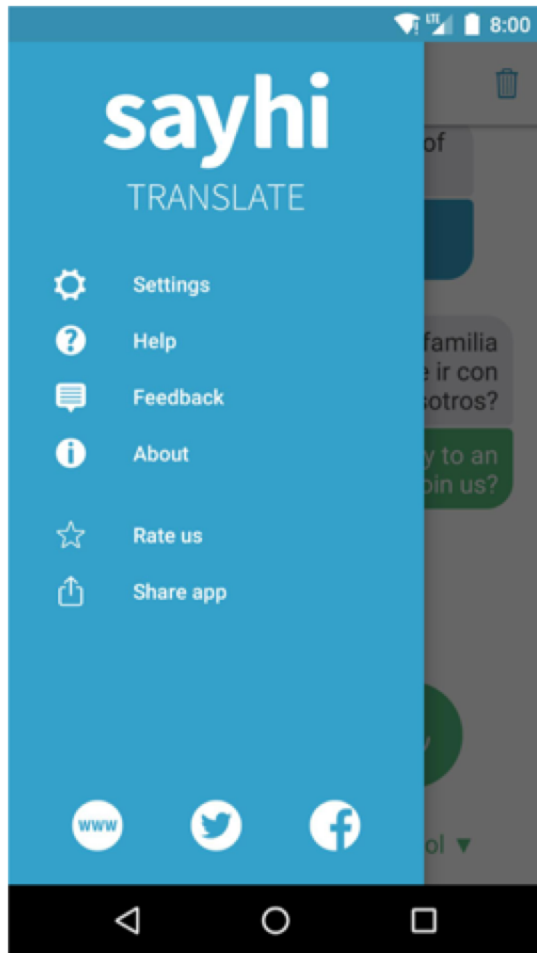
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Internal Information

Communication



- School Messenger
- PowerSchool
- School website
- Google classroom
- Email
- Report Cards
- School Conferences

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:



- dress themselves (zippers, buttons, put on/off shoes)
- 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, using a water bottle, put items of different sizes in their backpack
- play games, take turns, compromise, begin to problem solve
- develop a consistent bedtime routine



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



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

First Days of Kindergarten



School Hours

We offer morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) kindergarten classes. The times are:

- Morning (AM) Kindergarten Hours: 8:00am – 10:52am (drop off from 7:50am – 8:00am)
- Afternoon (PM) Kindergarten Hours: 11:40am – 2:32pm (drop off from 11:30am – 11:40am)

**Please be on time to
drop off and pick up your child**

Student Attendance

Parents are asked to telephone the school at 403 777 8560 (extension 1) if their child will be late or absent. The attendance line is available 24 hours a day. Office staff contact parents whose children are absent without prior notice.

First Days of Kindergarten

Kindergarten Doors



Kindergarten Arrival & Dismissal



Arrival

- Non-bussed students meet staff member just outside the kindergarten door with their parent / caregiver
- Bussed students are met by bus supervisor at the designated school bus zone

Dismissal

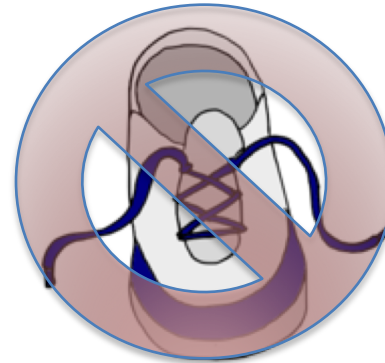
- Non-bussed students meet their parent / caregiver just outside the kindergarten door
- Bussed students meet the bus supervisor in the school and go together to the designated school bus zone

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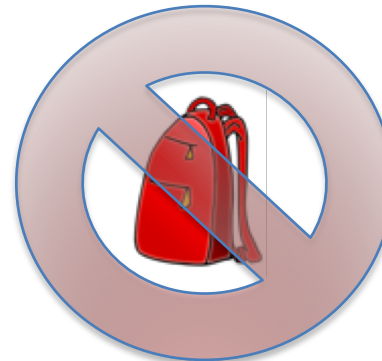
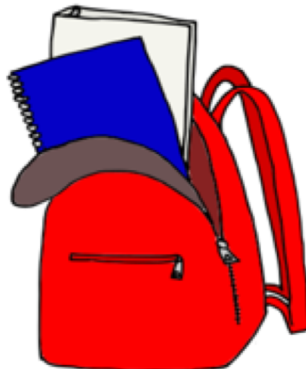
What does my child need for school?

- **Indoor shoes** (will stay at the school)

We ask that children have **velcro fastened shoes** until your child is able to independently tie shoe laces.



- **Backpack** (large to transport a big library book, snack bag)



First Days of Kindergarten

What does my child need for school?

- One small healthy snack in a bag or box



- Reusable water bottle
- Extra clothing is optional (underwear, pants)

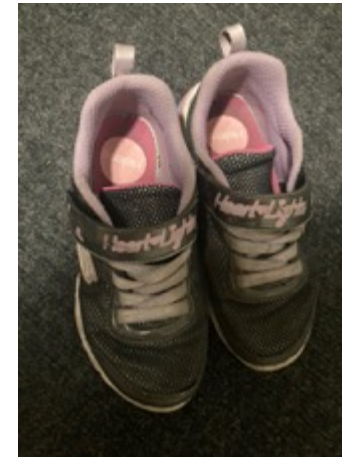
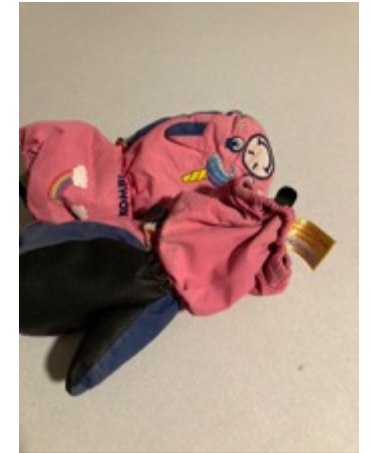
- Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather
- School supplies are provided by the school (such as paper, colouring pencils, scissors, glue, etc.)



First Days of Kindergarten



Please label all your child's belongings
with their name.



Transportation | Bussing



Getting Students to School

- If you live in the bus zone, you can register your child for yellow school bus transportation online using your [MyCBE/PowerSchool](#) or completing a transportation registration form.
- Please visit the [CBE website to find more information on fees and service levels](#) for the 2023-24 school year.
- To be included in the yellow school bus route planning for September, parents must register by the June 16 deadline.

Conditional Riders

Students who are in the walk zone can apply to be a conditional rider. Conditional riders are accepted based on space on the bus and address.

Please email or speak with Ms. Mona to get more information roengbers@cbe.ab.ca



Important Dates – Check Calendar!



Thursday, August 29 First day of school

- The kindergarten school calendar includes important dates throughout the school year
- We will provide you with a 2024-2025 school year calendar as soon as it becomes available.
- Children attend on alternating Fridays from 8:00am – 12:15pm.
- Check calendar to see if it is your child's turn to attend.

Example:

Only children in AM class attend school June 2

Only children in PM class attend school June 16

June 2023							30	July 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa		Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Class Start time	
Kindergarten	
– 2:32 pm	AM Kindergarten 8:00 am - 10:52 am Drop off from ☐ 7:50 am - 8:00 am
am	PM Kindergarten 11:40 am– 2:32 pm Drop off from ☐ 11:30 am - 11:40 am
0	Alternating Fridays 8:00 am– 12:15 pm

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

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



FAQs



How do I know if my child can ride the bus?

Please register using your MyCBE Powerschool account to view bussing information. Families of kindergarten students are asked to meet their child at the door of the bus to ensure their safety. Note: there is no mid-day bus. Your child could only ride it to OR from school. The bussing fees are \$130.



What daycares are available?

The daycare list below includes independent operators that currently drop off / pickup children at Connaught School. CBE does not endorse or recommend any particular child care center. Please do your own research to determine the best fit for your child.



Churchill Park Day Care - Phone: 403 370 8815

Family First Day Care - Phone: 587 352 5383

Good Start Day Care - Phone: 403 248 8181

Kids R Fun Day Care - Phone: 403 453 9333

Take Away...



1. Build your child's independence.



2. Talk, read, and play together!



3. Label all your child's belongings with a permanent marker or with a label (such as their water bottle, shoes, jacket, snack bag, backpack, hats, gloves, etc.).

4. We can't wait to see you the first day of school, August 29!