

Welcome to Kindergarten Bayside School



learning | as unique | as every student



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We are so pleased to welcome our youngest learners to Bayside School! Kindergarten is a wonderful time of discovery and we are looking forward to working with parents to ensure a safe, welcoming, and exciting learning experience for all students.



Everything you needed to know about Kindergarten

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



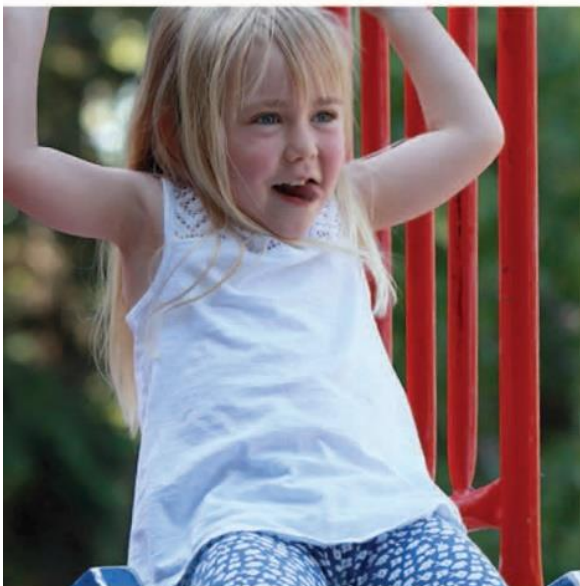
More than just skill building or practicing for the world we will grow into, play is the primary way which children manipulate new information, fit it into existing schema or create new ones and then adjust their understanding accordingly.



formulating **hypothesis**
engaging in experimentation and exploration
discovering patterns
creating **theories**



Learning Through **PLAY**



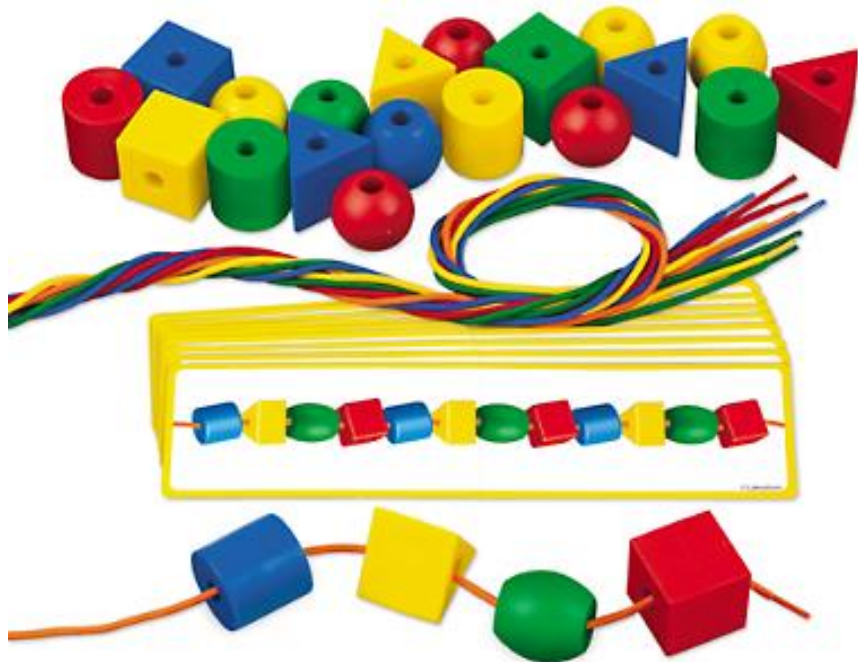
“Research shows that children who engage in complex forms of socio-dramatic play have greater language skills than non-players, better social skills, more empathy, more imagination, and more of the subtle capacity to know what others mean. They are less aggressive and show more self-control and higher levels of thinking”

~Miller & Almon

What will children learn in Kindergarten?



ABC's and 1 2 3's



Through thoughtful play and hands-on activities your child will:

- practice self-regulation
- develop oral language skills
- learn the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make
- explore reading through poems, stories and songs
- learn to write his/her name
- explore numbers 1 - 10
- sort and group objects
- learn basic colors and shapes
- explore seasons
- learn about community

Centers



Students have many opportunities to learn Math, Science, Numeracy, and Literacy concepts through a combination of direct teaching and intentionally designed, play-based learning centers.



Social Skills

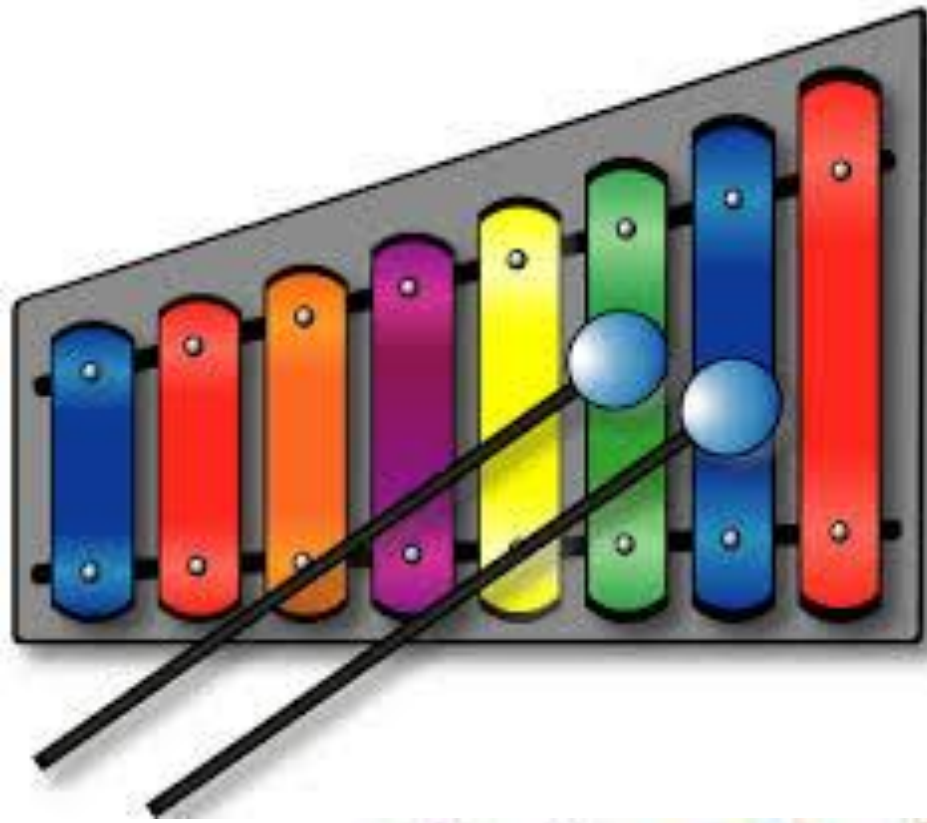


Kindergarten provides children the opportunity to practice:

- sharing
- empathy
- playing with others
- friendship skills
- expressing feelings positively
- showing respect
- taking risks



Let's Get Creative!



Kindergarten students will express creativity and explore their imaginations through art and music.

Active Kids



Making healthy choices, being active and playing safely are important lessons our Kindergarten students will practice every day!



Music and Physical Education



Clockwise from top left:
Physical Education with Ms.
Cassan, Library with
Ms.Tverkutes, Music with Ms.
McCune

Bayside Kindergarten students will have classes with the Music Specialist and Physical Education Specialist. They will also have opportunities to visit the school Learning Commons.

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)



How can we get ready for Kindergarten?





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
- short walks carrying their backpack
- following 2 step instructions (take off your shoes then hang up your backpack)



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Tips to help your child transition to being in a group independently

- Learn to manage big feelings (naming emotions, using calming strategies)
- Practice confident goodbyes (keep it short and loving)
- Practice turn-taking (games, sharing, waiting)
- Accepting being told "no"
- Trying new activities
- Moving on after disappointment
- Encourage predictable routines (morning, bedtime, transitions)
- Limited, supervised screen time



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

School Readiness

Do you want to help your child get ready for pre-school or kindergarten? Learn strategies to help prepare your child to start school.

Choose the live webinars that fit your needs:

- Emotional regulation
- Sensory processing
- Supporting your child's speech
- Toilet training
- The ABCs of addressing behaviour challenges

Scan or click
to register



[AHSweb.ca/mha/
PRwebinars](https://AHSweb.ca/mha/PRwebinars)

Live webinars are:

- free for all Albertans (no referral needed)
- presented by AHS healthcare professionals

Alberta Health Services offers several webinars regarding school readiness. Scanning the QR code will take you to their registration links.



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)

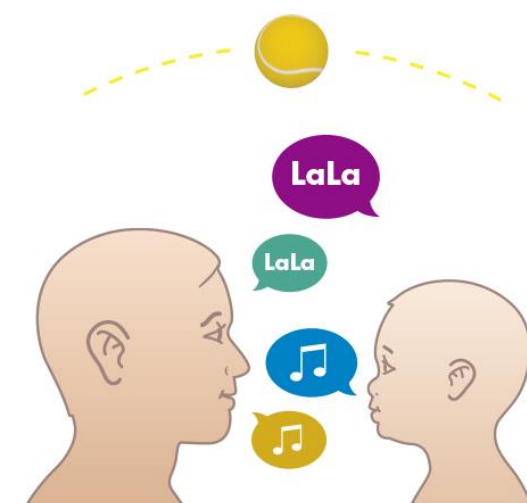
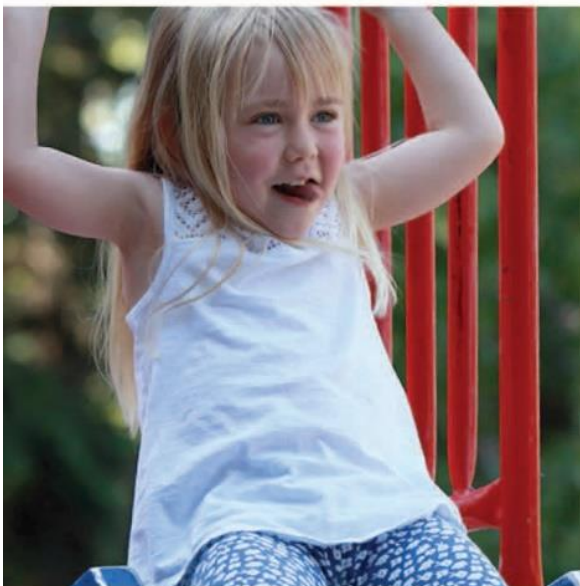




Getting Ready for Kindergarten

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



What does my child need for school?



What to bring?



Bayside school will provide all the supplies your child needs for their learning. Please **do not** purchase additional school supplies for your child.

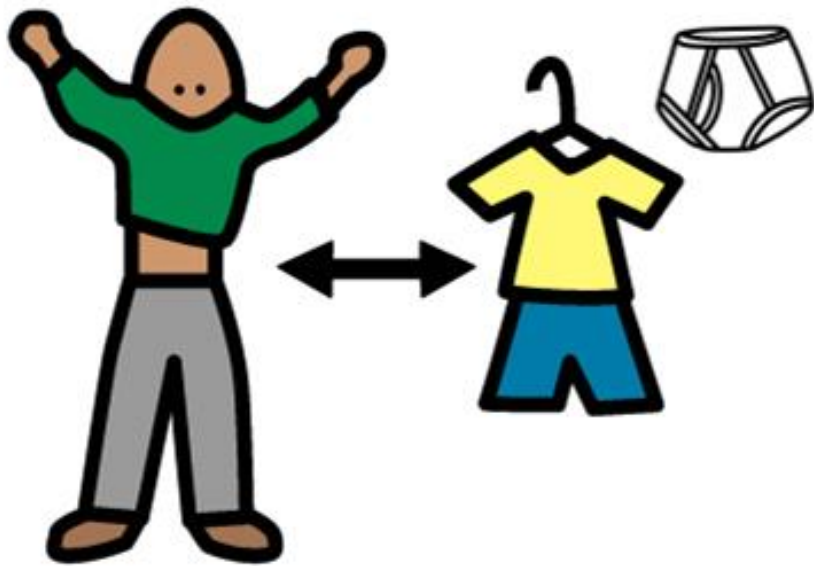
What to bring?



Healthy Snacks



Backpack



Spare Clothes



Indoor Shoes

Snack time



Kindergarten has snack time every day. Please have your child practice opening their lunch kit, containers and packages.

Indoor Shoes

Yes



No



Please put their name
on the side of their
shoes

Backpack



Please send your child with a backpack large enough to accommodate their snack and a library book. Have your child practice opening and closing their backpack.

Spare clothes



It is a good idea to send a spare set of clothes in your child's backpack. Learning is fun and it can be messy! A spare set of clothing will allow your child to continue to participate, even if they fall in a puddle or spill their juice.

We will notify parents if your child has a mishap and needs to use their change of clothes.

When do we start?



Kindergarten Times



Morning (AM) Kindergarten***

Monday- Thursday

8:00 AM-10:49 AM

Alternate Fridays

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Afternoon (PM) Kindergarten***

Monday-Thursday

11:39 AM-2:30 PM

Alternate Fridays

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

*** We are awaiting final approval of our calendar and Kindergarten times. We will notify parents when they have been confirmed.

Bayside School Walk Zone

Attendance Area Walk Zone



Transportation | Bussing



Bus Transportation is available for students who live outside of the walk zone.

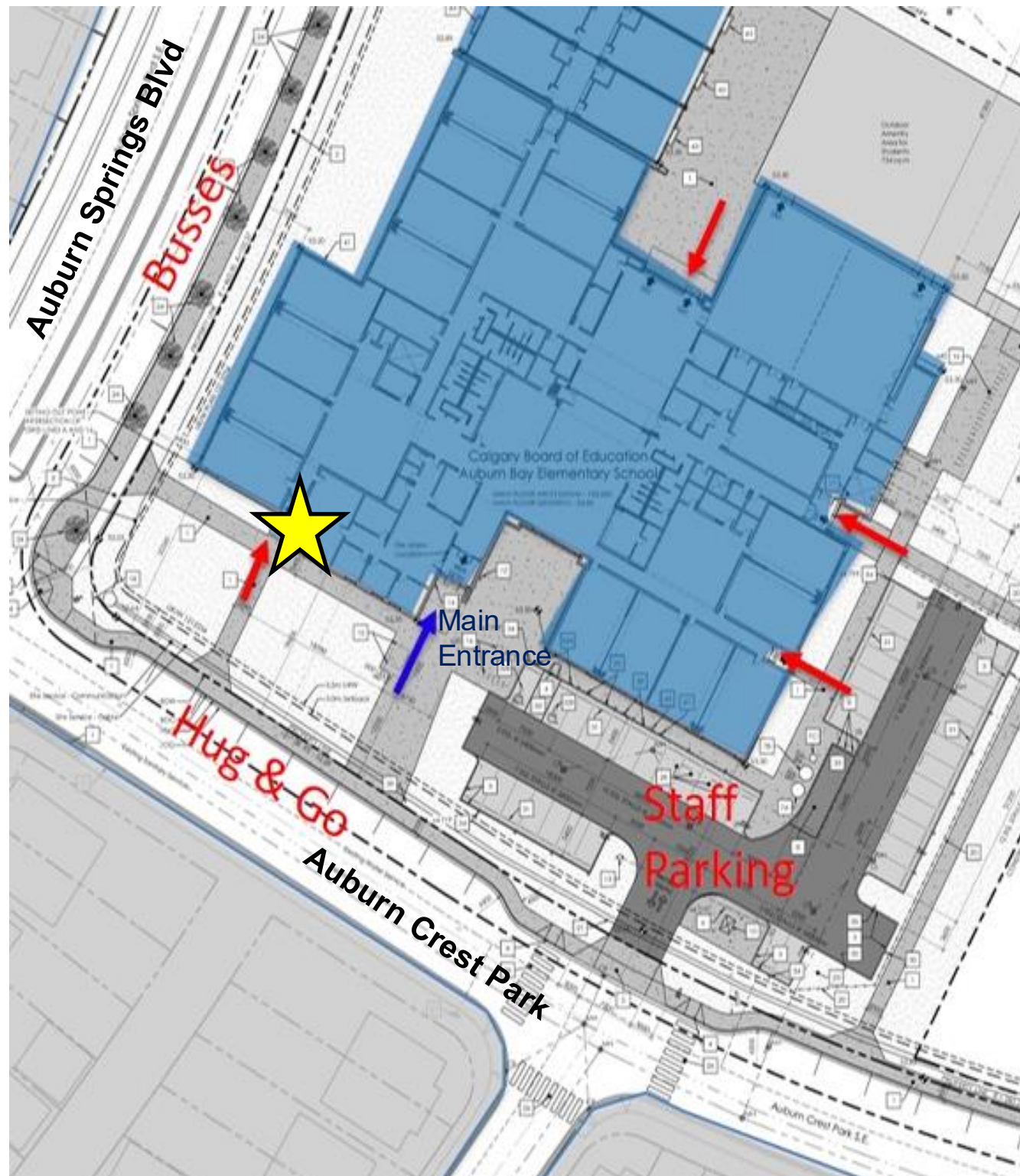
If your child attends **AM Kindergarten**, bussing is **available for morning drop off only (8:00 AM)** and families will need to arrange transportation at dismissal (10:49) a.m. If your child attends **PM Kindergarten**, families will need to drop them off at 11:39 a.m. and bussing is **available at dismissal (2:30 p.m.)** There is no mid-day bussing available.

Bus information can be found on the CBE Transportation Page:

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx>

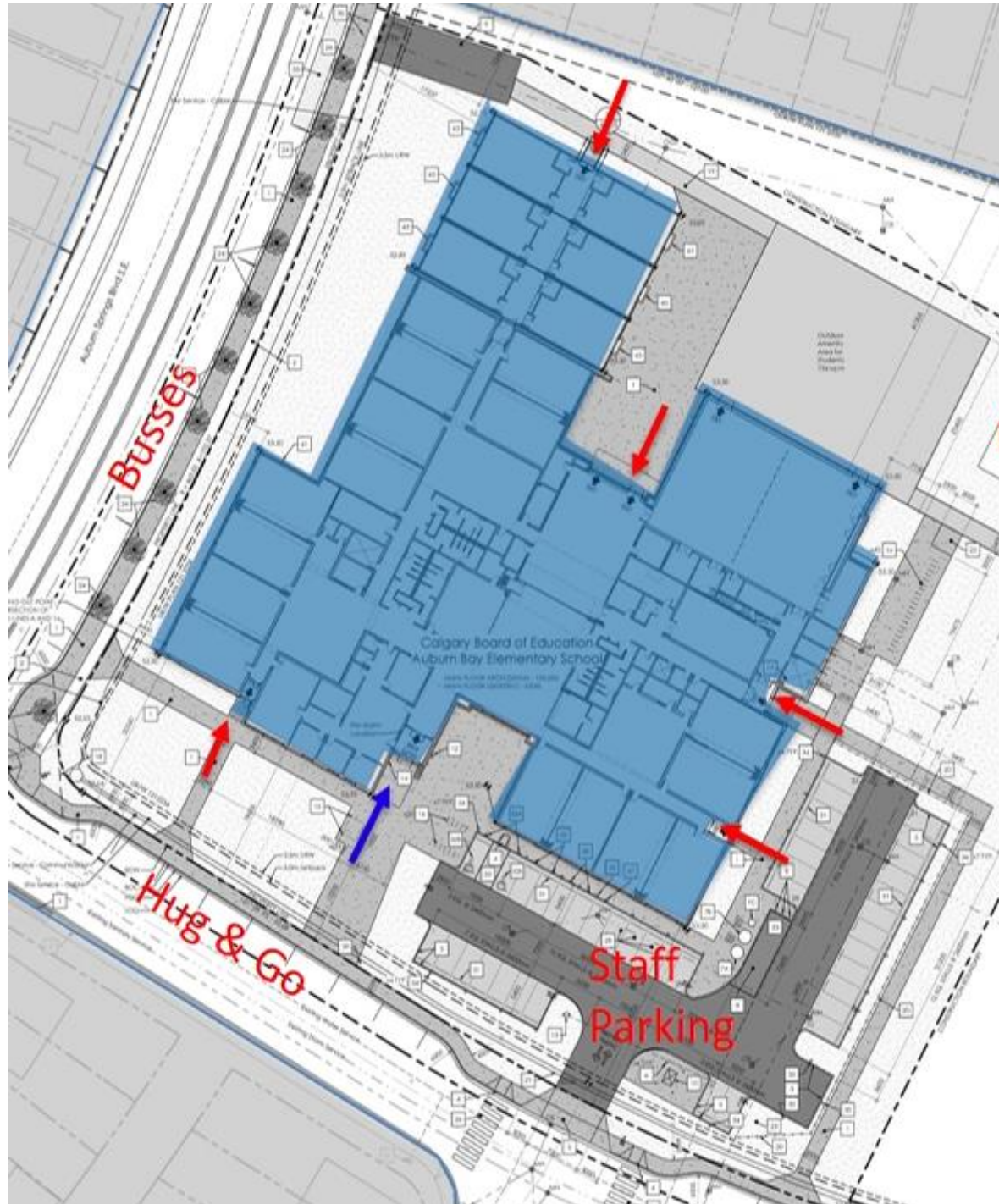
* For Bus registration please see the transportation page on the main CBE website (linked above). CBE will email families when transportation registration is available for the 2026-27 school year (usually near the end of May)

Kindergarten Entrance



★ The Kindergarten entrance will be at the front of the school to the left of the Main doors.

Parking



There is limited parking directly in front of and beside the school.

We encourage families to plan to walk to school as much as possible or, if that is not possible, to find parking on a nearby street (where parking is permitted).

Please do not use the staff parking lot for pick-up or drop-off.

Drop-off



When you bring your child to school, please walk them to the door. There will be a staff member there to greet you and to bring your child into the school.

Morning Entry 7:50-8:00 AM

*** Bayside students have a soft start in the morning between 7:50-8:00 AM. At this time, students come directly into the classroom.

Afternoon Entry 11:39 AM

Pick-up



When it is time to pick up your child. Please come to the Kindergarten door. Our staff will send the children out one at a time to make sure they connect with their adult caregivers.

If you plan for an older sibling to meet your child after school, please let the teachers know so we can support your children in connecting after school.

First Days of School



Staggered Entry:

To help make the transition into school most successful, your child will take part in staggered entry for the 2026-27 school year. We will have the students attend in smaller groups to allow them to become comfortable and confident in their new classroom.

- **Your child will attend only ONE day during staggered entry, either Monday August 31 or Tuesday, September 1.**

We will send you an email in June and again in August so you know which day to bring your child to school.

Staggered Entry for Kindergarten



**These times are subject to approval.

****Morning** Kindergarten students will attend either

Monday, August 1, 8:00 AM-10:49 AM

Or

Tuesday, September 1, 8:00 AM-10:49 AM

****Afternoon** Kindergarten students will attend either:

Monday, August 1, 11:39 AM- 2:30 PM

Or

Tuesday, September 1, 11:39 AM- 2:30 PM

Communication



- School Messenger (email)
- Phone: 403-817-3436
- Email: bayside@cbe.ab.ca
- Website: <https://bayside.cbe.ab.ca/>
- Google Classroom (will be set up in September)
- Instagram: Follow @Baysidecbe, @baysidecbe_kindergarten

Please ensure that you keep your phone number and email address current, so that the school can contact you when needed.



Getting Involved



There are many ways to support your child's school experience by getting involved in our school community.

Now is a great time to apply for your CBE volunteer clearance. Go to the [CBE Volunteers Webpage](#) to begin the process.

We encourage you to get involved with [Bayside School Council](#). We meet monthly (on the second Tuesday of the month) in the evening. It is a wonderful way to get to know other parents, to stay up to date on what is happening, and to share your input to help make Bayside the best possible learning environment for all students!

English Language Learners

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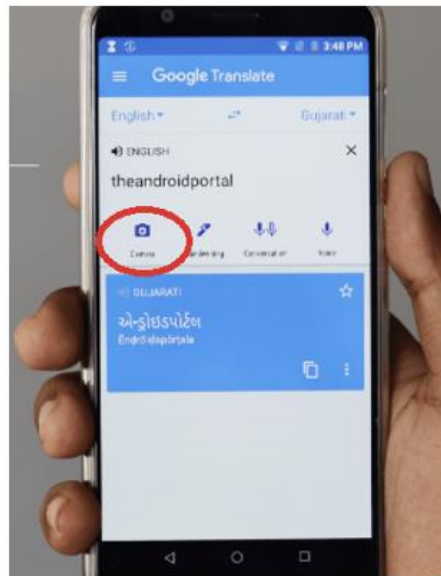


Google Translate on CBE Websites

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Forest Lawn High School website. The browser's address bar shows the URL `school.cbe.ab.ca/school/ForestLawn/Pages/default.aspx`. The website header includes navigation links such as "News Centre", "Calendar", "Print", "For Staff", "QuickLinks", and "Google Translate" (which is 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 is a navigation menu with links for "About Us", "Teaching & Learning", "Extracurricular", "Culture & Envir", "Get Involved", and "Registration". A prominent orange banner reads "ALERT: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 LEARNING FROM HOME" with a sub-message: "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. On the right side, there are several news items, including "Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students Move to At-Home Learning" and "CBE Recognizes CMHA Mental Health Week 2021". The footer of the page displays the "Calgary Board of Education" logo and name.

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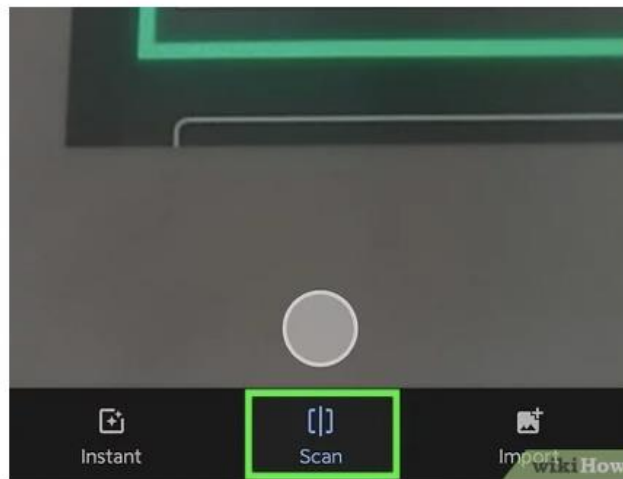


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If you have a **long document** tap the **camera** and then the **scan button** at the bottom of the app to translate the entire document.



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Come say hello!



Our Administration Team and Kindergarten teachers are excited to meet our parents and students! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday May 28 for our Welcome to Kindergarten.

Please plan to **attend with your child** during the times below.

Classroom Visits (meet the teacher, make a craft, Kindergarten activities😊)

A-K 4:00-4:50

L-Z 4:50-6:00

* Representatives from our School Council will be available to answer questions.



Clockwise from top: Meghan Veronese (teacher), Karla Sanderson (teacher), Darby McAsey (left, Principal), Vanessa Prestayko (right, Assistant Principal)

Thank you! We are looking forward to a terrific year together!

