



Welcome

Chris Akkerman School

K- Gr 5 New Student Orientation

2026



Calgary Board
of Education



Introductions



Principal – Leanne Bettesworth

Assistant Principal – Bruce Murray

Introduction of our teaching team & our office staff
Introduction of our Grade 5 Leadership Students

Interpreter: Shilpa Kawale (Hindi, Gujarathi,
Marathi, Punjabi)

Interpreter: Aziza Abouhassan (Arabic)



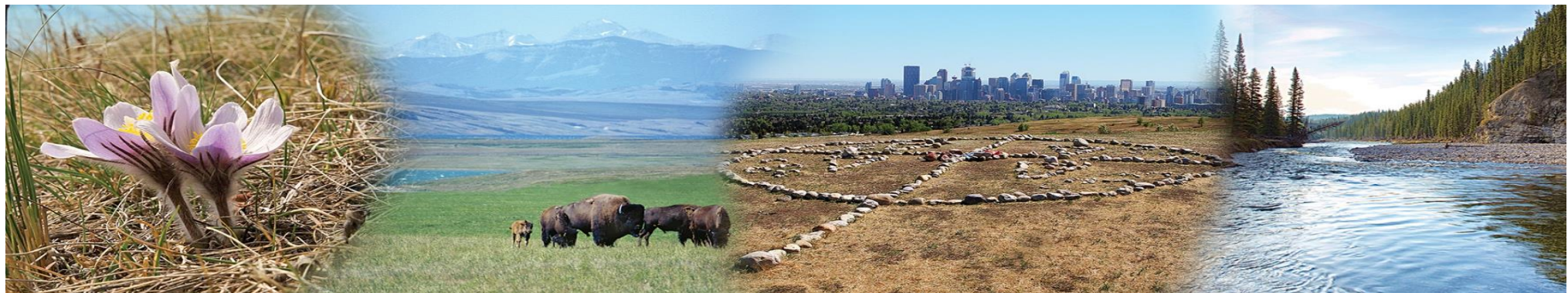
Acknowledgement of the Land



The Calgary Board of Education acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaiti, comprised of the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We also 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.



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Agenda



- TLC Programming and Enhanced Supports
- Transportation/MyCBE/Lunch /Uniforms
- Expectations/Homework/Volunteering
- Important dates & times
- Getting ready for a new school in September
- Q&A



The Calgary Board of Education



Mission and Values

Students come first

Learning is our central purpose

Public education serves the common good

At the Calgary Board of Education, we understand that children bring their own unique talents and gifts to their learning experience. The early years are a time of significant development in a child's life. Our dedicated team know how to help children reach their full potential.



Chris Akkerman School



Traditional Learning Centre (TLC)

- Alternative program of choice
- Follows the Alberta Curriculum
- Aligned with all public schools in the CBE
- Learning Methodology
 - Gradual Release of Responsibilities
 - Development of foundational skills
 - French and Music
 - Emphasis on character education – virtues



Alberta Curriculum



Kindergarten

1. English Language Arts and Literature
2. Math
3. Social Studies
4. Science
5. Physical Education + Wellness
6. Character Education (Social/emotional skills)
7. Creative Expression

Grade 1 - 5

1. English Language Arts and Literature
2. Math
3. Social Studies
4. Science
5. Physical Education + Wellness
6. Character Education (Social/emotional skills)
7. French
8. Music



Enhanced Student Supports



All learners are unique. TLC supports every student who attends our school. Every student has unique needs.

- English as an additional language
- Education Assistants/ School Assistants
- Early Learning Strategists (kindergarten)
- Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)
- Psychologists
- Occupational Therapists (OTs)
- Physiotherapists (PTs)
- School Family Liaison (SFL)
- Diversity Learning Support Advisor (DLSA)
- Individual Program Plan (IPP)
- Student Support Plan (SSP)



Well Being & Social Emotional Development



- Precursor for learning
- Resilience building
- Confidence, Self-Awareness
- Problem Solving
- Indigenous Lifelong Learning Framework
 - Heart, Body, Mind, Spirit
- Zones of Regulation



The ZONES of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control



Learning Plan

Morning

Morning Meeting/attendance	
Smudge	
Centres	
Letters	
Writing	
Snack	
Recess	
Math	
Story	
Lunch	
Lunch Recess (playground)	

Afternoon

Afternoon Meeting/attendance	
Quiet Reading	
Learning on the land	
Snack + Centers	
Home	

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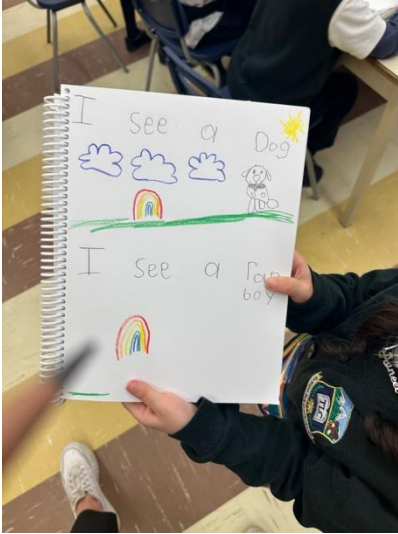
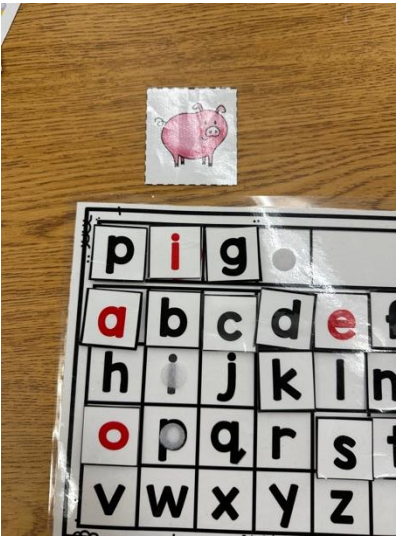
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What does a typical day look like?

Kindergarten students have plenty of time to “play” during their day. Play is an important learning tool.

All students will have a schedule in their classroom so students know the daily learning plan.

Literacy



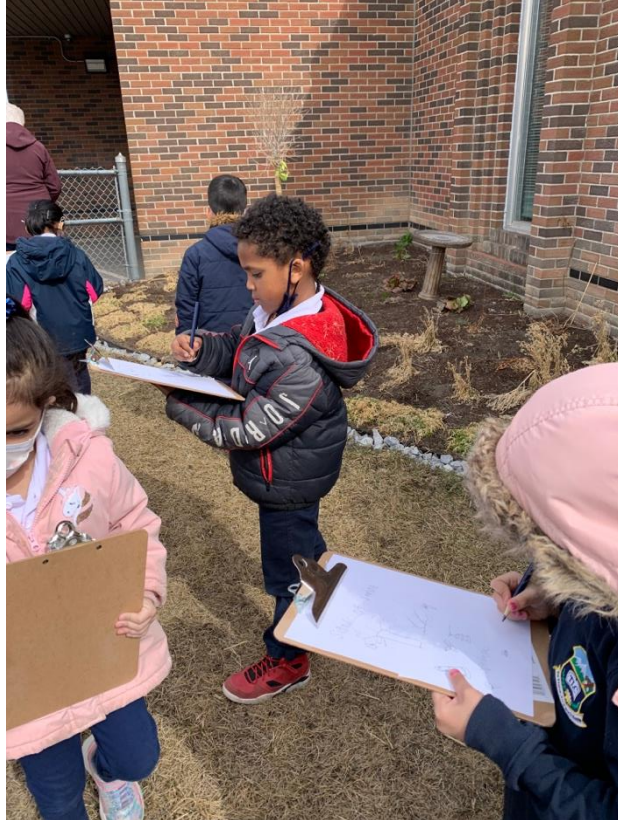
Math



Life Skills



Land Based Learning & Social Emotional Learning



Hands on Learning



Homework



Google Classroom: Weekly homework will be posted for grades 1 to 5.

Daily Reading

Math Games/ Math Up

Based on current classroom learning

Expectation for every student: Daily home reading

Kindergarten:

- Homework is optional but will build positive habits
- Read with your child every day.
 - Home reading program
 - Library books





Extra Curricular Activities



- Celebration of Learning
- Family Picnic
- Fun Lunches
- Spirit Days
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Athletic and cultural residencies
- Amazing fieldtrips
- Music Monday
- Grade 5 Leadership



Google Translate on CBE Websites



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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](#)

Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students Move to At-Home Learning [Read More](#)

CBE Recognizes CMHA Mental Health Week 2021 [Read More](#)

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Chris Akkerman School



Kindergarten to Grade 5

- Approximately 650 students
- 4 classes at all grades K – Gr 5
- Kindergarten:
 - 2 classes Mon/Wed with alternating Fridays
 - 2 classes Tues/Thurs with some Fridays
- * All K students attend school for the same hours and minutes

School Hours

Monday to Thursday

• 7:50 am – 2:35 pm

Friday:

- Kindergarten Schedule TBD
- 7:50 am – 11:35AM (K – Grade 5)



PowerSchool



All families require a PowerSchool Account

- Check student progress
- View attendance
- View report cards
- Register for conferences
- Pay school fees (Bussing/ Lunch/ Fieldtrips)

Power School = MyCBE

www.cbe.ab.ca

Scroll to MyCBE

Create account – PLEASE use the same address school has on file. If you change your e-mail/ phone# PLEASE inform the school!



School Messenger



Parents **MUST** subscribe to our school messenger. This is how you will receive **ALL** school communication and updates. Every Friday all parents receive a weekly update. This contains important information for all families.

Complete the form at
www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe

Text **YES** to 978338

Volunteering | PIC Clearance



We hope **all families** will volunteer and help support their children and our community.

Parent volunteers lead us to excellence!

ALL volunteers must have a police information clearance (PIC)

1. Pick up EPIC letter from school office
2. Apply online through PowerSchool - Volunteer Clearance or through SchoolEngage
3. You will receive clearance in the mail
4. Bring your clearance into the school

We love
♥ OUR ♥
Volunteers

Chris Akkerman School Council



Parent participation

- We meet approximately once per month (on line/ face to face)
- Next meeting and AGM is Thursday May 28

School Council Initiatives

An Evening of Nutrition – Thursday May 21

(All families are welcome to attend – in the learning commons)

Casino fundraising

Working with the school to make decisions

Funding great things

- Artist in residence
- Athletic residencies
- Fieldtrips/ resources
- Guest speakers



Transportation Information



Transportation | Bussing



**Students must register for bussing
Registration is done using your MyCBE account**

www.cbe.ab.ca

Scroll down to MyCBE

Register on Transportation Tab



Bus stops are created based on who registers in May/June.
If you don't register you **WILL NOT** have a bus stop close
to your home.

There is **NO** review of bus stops after June 16

Stops are congregated for all alternative programs

Kindergarten students **MUST** have an adult waiting at the
stop to pick them up



What if my child is late, or I need to pick them up early?



- Students who come to school late are required to enter through the front doors of the school and say good morning to Ms. Shilpa in at the office.
- Students will receive a welcome slip and proceed to their classroom. The reason for being late and the time is recorded in Power School and reported out on their report card.
- If a student needs to leave early for an appointment, parents need to call the office or let the teacher know in advance and come to the office to pick them up and sign them out.

Getting Ready for TLC - Uniform



- Formal uniform is required on Mondays as well as on special occasions, assembly days, fieldtrips and as established by the school. (Kindergarten students attending Tuesday should wear their formal uniform on Tuesday)
- Casual uniform may be worn on all other days.
- All uniform pieces must fit, be clean, and tidy.
- All uniform pieces should be clearly and permanently labelled.
- Spirit days happen monthly. Students wear their Chris the Cub Shirt on Spirit Days

Getting Ready for TLC

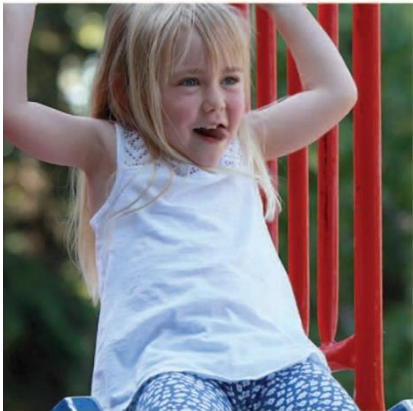


Formal

- Tunic/dress or navy pants
- Collared white shirt
- Green cardigan
- Dark tights/ Socks
- Tie & Black Shoes

Casual Uniform

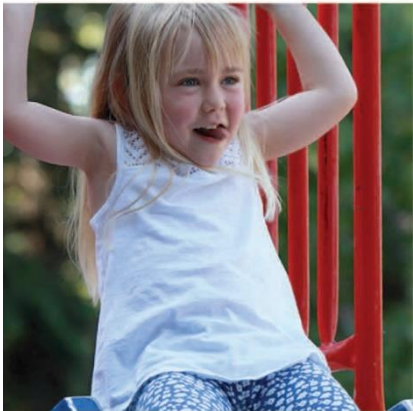
- Navy or white TLC crested golf shirt
- Navy TLC Crested Vest
- Navy Skirt/ Pants/ Dress Shorts
- Dark socks/ Black shoes



Getting Ready for TLC - Shoes



Students will need a pair of indoor & outdoor shoes



Indoor

- All black in color
- Non-marking soles
- Good for gym and running around
- Easy to do up
- (no laces if your child cannot do them up independently)
- If wearing formal dress shoes, gym shoes are also required. (Gr. 1-5)



Outdoor

- Weather dependent
- Good for running and being active outdoors
- Okay to get dirty



Getting Ready for School



Please provide your child with the following labelled items:

- Child sized backpack
- Lunch Bag
- Water bottle
- Extra clothes in labelled Ziplock (Kindergarten)
- Please label everything!
- **No** toys/ electronics/ phones/ school supplies



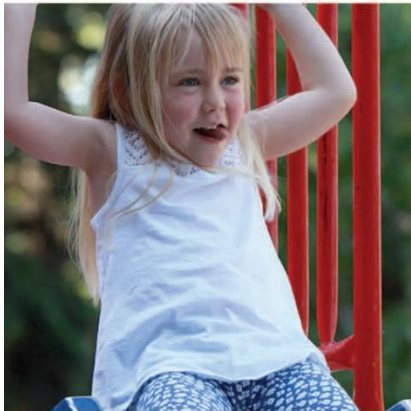
Getting Ready for School



Because the children are at school for full day, they need good nutrition and lots of energy.

Here are some good food suggestions:

- 1 large main
- 2- 3 healthy snacks
- Water



Getting Ready for School



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 in other small ways at home
- practice opening and closing snack containers, using a water bottle, eating independently
- Hanging up their coat, putting shoes away
- play games, take turns and compromise
- develop a consistent bedtime routine



Read with your child everyday



- 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)
- Model reading often

Preparing to attend a new school

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
- ask open ended questions and then...listen
- 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 is most important is getting back up, trying again, learning.
- Get excited about going to school
- Set a regular (early) bedtime K-Gr 2 = 7PM Gr 3-5 = 8PM
- Come try out our playground, here at CAS

Important Times & Dates



Kindergarten: By the end of June, you will receive information for the following:

- Class Assignment (Mon/Wed or Tues/Thurs)
- List of Friday attendance
- Staggered entry schedule
- CAS Yearly Calendar

ALL TLC Students

Bus registration deadline will be mid June Date TBD

September 2nd – First day of regular classes and staggered entry

School Hours:

Monday – Thursday 7:50 am – 2:35 pm

Friday 7:50 am – 11:35 am





Questions