



Kindergarten Orientation

North Haven School
2026-2027



Calgary Board
of Education



Agenda



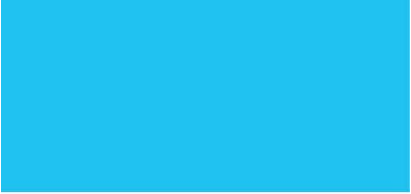
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

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



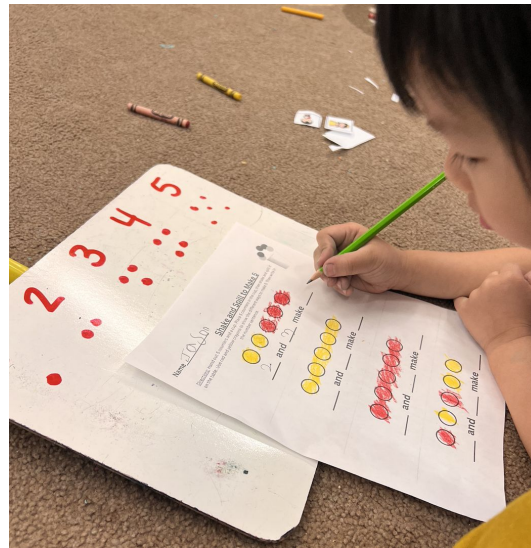
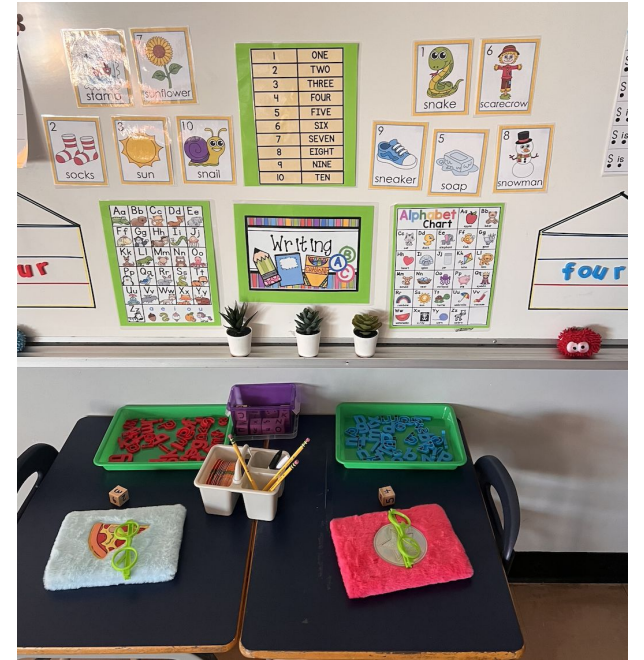
Learning Through PLAY



“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)

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



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Read to your child every day:

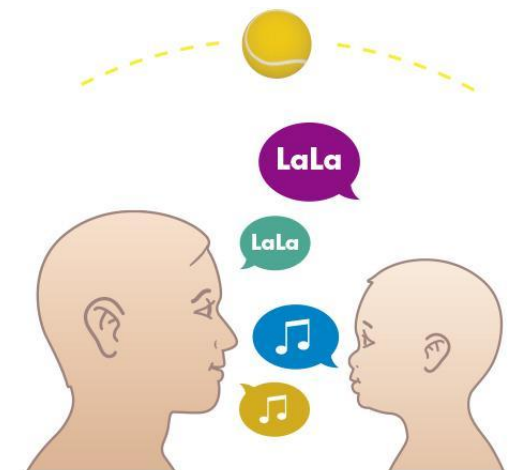
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



Important Times & Dates



First Day of School for Kindergarten
Friday, August 31st (staggered entry)
September 1 (full class)



Morning Class Bell Times:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 10:55 am
Scheduled Fridays - 8:00 am – 12:00 pm



School fees will be charged to families starting in October. Online fee payment is the simplest and most convenient way to pay school fees. Parents can use their online account to pay fees or apply for a waiver at: www.cbe.ab.ca/mycbe.

You can find more information on the [CBE school fees and waivers page](#).

Staggered Entry details For Friday, Aug 30th



FIRST DAY Monday August 31st, 2026

All students with the last names starting with A - N will attend.

8:00 am – 9:00 am

All students with last names starting with O – Z will attend.

9:30 – 10:30am



Starting Tuesday, September 1st. All students will be attending regular class schedules.



Morning Classes:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 10:55 am

Scheduled Fridays (10) 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Transportation | Bussing

Families in Carington and Livingston:

Yellow school bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year are created over the summer and based on the addresses submitted before the pre-registration deadline **JUNE 14/2026**. While CBE Transportation continues to accept pre-registrations, access to bus routes may be delayed.

Only registered students have bus route and stop information provided through [MyCBE / PowerSchool](#)

The transportation fee has increased from \$360 to \$500/rider and from \$180 to \$250 for one-way kindergarten riders.

Only registered students should use transportation services
Students are assigned to one stop based on their primary home address for general transportation; alternate stops will not be available
Students will be assigned a seat by the driver; students must adhere to the seating plan

More information about 2026-2027 transportation service levels and proposed fees are posted on the [CBE website](#).



English Language Learners



- focus on shared experiences to support language development and build communication skills
- daily read-alouds, songs, poems, drama and physical movement
- Centre-based programming
- play-based learning tasks
- visual cues to assist children as they make sense of the school environment
- wide range of learning opportunities
- keep home language alive
- Children are not funded as EAL learners in Kindergarten but they may be identified as students who will need more support in Grade 1



School Association and Parent Council

- Attend meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm
- Get updates from the Principal and teachers
- Ask questions or make suggestions about what is happening at the school
- Have a say in how our fundraising dollars get spent!

Want to be more involved?

We are filling these positions!

- Council Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Casino Coordinator (this is our biggest fundraiser!)

Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch
monthly volunteer opportunities

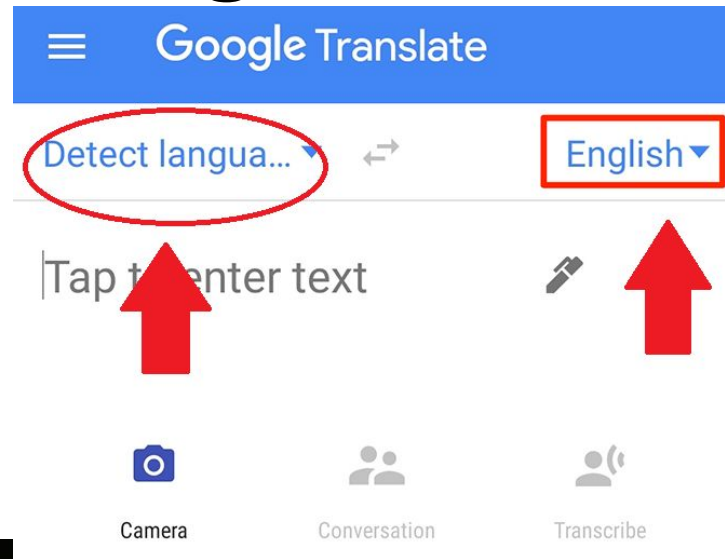
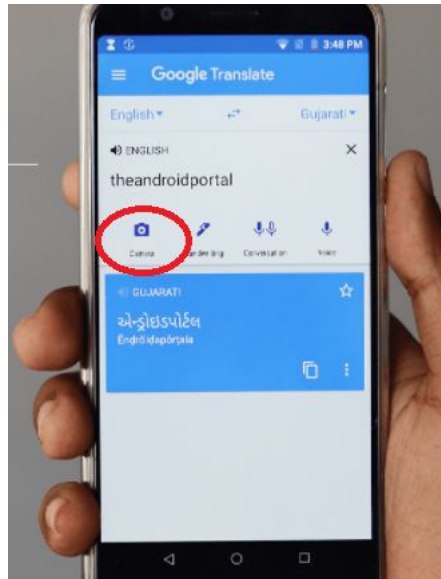


Google Translate on CBE Websites

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `school.cbe.ab.ca/school/ForestLawn/Pages/default.aspx`. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website header includes navigation links: News Centre, Calendar, Print, For Staff, QuickLinks, and a search bar. A red circle highlights the "Google Translate" dropdown menu in the top right corner of the website. A large red arrow points upwards from the center of the page towards the Google Translate menu. The main content area features the Forest Lawn High School logo and name, along with a navigation menu with categories: About Us, Teaching & Learning, Extracurricular, Culture & Environment, Get Involved, and Registration. Below this is an orange alert banner: "ALERT: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 LEARNING FROM HOME". The bottom section contains a blue banner with the words "HAPPY" and "AFRAID" overlaid on images of children's faces, and a red banner for "CBE Recognizes CMHA Mental Health Week 2021". The Calgary Board of Education logo is in the bottom right corner.



Google Translate App



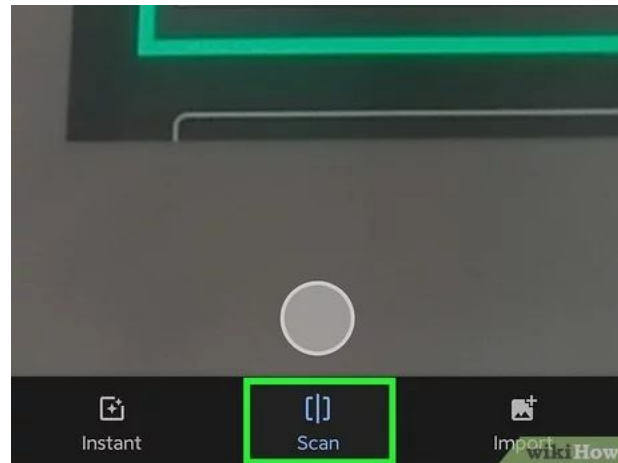
learning | as unique | as every student





Google Translate App

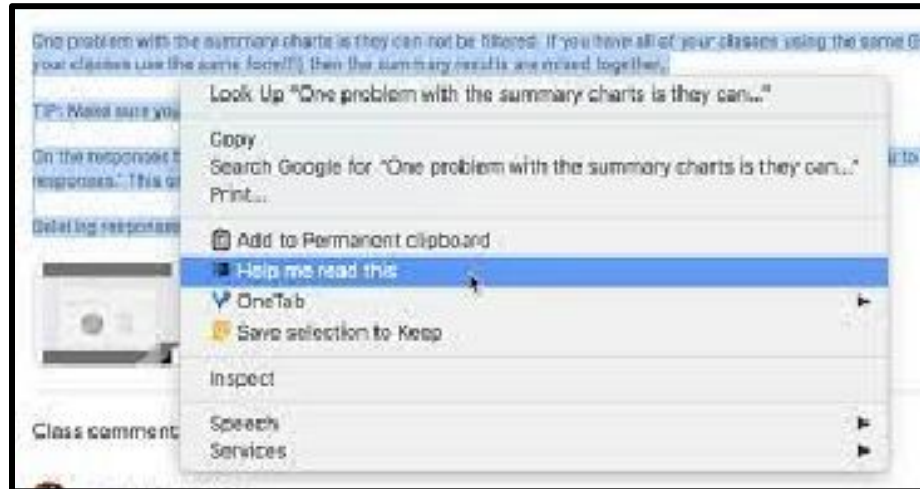
If you have a **long document tap the camera** and then the **scan button** at the bottom of the app to translate the entire document.



learning | [as unique](#) | as every student



Immersive Reader

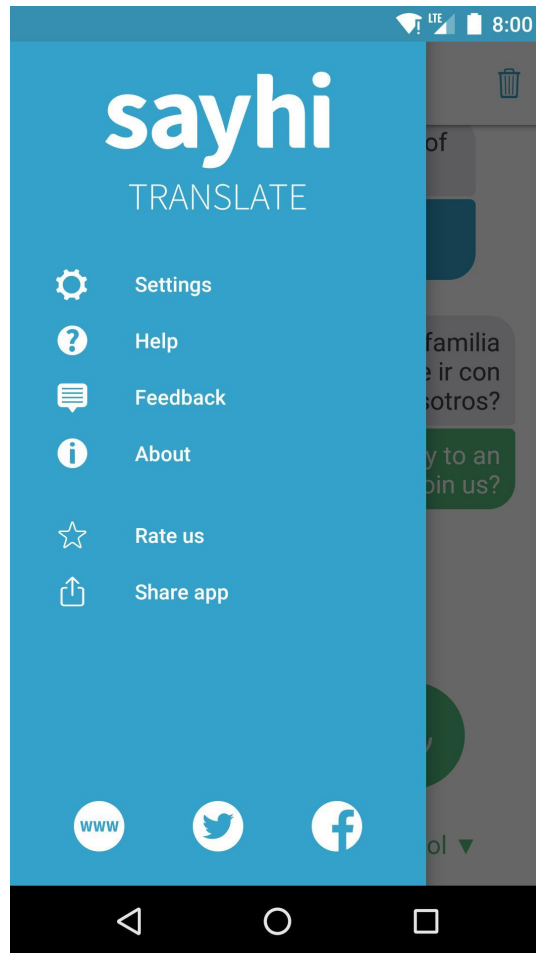


learning | as unique | as every student





SAY Hi App for Speaking Translation



First Days of Kindergarten



- Large backpack
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Healthy snack
- Water bottle
- Pair of indoor shoes
- Change of clothes if you feel necessary
- Pair of Velcro non-marking indoor shoes that can be left at school

Please put names on all of your child's belongings

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/1859193_931_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

Kindergarten Eye See...Eye Learn Program:
<https://www.optometrists.ab.ca/@/AAO/ESEL>

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

Questions/Classroom Tour & Activity



Classroom Tours/Activity:

- Take a walk through kindergarten classroom
- Activities in the library

Activity in library:

- craft: flower(name) headband
- colouring pages
- sorting crayons toy
- tracing ABC boards
- ABC transformers

