



# Kindergarten Orientation for 2026 – 2027 Cambrian Heights School



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of Education

# Welcome to Cambrian Heights



- Introduction to Office Staff



Principal:  
Todd Webber



Assistant Principal:  
Erin Laberee Lee



Secretary:  
Jennifer Boyce

## Introduction: Current Kindergarten Teacher



Carrie Harich

- Experienced kindergarten teacher
- Previous to teaching kindergarten, I taught grades 1 and 2 and was also an English as a Second Language teacher

# About Our School Community



- We are a K – 6 school
- There are approximately 470 students at Cambrian Heights
- We welcome families from the communities of Cambrian Heights, Highwood, Queen's Park and Livingston
- Our school is home to a System Class called Bridges

# Core Values

Our school uses these Core Values to help students and staff communicate our shared expectations.



Respect



Respect is shown by the buffalo. The buffalo gives everything it has to help others live. Not because it is less important, but because it understands the balance and needs of others. To live with respect, we need to think about how we treat ourselves, others, and the spaces around us. Always treat others the way you want to be treated. Before you speak, ask yourself: is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? This helps to make sure that what we say shows respect to others.



Honesty



Honesty is shown by the raven. Raven knows who they are and uses their own gifts without wishing for the abilities of others. They don't try to be faster, stronger or better than others. Honesty is also about acting with integrity, which means doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Be true to yourself, accept who you are, and use your unique gifts to help others.



Bravery



Bravery is shown by the bear. The bear has the courage and strength to face their fears and overcome difficult challenges. Bravery is also about having the courage to do hard things and try new things, even when they seem scary. It's also about being yourself, speaking the truth, and making positive choices - even when those choices are tough. Stand up for what you believe in, for your community, your family, your school and yourself!



# Truth and Reconciliation Commitment

We commit to engaging staff and students in learning about, and valuing of, Indigenous ways of knowing, knowledge systems and language through land-based learning experiences with the support of Elders and Knowledge Keepers.



# Kindergarten Hours

- Kindergarten has its own school calendar – Times below are not approved yet and are tentative.
  - **AM Regular Hours:**
    - Mon-Thurs 8:00 – 10:50
    - Selected Fridays 8:00 – 12:00
  - **PM Regular Hours**
    - Mon-Thurs 11:40 – 2:30
    - Selected Fridays 8:00 – 12:00
- We must ensure AM and PM class sizes are equitable
- We do our best to give families their choice of AM/PM classes
- You'll receive a confirmation email with your AM/PM class prior to end of June
- September





# Staggered Entry

- Not all kindergarten students will start on the same day.
- A staggered entry allows the staff to give each student more attention on their first few days with a smaller number of students.
- Your welcome email will contain your staggered entry group and the schedule is on the Kindergarten Calendar.

[Cambrian Heights Website](#)



CBE schools are closed on the days shaded grey.

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|-------------------|---|
| August 26, 27, 28 | Non-instruction days                              |
| August 31         | First day of school                               |
| August 31         | Kindergarten Staggered Entry Group 1              |
| September 1       | Kindergarten Staggered Entry Group 2              |
| September 7       | Labour Day  |
| September 11      | AM/PM Kindie Day                                  |
| September 25      | Conferences / Afternoon Open Classrooms           |
| September 25      | Non-instruction day                               |
| September 30      | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation         |
| October 12        | Thanksgiving Day                                  |
| October 19        | Non-instruction day                               |
| November 10       | Last day of classes                               |
| November 11-15    | Fall Break  |
| November 16       | Classes resume                                    |
| November 26       | Conferences Evening Gr 1-6 No School Kindergarten |
| November 27       | Conferences – No School                           |
| November 27       | Non-instruction day                               |
| December 18       | Last day of classes                               |
| Dec 19 - Jan 3    | Winter Break                                      |
| January 4         | Classes resume                                    |
| January 29        | System PL Non-instruction day                     |
| February 11, 12   | Teachers' Convention                              |
| February 15       | Family Day  |
| February 26       | Non-instruction day                               |
| March 18          | Last day of classes                               |
| March 18          | Conferences Evening Gr 1-6 No School Kindergarten |
| March 19          | Conferences – No School                           |
| March 19          | Non-instruction day                               |
| March 20 - 29     | Spring Break                                      |
| March 30          | Classes resume                                    |
| April 30          | Maatoomsii'Pookaiks Non-instruction day           |
| May 21            | Non-instruction day                               |
| May 24            | Victoria Day                                      |
| June 25           | Last day of classes                               |
| June 28           | Appeals day                                       |
| June 29           | Non-instruction day                               |

## Cambrian Heights School 2026 – 2027 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

| August 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | October 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |
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| 23          | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27             | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    | 25           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |   |
| 30          | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |                |    |    |    |    |    |    |              |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |

| November 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | December 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | January 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
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| February 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | March 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | April 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
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| May 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    | July 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
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| Grade 1-6   | Start Time | Lunch  | Dismissal |
|-------------|------------|--|-----------|
| Mon - Thurs | 8:00 AM    | Shift 1: 11:00 AM – 11:40 AM<br>Shift 2: 11:40 AM – 12:20 PM | 2:30 PM   |
| Friday      | 8:00 AM    | N/A  | 12:00 PM  |

| Kindergarten    | Start Time Mon to Thurs | Dismissal Mon to Thurs | Alternating Friday |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| AM Kindergarten | 8:00 AM                 | 10:50 AM               | 8:00 AM - 12:00PM  |
| PM Kindergarten | 11:40 AM                | 2:30 PM                | 8:00 AM - 12:00PM  |

# Kids Come First and Kids Planet (Edmonton Trail)



- Kids Come First (KCF) is a private rental group that provides before and after school care in our school.
- Kids Planet Services our school with bus service
- They not part of CBE or Cambrian Heights school.
- Please contact the service providers to find out costs, availability etc
- The availability of care is not a factor for deciding on AM or PM class placement, although we do honour parent requests for AM/PM if possible.

# PowerSchool



- Please sign up as soon as possible at <https://cbe.ab.ca/support/Pages/MyCBE-PowerSchool.aspx>
- Pay fees, sign up for bussing, book parent teacher conferences, view attendance and report cards
- You will need your child's CBE ID#
- Please feel free to call our main office for further information or support at 403-777-6150

# Transportation



- Eligible students in the AM class can ride the school bus TO school
- Eligible students in the PM class can ride the school bus HOME FROM school.
- There is no mid-day bus. Parents are responsible for transportation.
- Kindergarten pays a reduced transportation fee of \$130 for one-way bus
- Students who are registered for before/after school care can ride the morning and afternoon bus. They still pay the same \$130 fee.
- **Families must register by **June 14th** for students to be added to routes for the start of the next school year.**
- **Families who do not pre-register for the bus by June 14 will not be added to a bus route until September. It can take SIX WEEKS before they are able to ride the school bus – this could be as late as Thanksgiving.**
- **[CBE Transportation](#)**

## 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)

# School Policies



- Please do not come in any of the side doors. All visitors need to go through the main entry door and check-in at the office.
- If your child is late, please take them to the office.
- If your child is going to be absent, please call the main office at 403-777-6150 or email [CambrianHeights@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:CambrianHeights@cbe.ab.ca)
- **IMPORTANT: If your child is not taking the bus home, please call the main office before the end of the day to avoid any confusion!**

# School Policies



- Any medical concerns need to be communicated to the Main Office and you will need to fill out a 'Student Health Plan' to ensure your child gets the specific care they require in the case of an emergency.
- If your child has an epi-pen or inhaler, they will need to always have access to it. Please let the teacher know where they can be found in your child's backpack.
- **We love volunteers!**
  - All adult volunteers require a valid security clearance.
  - You need to have lived in Canada for one year.
  - Contact Mrs. Boyce in the office to start your volunteer registration in September.

# School Policies



- Dismissal
  - We do a hand-to-hand transfer at the end of class for Kids Come First, bussing, and parent pick up
  - Your child will not be dismissed to an adult we do not know
  - If your child will be picked up by someone else, please let the teacher and office know as soon as possible.
- Nut Aware
  - Students can bring nut products to eat for snack, keeping in mind they may need to sit at a separate table if there are allergies in the classroom

# 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*

# Play-based Program

Students also explore with a variety of materials.

- Loose parts
- Art supplies
- Building materials
- Writing materials
- Natural materials



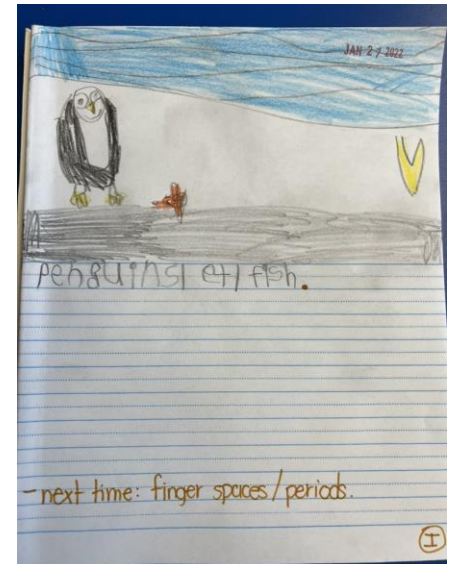
# What does a day in Kindergarten look like?



Arrival  
Table Tasks  
Sharing Circle  
Story Time  
Direct Instruction & Small Group Work  
Gym  
Snack  
Centers  
Music  
Home Time

# Early Literacy

- Exploring fiction and non-fiction texts
- Identifying initial, medial and final sounds in a word
- Rhyming, syllables, blending, deletion
- Practice listening and speaking skills through the sharing of oral stories
- Develop new vocabulary through a variety of literacy experiences



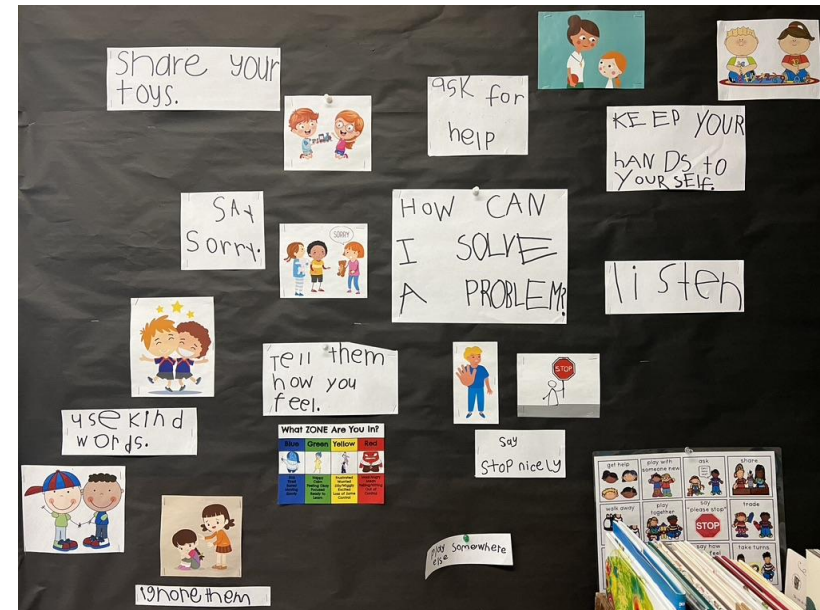
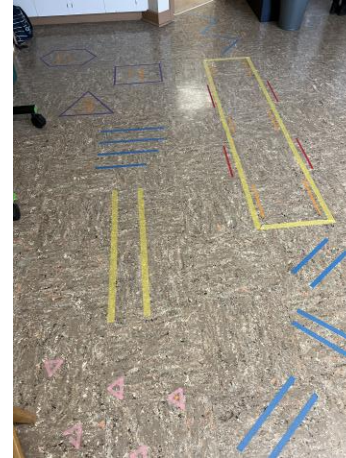
# Mathematics

- Representing quantities in a variety of ways (objects, pictures, numbers, words)
- Counting within 10, forwards and backwards Numbers to 10
- Subitize
- Recognizing patterns in daily routines and play, including songs or dances
- 2D and 3D Shapes



# Physical Education & Wellness

- Spatial awareness
- Respect and fair play
- Identifying and expressing feelings
- Conflict resolution
- Healthy relationships
- Food that helps the body grow
- Identify the value of Canadian coins and bills



# Science and Social Studies

| <b>Science</b>   | <b>Social Studies</b>   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children interpret instructions in various environments</li><li>• Explore the properties of objects</li><li>• Explore the movement of objects, humans and other animals</li><li>• Examine and describe surrounding environments (habitats, natural objects/human-made, plants)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Places in communities</li><li>• Explore expressions of traditions, cultures, and histories</li><li>• Explore needs and wants</li><li>• Investigate the role of leaders in communities</li><li>• Children relate cooperation and collaboration to achieving common goals</li></ul> |
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# Music



Our dedicated Music Room is well-equipped with a variety of instruments.

We incorporate movement in our music classes.

## Things to Bring Every Day

- A healthy and nutritious snack
  - A water bottle
  - A backpack with a Ziploc bag for a change of clothes, including underwear and socks
  - Indoor shoes that will be kept at school – velcro shoes are preferred for the beginning of the year
- \*Please label your child's items

# First Day of School



- Students who are dropped off will meet the Kindergarten teacher on the compound.
- For students riding the bus:
  - Staff members take students to/from the bus and do attendance.
  - Please print off a copy of your child's bus route and place it in their backpack, with their stop number circled.
  - Writing your child's bus on their hand is also very helpful!
  - Knowing their first and last name, and phone number is helpful.

# 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)

## Q & A

We have some time now to take some questions that you may have.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our main office at 403-777-6150.

Thank you for coming!