



Kindergarten & Grade 1 Orientation 2025

June 17, 2026 4:30 – 5:30pm or 5:45pm- 6:45pm

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Kindergarten / Grade 1 Orientation Night

- Introductions (students will go with the teachers – parents please stay in the gym)
- Acknowledgement of the Land
- AM/PM and Staggered Entry
- Communications / Staying in Touch / Getting Involved
- School Hours
- Bussing
- School Readiness (age)
- Parent Council
- Childcare options
- School Nurse
- Questions & Answers



Introductions

Sanghamitra Dhar McKenty – Principal

Rayna Bergerman – Assistant Principal

Winter Peters – Administrative Secretary

Maria Torre - Secretary

Sara Mathieu – Kindergarten Teacher

Lea Willis – Kindergarten Teacher

Nadine Boudreault – Grade 1 Learning Leader

Michelle Thorburn – Lead Lunchroom Supervisor

Robyn Peterson/ Rachel Fagan/ Jessep Crossfield – School Council Representatives

Steven Prosser – School Health Nurse

Acknowledgement of the Land



Staggered Entry - Rationale

AM/PM PLACEMENT

STAGGERED ENTRY

- The first 2 days of school will be staggered entry
- There will no bussing on these days
- Please look in your email for details
- Regular school hours will start on Wednesday, Sept 2nd
- Why do we do this?

Staggered Entry - Rationale

AM PLACEMENT/ STAGGERED ENTRY

Students with Surnames A - L:

AM Students & Surname starts...	Date	Time
A - L	Monday, August 31, 2026	8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Students with Surnames M - Z:

AM Students & Surname starts...	Date	Time
M - Z	Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026	8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Staggered Entry - Rationale

PM PLACEMENT/ STAGGERED ENTRY

Students with Surnames A - L:

PM Students & Surname starts...	Date	Time
A - L	Monday, August 31, 2026	12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Students with Surnames M - Z:

PM Students & Surname starts...	Date	Time
M - Z	Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Communications & Staying in Touch

- Weekly message from the office “Sam Says”
- School Website: <https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/SamLivingston/Pages/default.aspx>
- Teacher Messages – Monthly Calendar & Newsletter and occasional emails as necessary
- Signing up for School Messenger: https://calgary.schoolmessenger.com/cbe_subscribe
- When students are absent or you would like to share information, please:
 - Email teacher & SamLivingston@cbe.ab.ca
 - It helps if the subject line has your child's full name and room number.
(Ex. Jane Smith 15AM)

School Hours

Kindergarten:

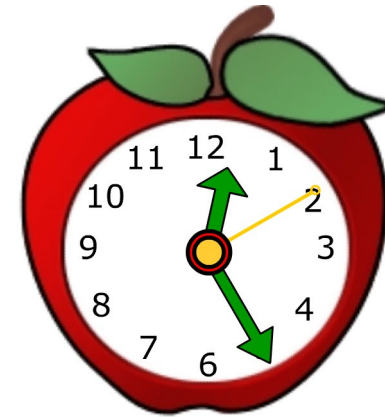
Half day, every day, Monday-Thursday plus designated Fridays
(There is no midday transportation)

Kindergarten Hours:

AM: 8:00 am – 10:50 am

PM: 11:40 am – 2:30 pm

Fridays: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (alternating)



Grade 1 Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am – 2:30 pm, Fridays: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

My CBE Account - Transportation

Please register as soon as possible through MYCBE PowerSchool account. You will require your child's Calgary Board of Education (CBE) Number.

Please call us if you have not received this.

Congregated stops may not be within walking distance and alternate arrangements may be required to access the congregated stop.



How to prepare my child for Kindergarten

I'm ready for Kindergarten

because I can...

- ☐ Use the bathroom
- ☐ Blow my nose
- ☐ Wash my hands
- ☐ Get dressed in all my clothes
- ☐ Say my first and last name
- ☐ Be safe with scissors
- ☐ Open lunch containers
- ☐ Take my turn when playing
- ☐ Recognize some letters and numbers
- ☐ Rhyme words like hat/bat, dog/log



all by myself!



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Sam Livingston School

Please read to your child in your home language every day!

Your child's backpack should fit...

- Reusable water bottle
- Lunchbox
- Library Books
- 34cm X 24cm communication envelope
- Change of clothes (in case of accidents)
- Extra clothes (weather dependent)

Please label everything!

Suggested dimensions – 13.75" x 7.5" x 17"



School Council...

- President – Gillian Hatch
- Vice- President – April Baker
- Treasurer – Jocelyn Reinthaler
- Room Parent Co-Ordinator – Val Caldas
- Past President – Robyn Peterson



Before & After School Care Programs

Rec House - (403) 333-9268

(Kinder Program is full – call for waitlist)

Wee Wonder - (403) 532-0868

Expanding Imaginations - (403) 251-6021

Trico (Gr. 1 & up only) - (403) 278-7542

If your child is not at school, please notify their care provider as well.



Resources

- Canadian Parents for French Alberta - <http://cpfalta.ab.ca>
- A handbook for Parents - <http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/>
- Alberta Education's Guide: Yes, You Can Help! – A Guide for French Immersion Parents - <https://archive.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/youcanhelp/>
- Calgary Public Library – Ready for Kindergarten book bags
- Calgary Public Library video - https://youtu.be/LDDfQG02p_w



Question & Answer Period

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