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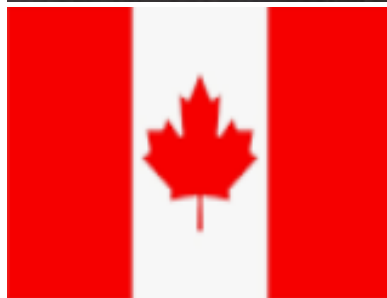
Kindergarten/Grade 1

Welcome/Bienvenidos!



Escuela Glenmeadows School
Camino a la excelencia

Principal – Sr. Suarez



Assistant Principal – Sra. Fandino



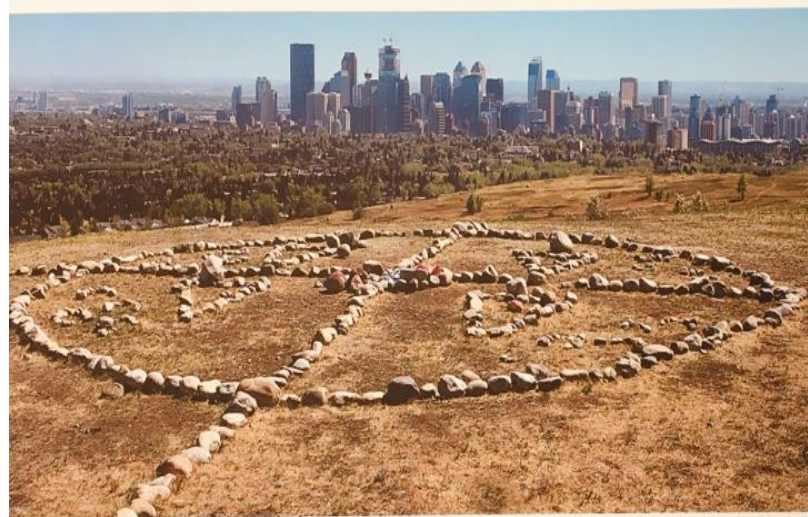
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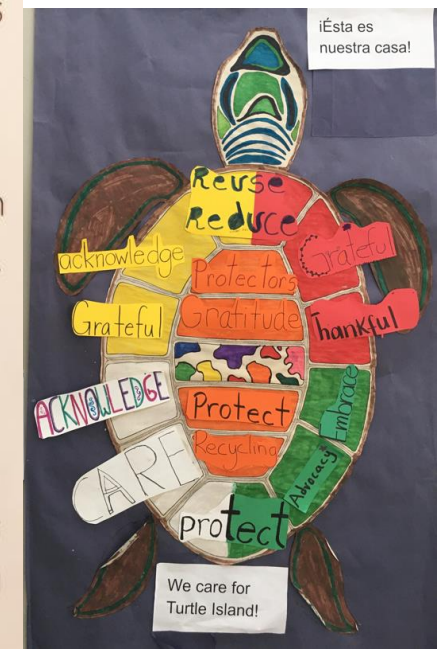
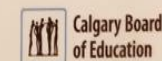
Reconociendo la tierra donde nos encontramos



Quisiéramos reconocer los territorios y las tradiciones orales de las naciones Blackfoot, que incluyen a los Siksika, Piikani, y Kainai. También reconocemos las primeras naciones Tsuut'ina y Stoney Nakota y la Nación Métis (de la Región 3), y todas las naciones que han formado su hogar en la región del Tratado 7 del Sur de Alberta.



learning | as unique | as every student



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Agenda



- Students are invited to classrooms
- Escuela Glenmeadows School (EGS)
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports
- Getting ready for kindergarten/Grade 1
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten
- School Council/Society

Kindergarden Team



Sra. Gamundi



Sra. Thibault

Grade One Teachers



Sra. Lopez



Sra. Rodriguez



Sra. Sarria

Glenmeadows Grade Configuration

<i>Kindergarten Programs</i>	# of Students	Number of Classrooms	K1 AM A Rm 138	K1 PM B Rm 138	K2 AM C Rm 101	# of staff
	71	2	24	24	23	1.5

<i>Grade 1</i>	# of Students	Number of Classrooms	A Rm 130	B Rm 133	C Rm 135	# of staff
	67	3	23	22	22	3

Glenmeadows School 2025/2026 Grade Configuration

- 1 Principal (and Div II Resource)
- 1 Assistant Principal (Div I Resource)
- 2 Teaching Learning Leaders (Div I and II, Multiple subject areas with Spanish and STEM Focus)
Learning Leaders are already counted in the Teacher count.

- 17.5 Classroom Teachers
- 1 Music Teacher

Total = 20.5FTE

1 Administrative Secretary 1 School Assistant 30 Hours 1 School Assistant 20 hours
1 Library Assistant 15 Hours 11 Lunchroom Supervisors 10 hours

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:

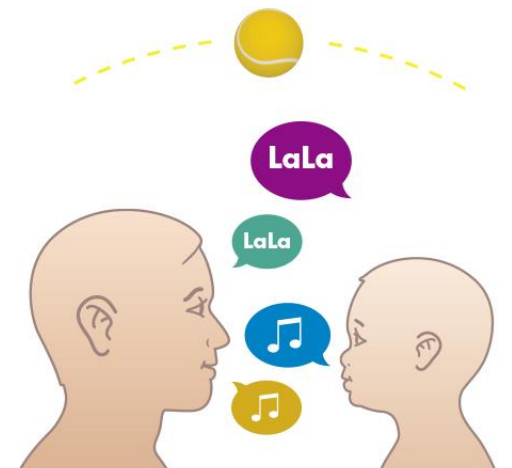
- read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
-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



English Language Learners (EAL)



In January, we begin to report on language proficiency levels through Language Proficiency Benchmarks and comments.

Instruction in second language enhances first language literacy skills; language skills are transferable.

Our schools offer many different kinds of programming and supports to assist learners to develop English skills while also advancing academically.

Programming for English Language Learners is based on their EAL coding and their language assessment which results in a benchmark level (LP1, 2, 3, 4 or 5).

Important Times & Dates



STAGGERED ENTRY IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO START KINDER!

First Day of School is September 2, 2025

It is **staggered** times by last name:

AM: 9:15-10:30 last names begin with “A” to “L”

AM: 10:45 – 12:00 “M” to “Z”

PM: 13:00-14:15 last names begin with “A” to “L”

PM: 14:30-15:45 last names begin with “M” to “Z”



September 5 – KINDER AM (alternating Fridays early dismissal)

ALL GRADE ONE Students begins September 2, 2025

Transportation | Bussing



Bus

New students approved for CBE Transportation receive a **ZPass**, issued by Transportation Services.

Drive

Please ensure you use the **HUG and GO** area in front of the school. The staff parking lot is not a drop off/pick up zone.

Walk

Please ensure you use the **crosswalk** for ease of traffic and safety.

My first Ride link and registration:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/my-1st-ride-program.aspx>



Transportation | Bussing



General Transportation information and real Tacking:

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

Kindergarten bussing is one way:

- **AM Kinder** - to school, no return bus.
- **PM Kinder** - no bus to school return only.
- Families register and pay for transportation using [MyCBE](#).
- Kindergarten students should be identified to the driver and placed in the first few seats for safety reasons. A staff member meets each bus with kindergarten-grade 6 students and all specialized transportation buses. Buses arrive 10 minutes before the morning bell transportation, unless otherwise approved by the Manager of and leave 10 minutes after the afternoon bell for both general and specialized Transportation.

Attendance



Please call the school's attendance line if your child will be absent or late (available 24/7).

Attendance Line: 403-777-5235 ext 1

Sign-in & Sign-out Procedures

To take your child out of school during the instructional day, please report to the office and complete the Student Sign-Out information.

Late students report to the office.

*Attend School
Today for More
Choices
Tomorrow!*

Medical Information



- Inform the teacher immediately
- Share the student health plan with the teacher
- Medic/alert bracelet
- EpiPen access/puffers
- Any required medicine must go through Health Plan in office

First Days of Kindergarten



Bring the following labelled items:

- Large backpack
- Water bottle
- Healthy snack
- In-door shoes

Students that take the bus on the first day of school will be greeted by a School Assistant and walked to the Compound Area for supervision.

For dismissal, students go to the gym where they line up according to their bus letter. Then walked by a bus attendant and grade 6 leader student.



First Days of Kindergarten



Before September 2, 2025 you will receive the following information:

- Teacher's name
- Homeroom number
- Bell times
- First Day Procedures

Volunteers



We always need volunteers!

Volunteers at Glenmeadows need a police clearance.

Our School Council has a Volunteer Coordinator who organizes our volunteers.

Culture at Glenmeadows



Stem/Art/Dance Residencies



Fiestaval



Special Days – Celebration of learning and culture



Band / Que Pasa

Additional Resources



Curriculum at a Glance

<https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/api/parent-space/print/at-a-glance/at-a-glance-ke-en.pdf>

<https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/api/parent-space/print/at-a-glance/at-a-glance-1e-en.pdf>

School Tour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA-zksLqdzw>

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/1859193931_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

Que Pasa

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K36NwSeu1iU>

Questions

