



Kindergarten Orientation 2026/2027



Glamorgan School
To Think, To Value, To Know

Agenda



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The TLC Program



A successful student demonstrates:

- Self-management and organizational skills and a commitment to daily homework
- A willingness to participate in positive social interactions and take a leadership role when engaging in problem solving, acts of citizenship, and service
- A willingness to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum and an eagerness for knowledge and service

Character Education:

- Take care of yourself
- Take care of others
- Take care of our place

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/program-options/Documents/Is-the-Traditional-Learning-Centre-TLC-the-Right-Choice-for-My-Child.pdf>

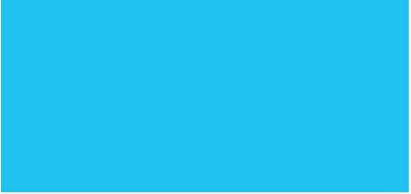
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Kindergarten – Early Learning



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*



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

Through play, children learn:

- to think about and understand how language works
- self-regulation
- emotional thinking
- oral language skills
- foundational literacy and numeracy concepts/skills

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 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)

A Typical Kindergarten Day



- O Canada (Mondays Only)
- Literacy
- Math
- Snack Time
- Centres
- Physical Education / DPA (Daily Physical Activity)
- Music
- Social Studies, Science, Art – Taught in alternating integrated themed units
- Library Once Per Week
- Character Education – Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework

Snacks



- Snack time is 5 – 10 minutes each day
- Send a **SMALL healthy** snack – one food item and one drink
- Water is a good choice – no pop please – (no container recycling is available)
- We have several students and a teacher with life-threatening allergies, please be "nut free"
- Please use re-usable containers to reduce waste
- Students need to be able to open/close their own containers and packages

Important Times & Dates



Teachers will confirm start up procedures, attendance procedures, alternating Friday schedule, and times in August via email.



- **Morning Kindergarten (9:10 am – 12:04 pm) Mon – Thurs**
- **Afternoon Kindergarten (12:51 pm – 3:45 pm) Mon – Thurs**
- **Alternating Fridays** (Known As 'Early Dismissal' For The Rest Of The School):
 - Morning and afternoon classes alternate every Friday
 - School hours on Fridays are **9:10 am to 1:00 pm.**



The school calendar will be posted on the school website

Staggered Entry and Class Lists



- To make your child's transition into Kindergarten as easy as possible, the first 2 days of school will be staggered entry. (Monday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 1, 2025)
- Half of the children attend the first day at their regular time, and the other half of the class attend the second day at their regular time.
- For these first two days, the children only attend on their assigned day and then stay home on the other day.
- You will receive an email from the school with start date information and staggered entry information before the end of June.
- **If your child does not attend on the first days of school, and you have not clearly communicated the reason for the absence, we cannot guarantee your child's spot will be held because we have such a long wait list.**

Staggered Entry and Class Lists



Bussing/Transportation

- There is no busing for Kindergarten students during staggered entry (Aug 31 & Sept 1) — You will need to make other arrangements to drop off and pick up your child on their assigned day.
- Please advise the kindergarten teachers if your child will be taking the bus starting Wednesday, September 2nd. Please write the letter of your child's bus on the back of their hand using a permanent marker as a reminder of which bus they ride.

Flexible Groupings/Class Lists

- Kindergarten children will not be assigned a homeroom teacher during the first few days of school.
- This is to provide the teachers with an opportunity to get to know all the children and to balance the learning needs within each classroom.
- You will receive an email indicating who your child's homeroom teacher will be.

Transportation | Bussing

Register Now



- **Register** for the bus - Information about transportation pre-registration is available now on the [CBE website](#)
- **Pre-registering is important** - The transportation team builds the routes over the summer months
- **If not pre-registered**, your child will not be able to ride the bus on the first full day of school
- New registrations in September can take up to 6 weeks to be processed and you will have to transport your child until then



Transportation | Bussing



- Bus and stop assignments will be available through your [MyCBE/Powerschool](#) account
- These assignments are based on the student's primary home address

Transportation Forms

Families register and pay for transportation using [MyCBE](#). Paper forms are available on [Forms You Need](#); please scroll down to the header "Transportation."

- E.g. Yellow bus fee is \$180 per kindergarten student (gr. 1 -9 is \$360) for 2026/27.



School Uniforms: Formal



Option 1

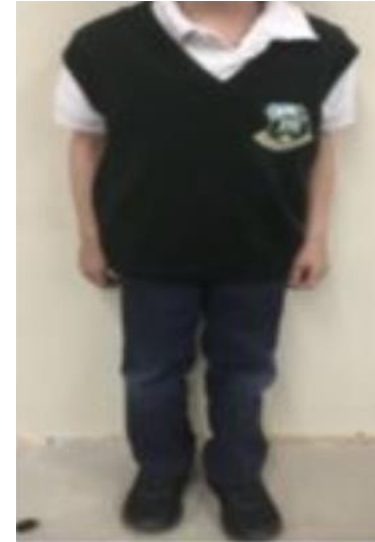
- Green Cardigan
- Plaid tunic/dress
- Navy tights/socks
- White, navy or dark green hair accessories



Option 2

- Green Cardigan
- Navy pants
- White collared dress shirt
- Navy socks
- TLC plaid tie

School Uniforms: Informal



- Navy or white TLC crested golf shirt
- Navy skort

- White or navy golf shirt
- Green TLC crested vest
- Navy pants

School Uniforms: Black Shoes



- One pair of **black** shoes with non-marking soles
- No heel
- Good for gym
- Easy to do up independently (no laces)
- All **black** including sole
- No embellishments on shoes (no lights)

Uniform Expectations



Formal Uniform Days

- Every Monday
- Picture Day
- Special Assemblies



Informal Uniform Days

- Tuesday to Friday

Ordering School Uniforms McCarthy Uniforms

- In store ordering - 5911-3RD STREET S.E. CALGARY ,AB
- Online Ordering <https://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca/shop/school/6010#allProducts>



Items that can be purchased elsewhere

- Navy bottoms
- White collared shirts
- Navy socks and navy tights
- All black gym shoes with non-marking soles
- Hair accessories
- Larger sized backpack with a mesh pocket for a water bottle

Pick Up and Drop Off



Safety is Our Priority

- Follow the Signs
- Traffic rules (J-walking, speed limit, no parking areas, crosswalks)
- The staff parking lot off limits (walking or parking)
- Community neighbour driveways, back alley off-limits for parking
- Be patient a lot of students take the bus

Glamorgan School Map



The map shows the following features and zones:

- 41 Ave SW** (top street)
- Grafton Dr SW** (bottom street)
- St Andrew School** (left building)
- Glamorgan Community Association Rink** (top right building)
- Grafton Park** (central green area)
- Glamorgan School** (bottom building)
- Office Door** (blue arrow pointing to the right side of the school building)
- K Door** (green arrow pointing to the front of the school building)
- Kiss and Go Zone** (yellow box with a yellow star icon near the rink)
- Yellow lines** outline a large area on the left and bottom of the school lot.
- Red lines** outline a large area on the right side of the school lot.
- Green line** outlines a small area near the kindergarten doors.
- Bus icons** are shown along Grafton Dr SW.

Parking

No parking or pick up/drop off

Kindergarten doors

No parking in school lot or alley.

Parking in the alley risks a ticket, as does stopping/parking in the bus zone.

Get Involved



Volunteering

- Literacy program
- Field trips
- Classroom helpers
- Book fair
- Special events
- Etc...

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/volunteer/Pages/volunteer.aspx>

Parent Council

To Stay In Touch: “Send an email to glamorganschoolcouncil@gmail.com to become part of the school parent council email list and get their communications!”

School Tour



- We have created a **virtual school tour** for you to share with your child prior to September:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MbKwR94WL8dl0XmcHq7fTm_p90uDa445Q/view
- Please be aware that classrooms may be different from the virtual school tour
- In person tours:
 - Please contact the school office if you would like a school tour

Thank you!



- You can access a copy of this slide show through our school website: <https://glamorgan.cbe.ab.ca/kindergarten>
- We'd love for you to fill out this Google Form before the first day of school—it helps us get ready and makes the first day smoother for everyone! E.g. allergies, dietary restrictions, medical concerns, pick up information etc.
 - [Glamorgan Parent and Student Information Form](#)

If your child has allergies and requires medication to be kept at school, please fill out the following form and bring the medication on day one in a large Ziploc with the papers inside:

[Student Health Plan Form](#)

If the cost of school fees is of concern, please fill out the following wavier forms:

[Fee Waiver Info](#)

Brown bag lunch program If the cost of food is a concern for sending snacks, please contact our office glamorgan@cbe.ab.ca

You can also go to our school website and access, principal's messages, a calendar of events and other happenings at the school: <https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/glamorgan/Pages/default.aspx>

See you in September!