

Captain John Palliser Kindergarten Orientation May 21, 2026



Kindergarten – Calgary Board of Education
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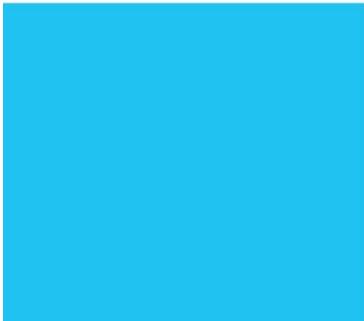
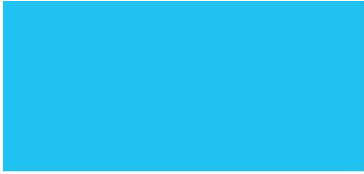
Introductions

Teachers & Leadership Team

School Council / Parents Association

Kindergarten Enhancement & Out of School Care

MAPSS (Montessori Alternative Public School Society)



Kindergarten Welcome Info Package

- CBE ID number
- Daily Routines
- MyCBE
- Transportation
- Staggered Entry
- Kindergarten Preparation

Please hand in "Get to Know Your Child" form to any staff member before departing.



A typical day in Kindergarten includes...



- Whole group lessons – individual and group work, in core subject areas
- Snack
- Physical Education / Music
- Learning Centers / Montessori Work Cycle
- Stories
- Sharing Circles



Learning Through **PLAY**

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning." - Mr. Rogers

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**



Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Build your child's independence and confidence in

- self-care and caring for belongings
- using the washroom
- separating from caregivers
- playing games, taking turns, and compromising

Read to your child every day.

Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities.



"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."
Dr. Maria Montessori



Plan for the Evening

K Student groups will:

- Participate in a story and hands-on exploration in the classrooms

Parents will remain in the gym for:

- Additional information
- Question and Answer
- Complete "Get to Know Your Child"

At the end of the evening, please pick up your child from their designated classroom and exit from Door 5 at the end of the hall.



Enhanced Supports

The classroom teacher is at the center of your child's learning and is supported by a school learning team. Based on student needs, the school potentially can be supported by a multidisciplinary team.

This team may consist of:

- Education Assistants or Early Childhood Practitioners
- Learning Support Teacher
- Early Learning Strategists
- Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)
- Psychologists
- Occupational Therapists (OTs) and Physiotherapists (PTs)
- School Family Liaison (SFL)
- Interpreters
- Diversity Learning Support Advisor (DLSA)



School Values



CJP is a *destination* school, with students coming from many different neighborhoods.

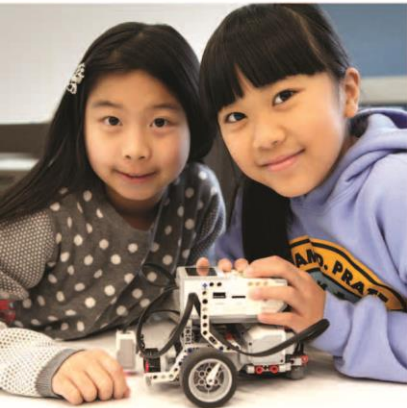
Relationships [Sense of Belonging] are cultivated through our school values:

- Welcoming
- Caring
- Safe
- Respectful

We strive to reinforce these values in our everyday classroom practices and school-wide events.



Social Emotional Development and Student Well-Being



- Precursor for learning
- Resilience building
- Confidence; Self-awareness
- Peace area
- Growth Mindset exploration
- Zones of Regulation
- Self-regulation strategies
- Weekly belonging meetings

What types of support can students receive?



- Ensuring the school has up to date information and reports will assist us in meeting the needs of your child.
- Children with IPP's receive accommodations suited to their specific learning needs.
- If your child requires medication to be given at school, please complete the appropriate forms and ensure all medications are properly and clearly labeled.
- CJP provides EAL support for English as an Additional Language learners. Translators are available for parent meetings.

How is my child's class placement determined?



2026-2027 school year:

Kindergarten (Montessori)

- Students are assigned to AM or PM classes through a random selection process
- This method promotes transparency, fairness, and equity
- Instruction/programming consistent across both sessions
- Placements communicated via email in early June



Kindergarten/Grade 1 (Community)

- Based on enrollment, community program will combine students in a Kindergarten/Grade 1 multi-age setting



All students will receive notification from their teacher on Friday, August 28/26

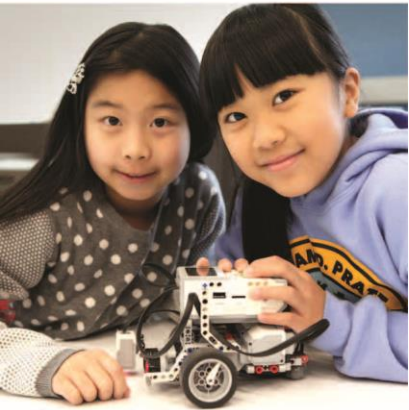
Learning at CJP



CBE Education Plan Frameworks: Literacy, Mathematics, Well-Being & Indigenous Education

- Literacy Goal – Phonemic awareness and fluency (reading)
- Math Goal – Procedural fluency
- Well-Being Goal – Sense of belonging
- Indigenous Learning Goal – Truth & Reconciliation (belonging and Indigenous pedagogy)

Typical Special Events and Learning Opportunities at CJP



- *Belonging* work with Elder Shirley Hill
- Robotics
- Ukelele/recorder/bucket drumming
- Residencies – Martial Arts/Lacrosse/Photography
- Celebration of Learning
- Family Picnic
- Minecraft Challenge
- Intramurals & Clubs
- *Tune-Filled Tuesday*

Transportation | Bussing

What you need to know:

- Pre-registration can be completed using your My CBE Account
- To be included in the school bus route planning for September, please register for bussing by **Sunday, June 14/2026**. [CBE Transportation Link](#)
- **Proposed next year cost is \$250** for kindergarten students (1 way)



My child is new to bussing... how does it work?



- In August, families will receive information in their Power School/My CBE account regarding the bus "letter" and bus stop location.
- Bus maps and routes are no longer published. There are numerous busses that provide service to CJP, so it's important for you to know which bus your child rides.
- CJP staff will ensure that students know which bus they need to be on each day during the first week of school. Attendance is taken each day throughout the year. **Please call the office and notify them when your child is NOT taking the bus home, prior to 2pm each day.**
- *mybusstop* app tracks current location of school bus and provides real-time route updates

If I drive my child to school, where can I park?

Brentwood Arena Overflow Lot

This will take you to the field where all classes gather in the AM.

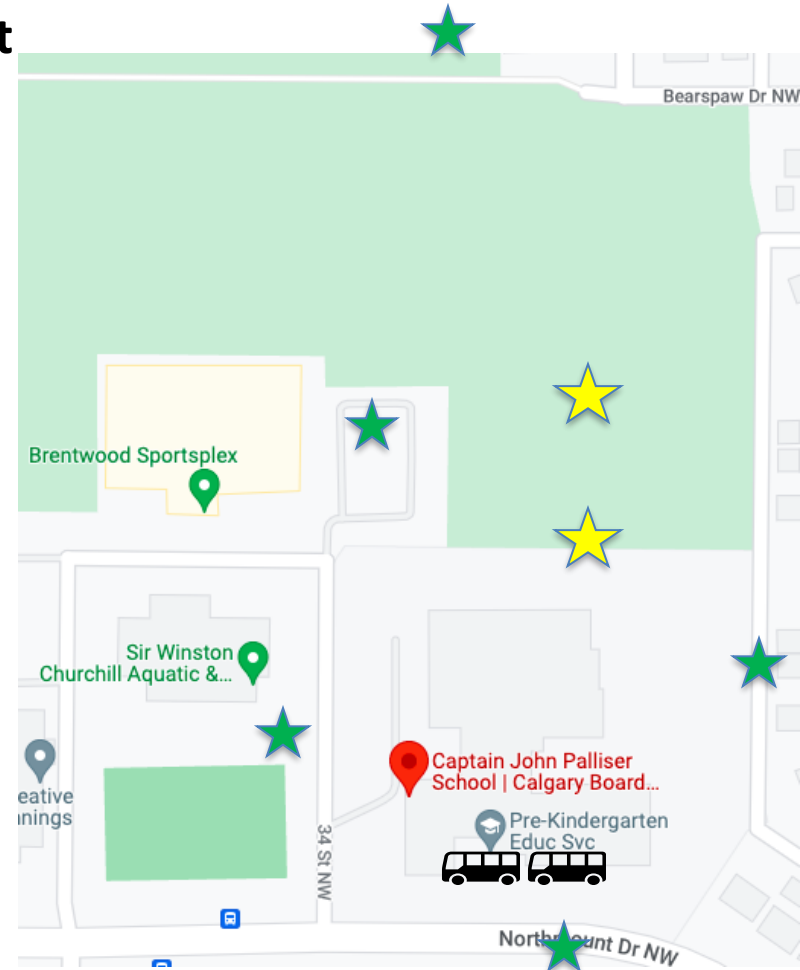
Other Suggestions:

- End of our Field
- Northmount Drive

For safety please use the crosswalks near our school and avoid:

- Bus Zone
- The alley
- Jaywalking

On the very **first day of school**, your child will look for their teacher in a pre-designated location on the field/ compound.



Important information



- **Kindergarten**

Morning Mon-Thurs 9:15 AM – 12:13

Afternoon Mon-Thurs 12:51 – 3:49

- Early Dismissal Friday 9:15 AM – 12:13
(remember Kindergarten alternates Fridays!)

- June 4 – No school for kindergarten
(kindergarten organization day)

What if my child is late, or I need to pick them up early?



- Students arriving to school late will enter through the front doors of the school and sign in at the office.
- Students will receive a welcome slip and proceed to their classroom.
- If a student needs to leave early parents are asked to please come into the office and sign them out.
- Attendance is important for student success!

Preparing for School



School Supply Fee:

- Half-Day Kindergarten - \$20
- Full-Day Grade 1-6 - \$40

<https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/home.html>

Please provide your child with:

- Backpack
- Water Bottle
- Indoor shoes that will stay at CJP
- Lunch Kit

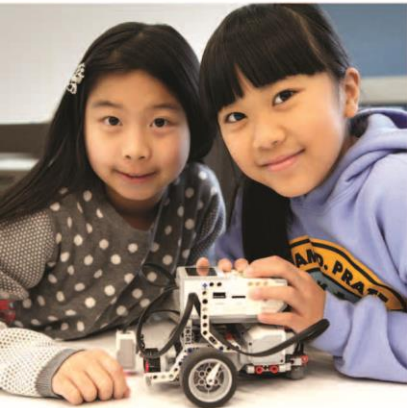
Communication Between Home and School



- Subscribe online to **School Messenger**
- To receive text messages send YES to the number 724665
- Weekly CJP updates are sent on Fridays via School Messenger
- Classroom learning / information is shared via Google Classroom



Can I volunteer?



- We recommend submitting your ID for police clearance ASAP. In order to offer support in your child's classroom a completed PRC is required.
- This includes attending field trips as well staying on the school grounds during school hours (9:10 am to 3:50 pm).
- If you already have valid clearance at another CBE school, you are authorized to volunteer at CJP – it just needs to be transferred.

For more information go to

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



School Council & Parents Association

Helping to enrich student experiences, support teachers, and build a strong community through **volunteering**, **fundraising** & **hosting memorable events**.

We make a big impact!

- Residencies
- Technology upgrades
- Educational resources
- Field trip transportation
- Discovery gardens
- Events
- School support
- & More

Follow us on socials



@cjpparents

Email: connect@cjppa.ca

- ☀ School Councils cannot run without engagement from families
- ☀ There is a wide range of opportunities that fit every lifestyle



Pre-Kindergarten Educational Services offered at CJP: Kindergarten Enhancement & Out of School Care



KINDERGARTEN ENHANCEMENT:

Provides care for your Kindergarten child during the lunch hour and during the opposite half of the school day when your child is not in Kindergarten.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE:

Provides care for your Grade K – 6 child before and after school and on non-school days.

Our programs support "Learning through Play" and incorporate the best balance of both teacher facilitated thematic programming and open ended, child-led opportunities. Our programs offer a variety of activities which are sure to keep children engaged!

Please

contact our Registrar by email: Register@PreKindergartenEd.com

www.Pre-KindergartenEd.com

Monday - Thursday: 7:00 - 9:10 AM & 3:50 - 6:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 am - 9:10 am & 1:20 - 6:00 PM

<https://www.prekindgartened.com/captain-john-palliser>

If you have already registered, or are looking for more information, please visit room 1 at the end of the presentation.



We help make public
Montessori school possible

1999

MAPSS was founded –

Montessori method of education become an option for students in Calgary's public school system.

GOAL

Works with CBE, school councils and parents associations to support the development of quality Montessori programs in Calgary Public Schools as a choice for parents and children.

TODAY

3 Calgary Board of Education Montessori Alternative Program (AP) schools

1000 children enrolled

For more information please see www.mapss.ca/ and www.facebook.com/mapsscanada/

Questions & Student Pick/up



Please remain in the gym if you have any questions.



Kindergarten Pick-up:

- Down the hallway
- Depart from the door at the end of the hall



Thank you for visiting with us. This presentation will be posted on our website.

