



# Janet Johnstone School



## Kindergarten Orientation



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of Education

June 4, 2026

# Agenda



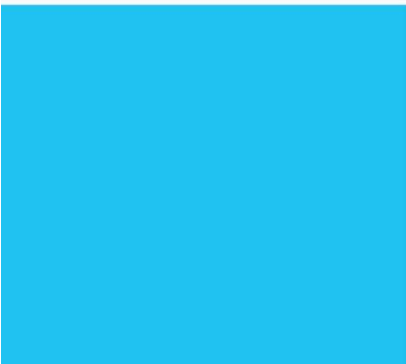
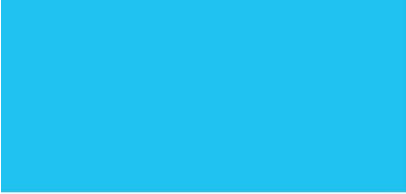
- Learning through *PLAY*
- Enhanced supports in kindergarten
- Getting ready for kindergarten- tips for parents
- Important dates & times
- Transportation
- First day of kindergarten

# The Calgary Board of Education



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*



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*“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)

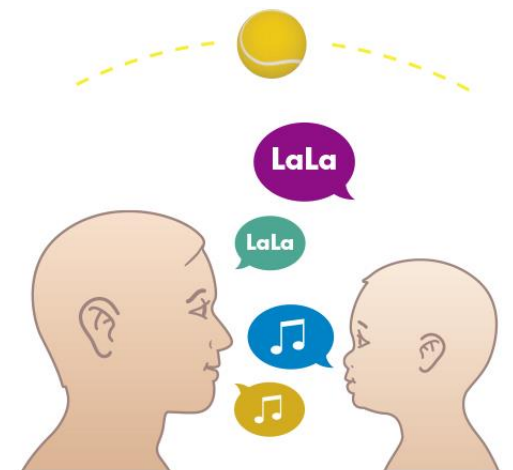
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**Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:**



- 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
- visit the school playground
- check out the school website and Instagram





# Transportation | Bussing



## Student and Parent / Legal Guardian Sign In

Parent or Legal Guardian  
Username / Student CBE ID

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Sign In

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Cancel Transportation (By  
Deadline)  
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# Important Times & Dates



## AM Class

- 7:50 AM Relaxed Entry
- 8:00 AM Bell
- 10:51 AM



## PM Class

- 11:39 AM Entry
- 2:30 PM



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- ☐ Meeting
- ☐ Performance / Assembly
- ☐ Well-Being & Health

< > Today **June 2026** Year Month Week Day List

| Sun                                           | Mon | Tue                                     | Wed                  | Thu                                                                           | Fri                                                 | Sat              |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 31                                            | 1   | 2                                       | 3                    | 4<br>● 6:00 PM<br>Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation                         | 5<br>AM Kindergarten Attends                        | 6                |
| 7                                             | 8   | 9<br>● 6:30 PM<br>JJSC and FJSA Meeting | 10                   | 11                                                                            | 12<br>PM Kindergarten Attends                       | 13               |
| 14<br>Yellow School Bus Registration Deadline | 15  | 16                                      | 17                   | 18                                                                            | 19<br>AM Kindergarten Attends                       | 20               |
| 21<br>National Indigenous Peoples Day         | 22  | 23                                      | 24<br>JJ Jamboree!!! | 25<br>JJ Jamboree Alternate Date<br>Y1 Report Cards Available in MyCBE (only) | 26<br>Last Day of School<br>PM Kindergarten Attends | 27<br>● 10:30 AM |

# Before the First Days of Kindergarten



- Kindergarten Picnic – **Wednesday, August 26 at 5 pm**
- Open House – **Friday, August 28 | 10:30- 12 am**

- ☐ *Backpack shopping*
- ☐ *Shoes for Success*
- ☐ *Safe Snacks*
- ☐ *Just-in-case preparation*
- ☐ *Labels, labels, labels*





# First Days of Kindergarten



- Staggered entry:
  - Monday, August 31 or Tuesday, September 1
  - Email will be coming



# Google Translate on CBE Websites

403-777-8670 Calendar Quicklinks For Staff **Translate** Search

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**THANKS A Latte**  
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO  
Week At a Glance - June 1 to 5, 2026  
● PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

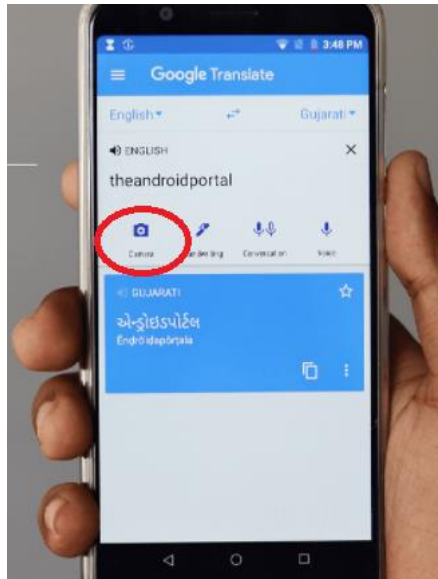
**Week At a Glance - May 25 to 29, 2026**  
● PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Welcome to Kindergarten Information Evening**  
OPEN HOUSE

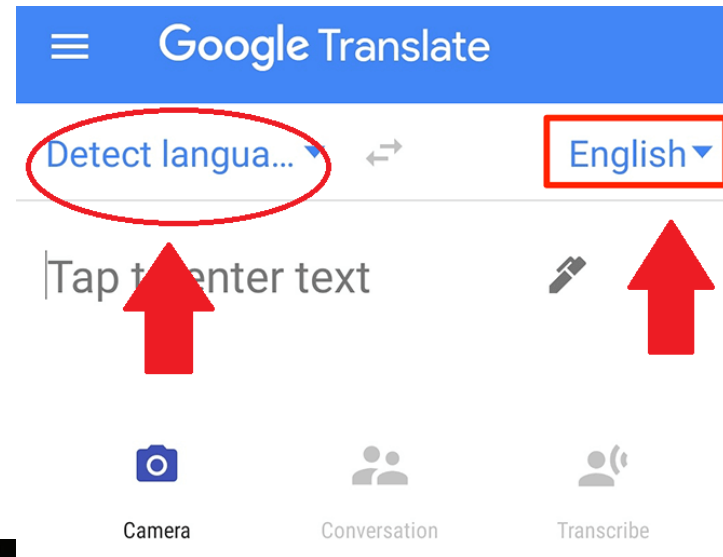
**Celebrating Indigenous Education in June**  
● CULTURE / SPIRIT

**Celebrating Safe and Caring School Communities**  
● CULTURE / SPIRIT





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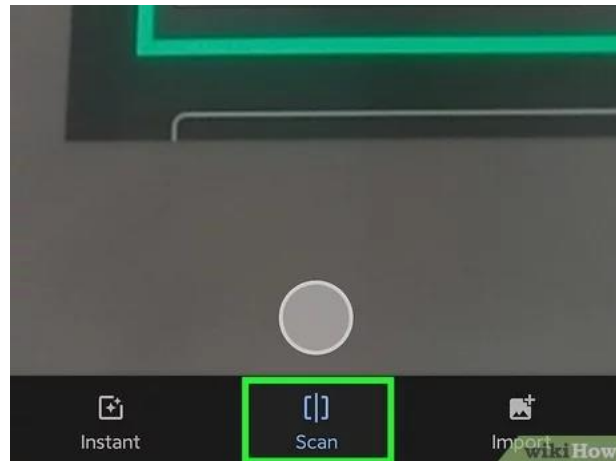
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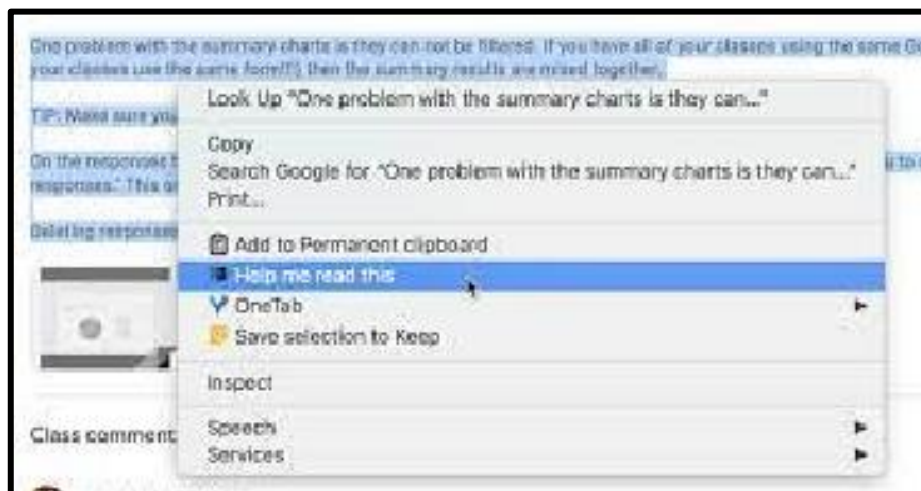
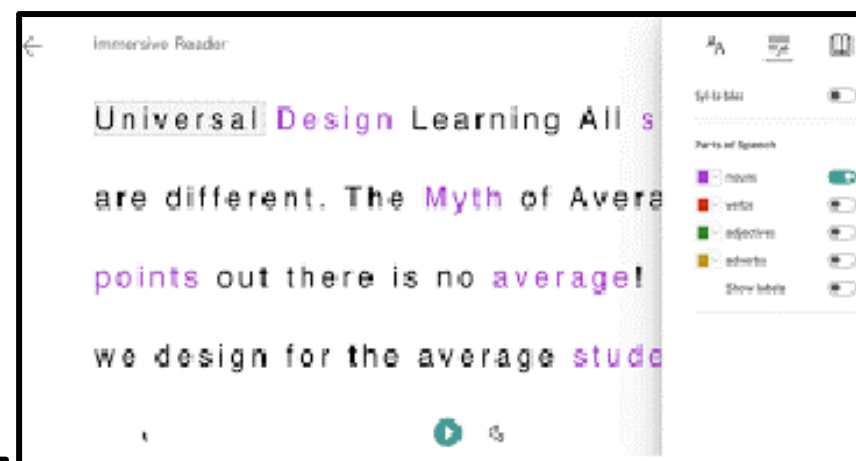
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# Immersive Reader



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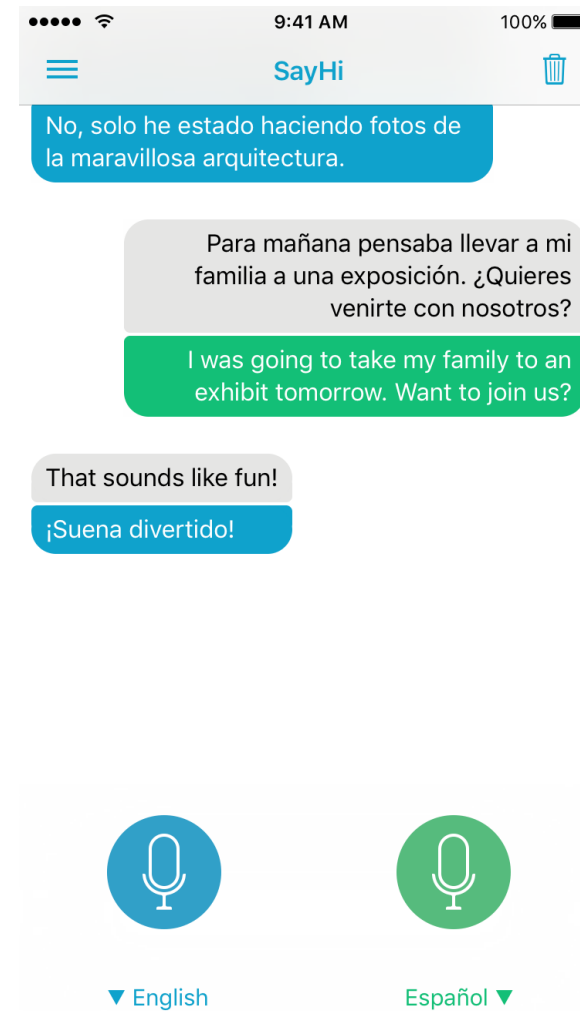
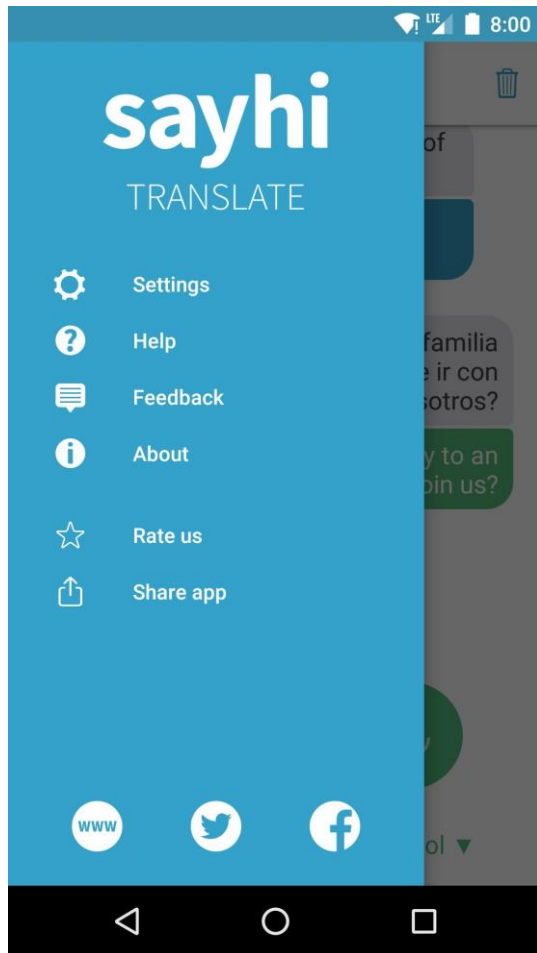
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# SAY Hi App for Speaking Translation





# Additional Resources



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](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](https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English)

\*Developed in collaboration with the CPL, Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School Division

# Questions

