

Welcome to the Foothills School Division! Kindergarten Information Night and Registration

January 31, 2023



FSD's Priorities

Optimum learning is achieved through our priorities

Engagement for each learner

Engagement with learners and community that is timely, meaningful and collaborative.

Support for each learner

Learning environments are welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive.

Success for each learner

Ensure and maintain division-wide excellence in teaching, learning and leadership.



FSD's Programs



English Kindergarten
All Locations



Full-Time Kindergarten

Okotoks: Big Rock & Dr. Morris Gibson
High River: Spitzee School
High Country: C. Ian McLaren School

Montessori Program

Okotoks: Big Rock School



International Baccalaureate Program

Millarville: Millarville Community School



Nature Based Learning Program

Okotoks: École Percy Pegler School



French Immersion Kindergarten

Okotoks: École Percy Pegler School
High River: École Joe Clark School



Jr. Kindergarten

Okotoks: Big Rock School, École Percy Pegler
High River: Spitzee School, École Joe Clark
Blackie: Blackie School

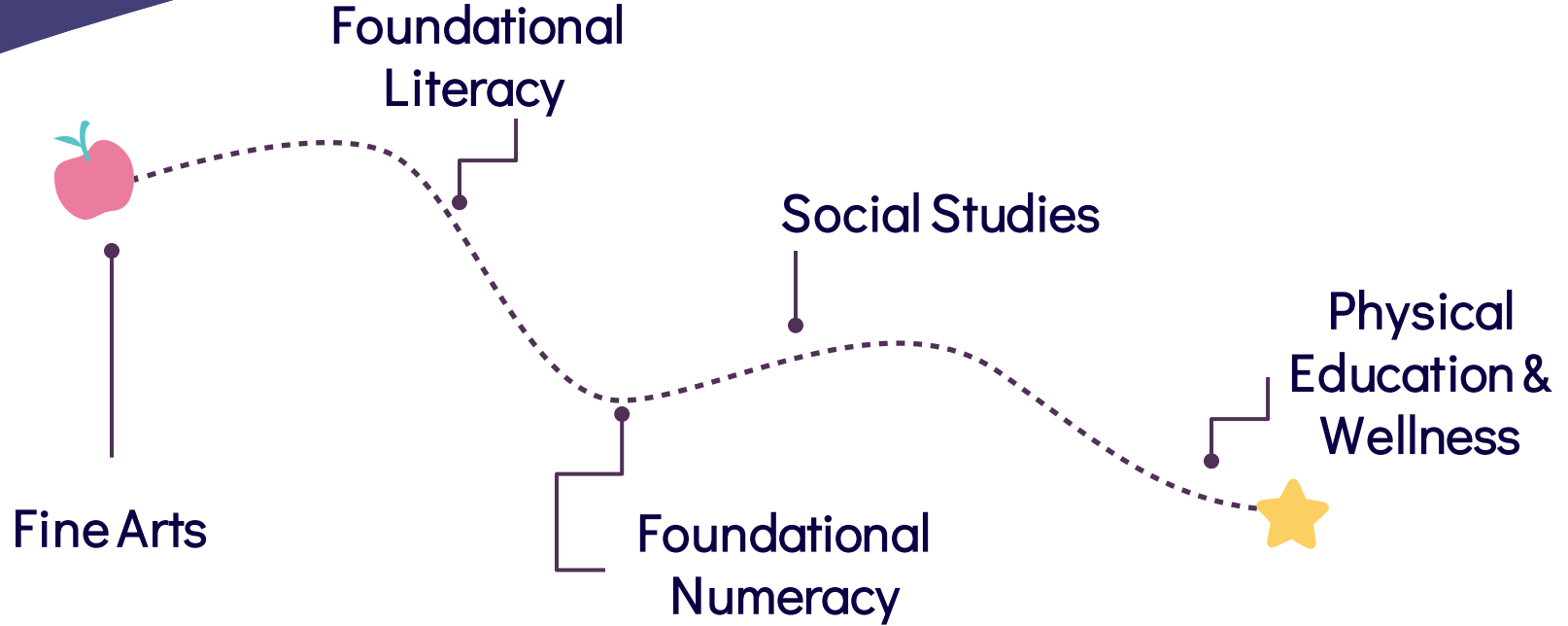




Did you know...

“In the first 5 years, children develop the physical, emotional, and social abilities that will be with them for life.”

Kindergarten Learning Priorities





Frequent Questions



At what age can my child start school?



How can we register?



What's our designated school?



How do we arrange busing?

Age

Kindergarten: Join us if your child turns 5 on
or before December 31, 2023

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

How to Register

[Click Here](#) for full registration information



The screenshot shows the registration page for edsemble CONNECT. At the top, it says "Explore • Develop • Celebrate" above the "Foothills SCHOOL DIVISION" logo. Below the logo is the "edsemble CONNECT" logo and a disclaimer: "Maclewood connected is designed to provide student information to students, teachers, parents, and administrative staff. Unauthorized use of authenticated information services is prohibited and subject to prosecution under student conduct code and any number of federal, provincial and local laws." The form has two input fields: "User name (email):" and "Password:". Below the password field are buttons for "Create Account" and "Sign In". A "Forgot password?" link is also present. At the bottom, the "edsemble" logo is displayed with the text "powered by edmentum" and "© 2018 Edmentum - All rights reserved."

Step 1: Click [Here](#)

Step 2: Create a new account or sign in if you already have one

Step 3: Complete the registration form

You will need:

- Child's proof of citizenship (e.g. birth certificate)

If you are having problems with online registration, please call your designated school for support.



Registering for Full Time Kindergarten



We are offering Full Time (full days M-F) kindergarten at 4 school sites:

C. Ian McLaren, Spitzee, Big Rock, and Dr Morris Gibson

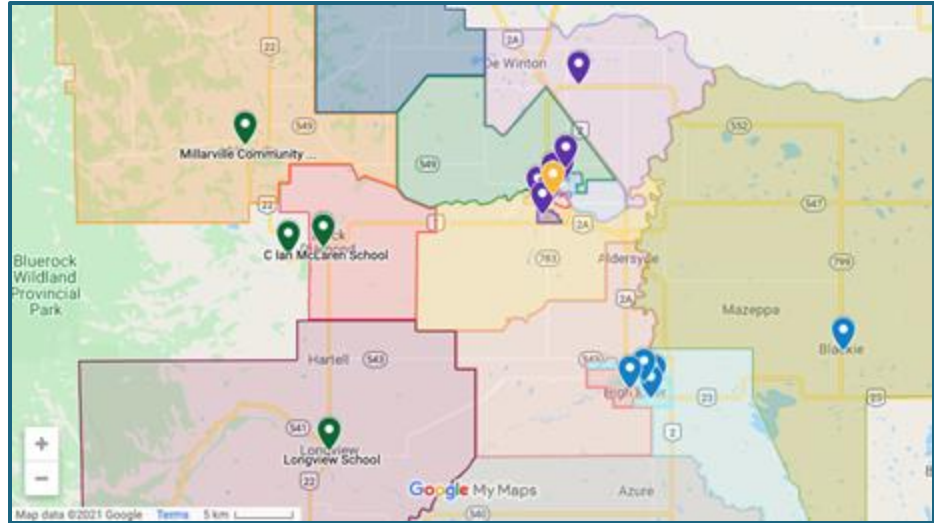
To apply:

When you register online, you will have the option to select either 'Part Time' or 'Full Time' kindergarten.

*Selecting 'Full Time' is your way of indicating you are interested in full-time kindergarten. It does not mean a guarantee of a full-time program in September. We will connect with all families by Mid-May to indicate if we have enough children registered to run!

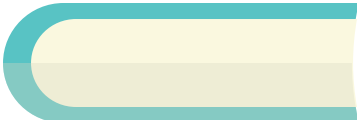
School Boundaries

Interactive Boundary Map

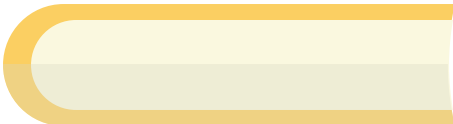




Busing



Kindergarten only: If you live **2.4 km** or farther from your designated school (for students in K-3 without siblings, or K-3 students with an older sibling in the same school), you may qualify for busing.



[Application Form](#)
[Transportation Rules](#)
[Transportation Contact & FAQ](#)



Jr K: We do not provide busing for Jr K students

Questions?
T: 403-652-6547
E: Transportation@fsd38.ab.ca

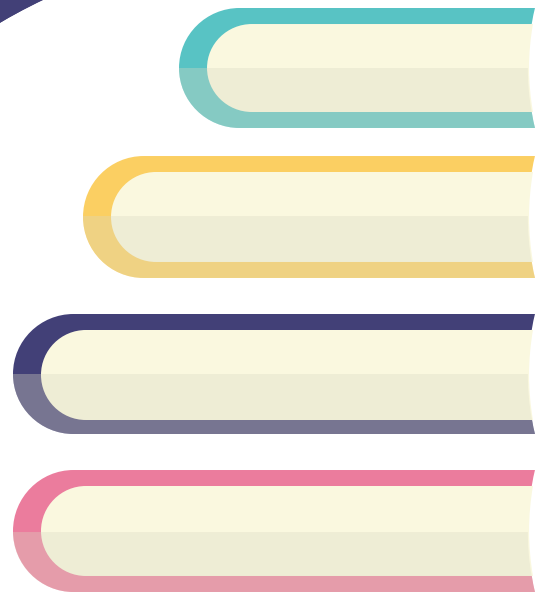
Next Steps

1. Register your child before Feb 17
2. Screening (in February & March)
 - a. Why:
 - b. To help students get excited and feel comfortable for school! We can't wait to meet you!
 - i. To determine if any students require extra support (Early support can make a big difference for Gr 1-12)
 - c. What:
 - i. Kindergarten: The EYE
 - ii. Jr Kindergarten: The EYE
 - d. When:
 - i. March 14 & 15, 2023
 - ii. Our school will contact you to schedule an appointment...
3. The teacher will email you at the end of June with your child's class placement and staggered start information.
See you the first day of school! (Sept 6, 2023)





How you can help your child get ready for school

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- Read books together every single day and point to the words. Ask questions too!
 - Develop fine motor skills (how to hold a pencil, use scissors, play with playdough)
 - Follow 2-3 step instructions
 - Practice letters and letter recognition
 - Find letters/numbers in the environment
 - Count with concrete items (toys, rocks, Lego)
 - Build your child's self esteem with praise, hugs and listening
 - Help your child take responsibility (cleaning up toys, using the bathroom, getting their own healthy snacks)

Supports from Alberta Health Services



Alberta Health Services provides Speech Language (SLP), Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physiotherapy consultations and support for children aged 0-5.

Parents can connect to access a "Speech Chat" with an AHS Therapist by calling: 403-995-2638.

Also, AHS OT/PT/SLP has drop-in clinics out of the Okotoks Wellness Centre early spring 2023.

Helpful Resources

- ★ [Developmental Milestones](#)
- ★ [Calgary Reads](#)
- ★ [Resources Galore:](#)
 - [9 Things to do this Winter](#)
 - [Getting Ready for Kindergarten](#)
 - [Age 5 Activities](#)



Welcome to Turner Valley School!



Our School

- ▶ K-6
- ▶ ~ 215 students



Community



- ▶ Welcome Back Breakfast
- ▶ Trekking Tuesday
- ▶ Student Ambassadors
- ▶ Gingerbread in the Gym
- ▶ Tiger's Den
- ▶ Family Literacy Day
- ▶ Sports Day!



Kindergarten at TVS

- ▶ Half time program
- ▶ Full day attendance: T/Th (with a select number of Fridays)
- ▶ 8:20am-3:05pm



Full Year Calendar

- On TVS website by June
- M/W or T/TH - depends on registration of student numbers

2020 - 2021 Kindergarten Calendar Template (Updated January 2021)

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Mon/ Wed	Tues/ Thurs
August		3	4	5	6	7		0.5	0
		10	11	12	13	14			
		17	18	19	20	21			
		24	25	26	27	28			
		31							
September		7	8	9	10	11		8.5	8
		14	15	16	17	18			
		21	22	23	24	25			
		28	29	30					
October		5	6	7	8	9		9	10
		12	13	14	15	16			
		19	20	21	22	23			
		26	27	28	29	30			
November		2	3	4	5	6		9	10
		9	10	11	12	13			
		16	17	18	19	20			
		23	24	25	26	27			
		30							
December		7	8	9	10	11		6.5	6
		14	15	16	17	18			
		21	22	23	24	25			
		28	29	30	31				
January		4	5	6	7	8		10	9
		11	12	13	14	15			
		18	19	20	21	22			
		25	26	27	28	29			
Semester 1								43.5	43
February		1	2	3	4	5		7	8
		8	9	10	11	12			
		15	16	17	18	19			
		22	23	24	25	26			
March		1	2	3	4	5		12	10
		8	9	10	11	12			
		15	16	17	18	19			
		22	23	24	25	26			
		29	30	31					
April		5	6	7	8	9		7	7.5
		12	13	14	15	16			
		19	20	21	22	23			
		26	27	28	29	30			
May		3	4	5	6	7		10	9
		10	11	12	13	14			
		17	18	19	20	21			
		24	25	26	27	28			
		31							
June		7	8	9	10	11		10	9.5
		14	15	16	17	18			
		21	22	23	24	25			
		28	29						
Semester 2								44	44
TOTAL								87.5	87

Monday/Wednesday Attendance Day	Tuesday/Thursday Attendance Day
Monday/Wednesday HALF Day Attendance	Tuesday/Thursday HALF Day Attendance
Elementary Non-Attendance Day	Christmas/Easter Break
Statutory Day - Schools Closed	Kindergarten screening - no school for current kinders

Note: March 12 is now a PD day

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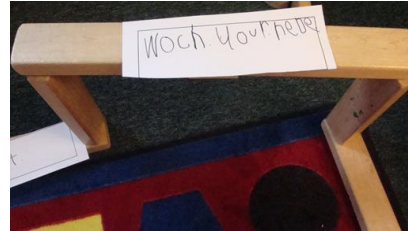
- ▶ Alberta Kindergarten Curriculum
- ▶ Kindergarten at FSD
- ▶ Kindergarten Readiness
- ▶ Kindergarten Resources



Early Literacy

Foundational Skills

- ▶ Rhyming
- ▶ Syllables
- ▶ Letter & sound recognition
- ▶ Environmental Print
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Asking questions



Early Numeracy

Counting

- ▶ 1-10
 - ▶ Recognition
 - ▶ Representing



Patterns

- Identifying
- Extending
- Creating



Shape & Measurement

- Recognition
- Comparisons
- Length, width & height



Citizenship & Identity

We are Unique



We Belong



Physical Skills & Well Being

Gross Motor

- ▶ Balance
- ▶ Movement
 - ▶ Skipping
 - ▶ Jumping
- ▶ Ball Skills



Physical Education and Wellness

Fine Motor

- ▶ Cutting
- ▶ Pencil grip



Nutrition

- ▶ Hand washing
- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Healthy choices



Environmental & Community Awareness

- ▶ Field Trips
 - ▶ Offsite
 - ▶ Walking
- ▶ Seasons
- ▶ Senses
- ▶ Outdoor learning



Environmental & Community Awareness

- ▶ Explore Materials
- ▶ Choice Centers



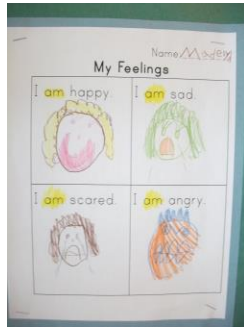
Creative Expression

Create - Imagine - Perform

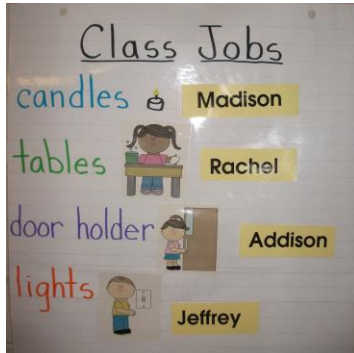
- ▶ Music & Movement
- ▶ Dramatic Play
- ▶ Concerts



Personal and Social Responsibility

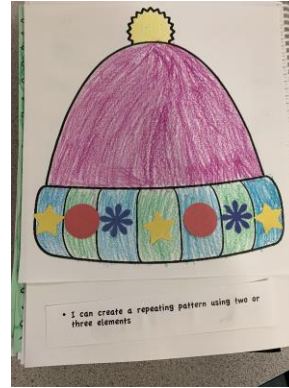
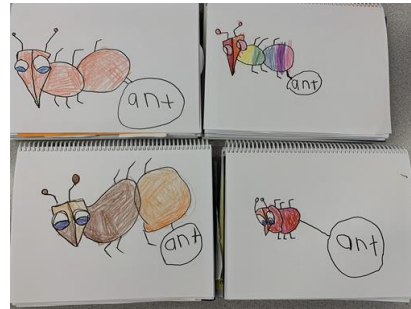
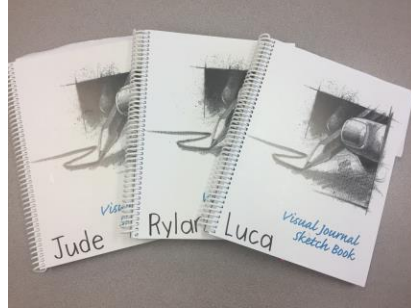
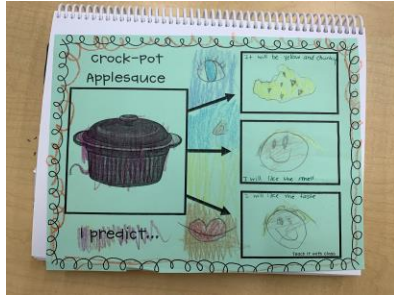


- ▶ Working in groups
- ▶ Feelings and friends
- ▶ Managing personal belongings



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Visual Journals!



What does a day in Kindergarten look like?

- ▶ Outdoor Learning/Circle
- ▶ Movement Break(s)
- ▶ Large Group & Small Group Activities
 - ▶ Lively Letters
 - ▶ Handwriting
 - ▶ Word Work
 - ▶ Journals
 - ▶ Mini Lessons (themes)
- ▶ Literacy Centres (TRIP)
- ▶ Snack
- ▶ Quiet “Reading”
- ▶ Gym, Library, Music, Buddies
- ▶ Recess (x2)
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Math Centres (MaRTI)
- ▶ Story Time
- ▶ Choice Centres

Getting Involved with the School

In the Classroom

- ▶ Classroom helper
- ▶ field trips
- ▶ special days
- ▶ behind the scenes



In the School

- ▶ Reading Program,
- ▶ Hot Lunch Parents
- ▶ School Council
- ▶ School wide events

