



Welcome to
Kindergarten

2024-2025

Lake Bonavista
School
Montessori



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Staff

- **Principal:** Jennifer Rooke
- **Assistant Principal:** Carmelle Watson



School Council and MAPSS

- There are many ways to be involved through Council and MAPSS
- Watch for opportunities
- All parents are invited to attend all School Council meetings, posted on website



LBS WANTS TO SAY
THANK YOU!
Our new materials help us...

Learn to read.

Students have now gained these new materials together during our Montessori lessons in May. They explore the green boxes and corresponding word cards, and the words using the movable alphabet, and they record the words in their books. This activity helps students practice their knowledge of word forms and word families using a variety of materials.

2. Practice our math skills.

This material is fantastic for fractions, as it clearly indicates the numerous ways you can make 'one whole'. It is a more advanced version of the fraction circle material as it does not have solid inserts within which to construct fractions.

3. Gain independence.

Kindergarten is very curious and engaged in our Montessori Materials. We continue to build trays and replace activities with new learning. Their independence and sparks are becoming more and more evident as we present new materials.

4. Explore Science.

Nomenclature cards help us view, explore and more.

5. And more...

MAPSS we appreciate all you do!

Lake Bonaville School

Volunteering

There are many opportunities to volunteer at school

- Classroom based opportunities
- Learning commons, Healthy Hunger lunch, onsite and offsite experiences

To be a volunteer, you must have:

- CBE connected Police clearance
- Bring photo ID to the office
- Office staff will provide you with an official letter and instructions to complete the process either online or in person
- This can take 6-8 weeks; please plan ahead



Morning and Afternoon Classes



- Transportation is only offered one way for Kindergarten
- We are planning for 2 classes in the morning and 1 class in the afternoon
- We do our best to honour everyone's preferred choice – confirmation on Thursday in your package at open house
- Alternating Fridays 8:10-12:15 - please watch for the Kindergarten calendar



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Lake Bonavista School 2024 – 2025 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

Calendar

8:10-11:00 AM Class
Monday-Thursday

11:55-2:45 PM Class
Monday-Thursday

Alternating Fridays 8:10-
12:15
(bus both ways)

Copies will be shared in
the package

CBE schools are closed on the days
shaded grey.

August 26, 27, 28	Non-instruction days
August 29	First day of school
September 2	Labour Day
September 27	Non-instruction day - ORG
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 14	Thanksgiving Day
October 25	PT Conferences
November 7	Last day of classes
November 8	System Indigenous Education Professional Learning Non-instruction day
November 11 - 13	Fall Break
November 14	Classes resume
November 29	Non-instruction day - PD
December 20	Last day of classes
Dec 23 - Jan 3	Winter Break
January 6	Classes resume
January 31	Non-instruction day - PD
February 13, 14	Teachers' Convention
February 17	Family Day
February 28	Non-instruction day - PD
March 20	Last day of classes
March 21	Student Led Conferences
March 24 - 28	Spring Break
March 31	Classes resume
April 18	Good Friday
April 21	System Professional Learning Non-instruction day
May 16	Non-instruction day - ORG
May 19	Victoria Day
June 26	Last day of school Early Dismissal

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AM Kindergarten 8:10am – 11:00am PM Kindergarten 11:55am -2:45pm		
Grades 1-6 Morning 8:10am-11:40am Lunch Break 11:40am-12:23pm Recess 1:45-2:00 Dismissal 2:45pm		

Transportation



- Apply Today
- Pre-registration is available using your [MyCBE](#) account
- **Families must register by Sunday, June 16 for students to be added to routes for the start of the next school year**
- We continue to accept registrations after the deadline; however, students are added to the closest existing stop with available space. Processing times could be up to six weeks at the beginning of the school year due to volume
- A confirmation email will be sent to all parents/guardians who have submitted a pre-registration in September to confirm registration for the 2024-2025 school year
- You can cancel your transportation with no financial impact by filling in the cancellation form before the end of September
- \$130 for one-way Kindergarten transportation (2 ways on Fridays)
- \$260 for bussing for grades 1-6



Montessori at Lake Bonavista School looks like...

Independence through the Prepared Environment



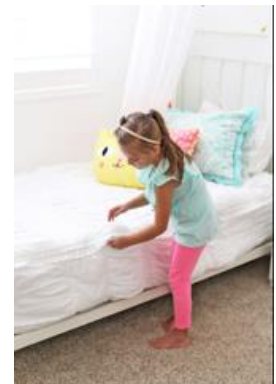
Getting Ready for Montessori at Lake Bonavista School Looks Like:

Rooms should cater to a child. Here are some considerations:

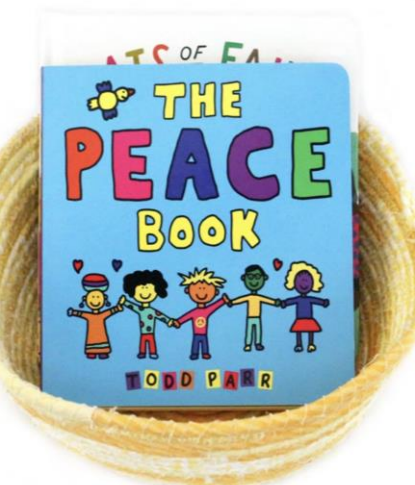
- Small tables
- Low shelves with materials that are easily accessible
- Organized and prepared with intention (Think: What would you like your child to be able to do in this space?)

Independence-Building Tasks:

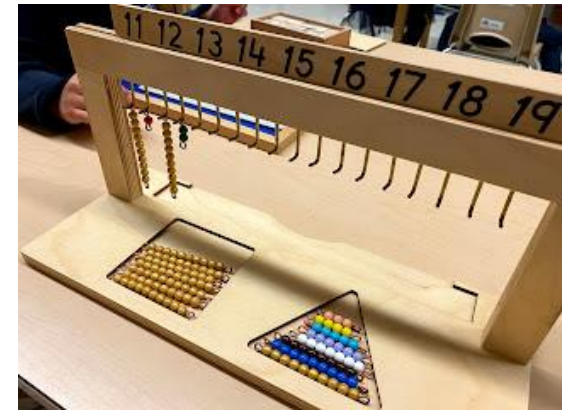
- Allow your child to dress themselves
- Let them care for a living thing
- Include them in household tasks
- Give opportunities in the kitchen



Peace Education



Montessori Materials



Coat Hooks

- Own coat hook for backpack and coat
- Spot under their things to place their shoes or boots
- Keep valuables/toys at home due to open space



Backpacks

- Hold a snack
- A change of clothes
- Large enough to fit a folder or duotang
- Students expected to be able to pack, unpack and zip independently

X

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Shoes

- Indoor, non-marking soled shoes
- Independently put on
- Labelled

Here are a few examples and non-examples that will best help your child participate in all activities at school including Physical Education.

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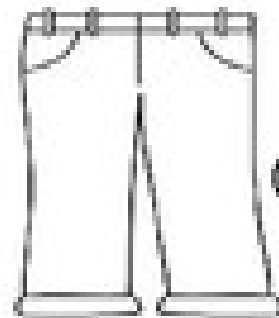


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Emergency Clothing

- Complete change of clothes
- Labelled with your child's name
- In a plastic bag inside their backpack



pants
(no shorts)



shirt



underpants



socks

Eating at School: A Nutrition Break

A **nutrition break** (snack) is an important part of our day to make sure our brains and bodies stay healthy and ready to learn!

- Snack is 15 minutes either mid-morning or mid-afternoon
- Provide a cloth napkin or placemat that can be kept in their lunch-kit
- Label all items
- We promote having a litter-less lunch
- Regularly practice opening different types of containers and snack bags

We are also a nut-aware school.



Outdoor Spaces

Kindergarten children do not participate in a scheduled lunch or recess.

- Physical Education
- Wellness
- Land-Based Learning
- Children come dressed appropriately for the weather

Our playgrounds are wonderful places to connect with other families after pick-up. If they are being used by teachers and students during regular school hours, they are considered closed for family play.



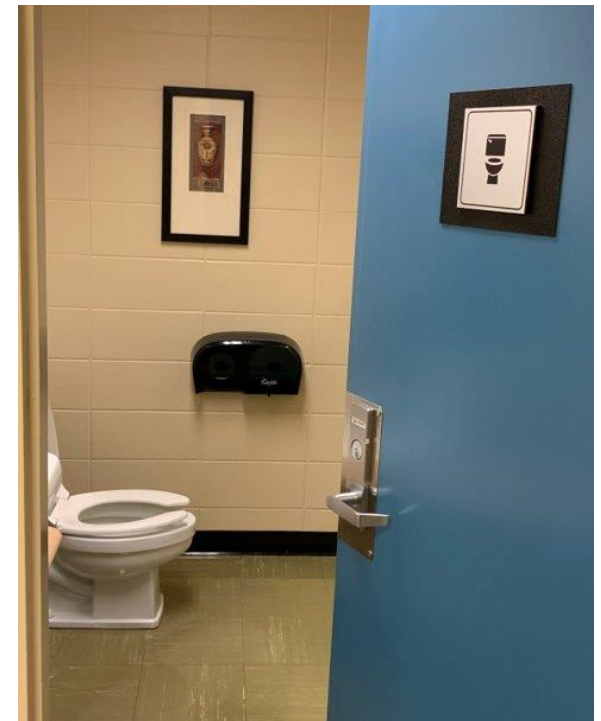
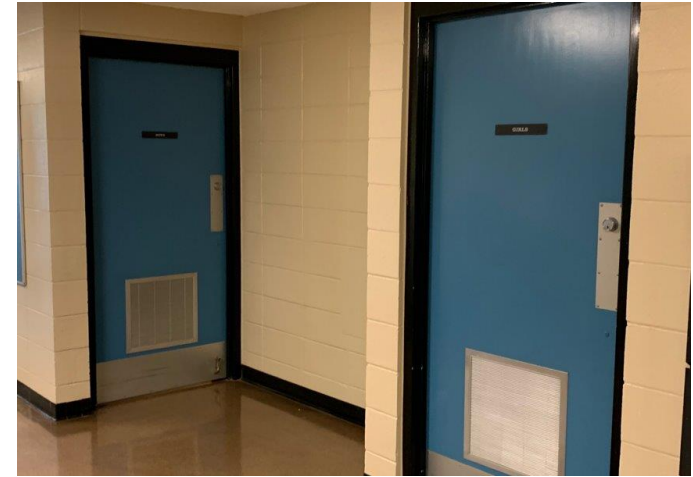
Bathrooms



- Student bathrooms on each side of the school
- One universal access bathroom
- Scheduled, whole-class bathroom breaks in the early days of Kindergarten

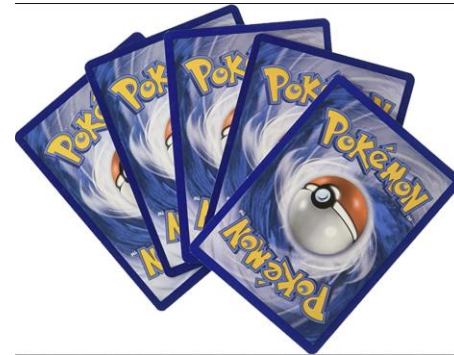
You can support your child's success at school by ensuring their independence with clothing:

- Zippers, buttons, snaps, and other closures
- Practice toilet use and proper hand washing



Things for Students to Leave at Home

- Costumes
- Toys
- Fidgets
- Stuffed animals
- Blankets
- Electronic devices
- Pokemon/Trading Cards



Music

Children in Kindergarten receive regular Music classes, instructed by our Music Specialist, Mrs. Kawchuk.



Physical Education



All students at Lake Bonavista School engage in daily physical education.

Often it is held in our gymnasium. Sometimes it will be held outside.

It is important that children come to school with appropriate footwear that includes a pair of indoor shoes that they can run, jump and play safely in. Sneakers with non-marking soles are ideal.

Learning Commons



Our Learning Commons is in the middle of our school, and the hub for a variety of amazing experiences:

- guest speakers
- presentations
- learning provocations
- book exchange
- technology explorations
- collaboration
- extra curriculars
- and so much more!



Early Learning 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)

Home-School Communication

Home to school communication is important at Lake Bonavista School.

Some of the ways we communicate with families:

- School website
- Class blogs or Instagram
- Email
- School Messenger
- Google Classroom

We try to be as paperless as possible with our communication.



Please watch for classroom specific information about communication coming from your teacher in September.

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Google Translate on CBE Websites

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Forest Lawn High School website. The browser's address bar shows the URL `school.cbe.ab.ca/school/ForestLawn/Pages/default.aspx`. The website header includes a navigation menu with links like News Centre, Calendar, Print, For Staff, QuickLinks, and a search bar. A red circle highlights the Google Translate button in the QuickLinks section. A large red arrow points from the bottom of the page up to the Google Translate button. The main content area features the Forest Lawn High School logo and the motto "Viator Via Veritatis | Travel by Way of the Truth". Below the logo are several menu items: About Us, Teaching & Learning, Extracurricular, Culture & Environment, Get Involved, and Registration. An orange banner below the menu reads "ALERT: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 LEARNING FROM HOME" with a sub-message about starting Friday, May 7, and a link to view full details. The bottom section of the page has a blue background with the words "HAPPY", "AFRAID", "SAD", and "ANGRY" in large, stylized letters, each accompanied by a close-up image of a person's face. To the right of this section are two red buttons: "Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students Move to At-Home Learning" and "CBE Recognizes CMHA Mental Health Week 2021", both with "Read More" links. The bottom right corner features the Calgary Board of Education logo.

Before the First Day



- Talk as a family: How are you feeling about starting school this year? Review social story about coming to Lake Bonavista School.
- Double-check your Staggered Entry day and time
- Take a walk around the outside of the school:
 - Find the grey garden entry doors
 - Explore our two playgrounds
- Contact the school if you have any important information about medical conditions, including allergies



Sneak-A-Peak

- August 28 between 12:00 and 1:00
- Opportunity to visit classroom and teachers



Staggered Entry



- Kindergarten students participate in Staggered Entry August 29-30
- Your child will **ONLY** attend during their staggered entry time in the first couple of days of school – staggered entry times will be in the package on Thursday
- *Children do not need to bring a snack during Staggered Entry*
- Make sure your child knows the pick-up plan, and that it is also communicated to your child's teacher

On the First Day



**The first regular day of Kindergarten is
Tuesday, September 3, 2024.**

**Morning Kindergarten: 8:10am – 11:00am
Afternoon Kindergarten: 11:55am – 2:45pm**

On the first day of school, children should bring their backpack with:

- Indoor shoes
- Snack and water bottle
- Your teacher will provide any supplies you need!

If your child will be taking the bus, please ensure you know the route name, bus letter and stop number.



Dismissal Kindergarten and Grade 1



- Dismissal is hand-to-hand to an approved adult
- Your child's teacher will ask you what the regular pick-up schedule (day care, bus, home) is
- Family members, friends or after-school care must be listed as an approved pick-up person in the office
- If your child takes the bus, they will be walked by a school adult

Changes to your child's pick-up arrangements need to be communicated to the office and teacher.

Reminder:

Welcome To School Event

Thursday, June 6

6:00 – 7:00

At Lake Bonavista School





Any Questions?





Welcome to our Lake Bonavista School Family!

