



Welcome to
Kindergarten

2026-2027

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 paired these two materials together during our shared book talks in Stage 4... They explore the green books and accompanying audio, and the words using the movable alphabet, and then record the words in their books. This activity helps students practice their knowledge of onset sounds 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 circles 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!

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
- To get your clearance, login to SchoolEngage and follow the process
- 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 2 classes in the afternoon
- We do our best to honour everyone's preferred choice – confirmation on Thursday in your package at open house
- Alternating Fridays 8:10-12:10 - please watch for the Kindergarten calendar



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Lake Bonavista School 2026 – 2027 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

		August 2026	September 2026	October 2026
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August 26, 27, 28	Non-instruction days			
August 31	First day of school			
August 31 and September 1	Kindergarten staggered entry			
September 7	Labour Day			
September 25	Non-instruction day			
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation			
October 12	Thanksgiving Day			
October 19	PT Conferences			
October 23	No School Kindergarten			
November 10	Last day of classes			
November 11-15	Fall Break			
November 16	Classes resume			
November 27	Non-instruction day			
December 18	Last day of classes			
Dec. 19 - Jan 3	Winter Break			
January 4	Classes resume			
January 29	System PL Non-instruction day			
February 11, 12	Teachers' Convention			
February 15	Family Day			
February 25	Non-instruction day			
March 18	Last day of classes			
March 18	No School Kindergarten			
March 19	Student Led Conferences			
March 20 - 29	Spring Break			
March 30	Classes resume			
April 30	Non-instruction day			
May 21	Non-instruction day			
May 24	Victoria Day			
June 25	Last day of classes			
June 28, 29	Non-instruction days			
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		AM Kindergarten 8:10am-11:00am PM Kindergarten 11:50am-2:40pm Alternating Fridays 8:10am-12:10pm	Grades 1-6 Morning: 8:10am -11:55am Recess: 10:20am -10:35am Lunch: 11:55am – 12:31pm Afternoon: 12:31pm – 2:40pm	

Calendar

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

11:50-2:40 PM Class Monday-Thursday

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

Copies will be shared later

Transportation

- Apply Today. Pre-registration is available using your [MyCBE](#) account



- **Families must register by Sunday, June 14th for students to be added to routes for the start of the next school year**

- **Congregated Stops**



- 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 2026-2027 school year



- You can cancel your transportation with no financial impact by filling in the cancellation form before the end of September

- \$250 for one-way Kindergarten transportation (2 ways on Fridays)

- \$500 for bussing for grades 1-6



Montessori at Lake Bonavista School looks like...

Independence through the Prepared Environment



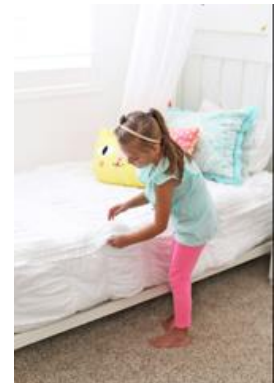
Getting Ready for Montessori at Lake Bonavista School Looks Like:

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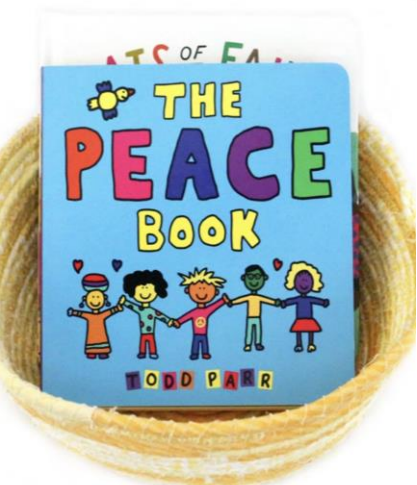
- Small tables
- Low shelves with materials that are easily accessible
- Organized and prepared with intention (Think: What would you like your child to be able to do in this space?)

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



How To Apologize
(Say I'm sorry)

I feel _____ because _____ (x2)

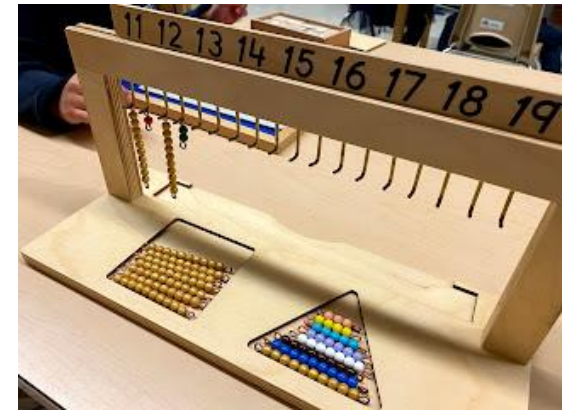
I need you to know...

I would feel better with:

- 1 an apology
- 2 space/time
- 3 hug
- 4 something else

Apologies are sincere.
"I'm sorry"
Apologies take practice.

Montessori Materials



Coat Hooks

- Own coat hook for backpack and coat
- Spot under their things to place their shoes or boots
- Keep valuables, toys, stuffies and technology at home



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

✓



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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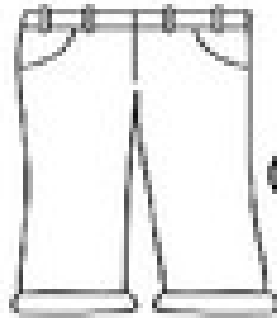


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Emergency Clothing

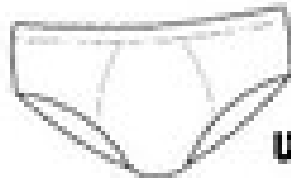
- Complete change of clothes
- Labelled with your child's name
- In a plastic bag inside their backpack



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 an independent break 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.



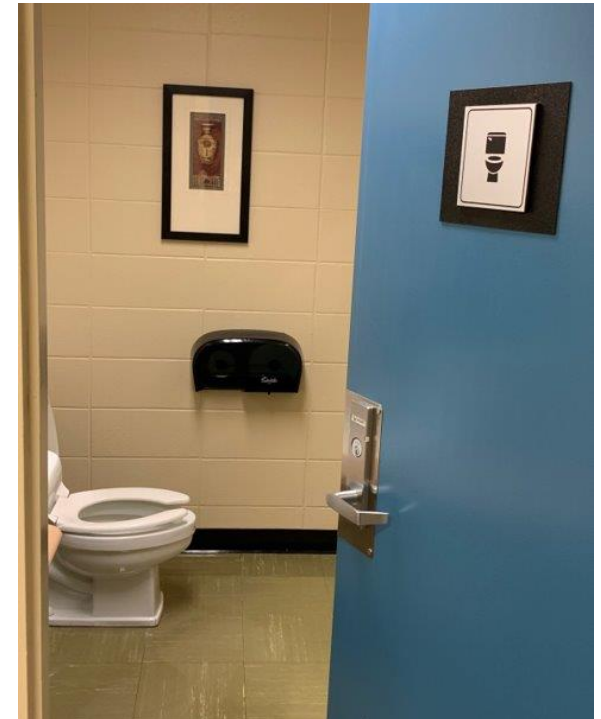
Bathrooms



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

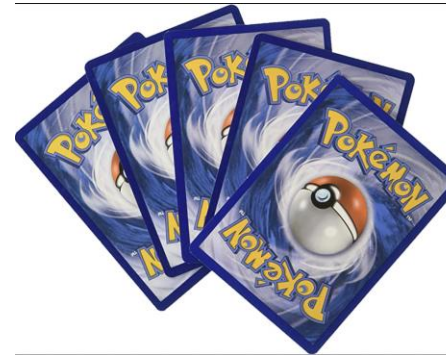
You can support your child's success at school by ensuring their independence with clothing:

- 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.

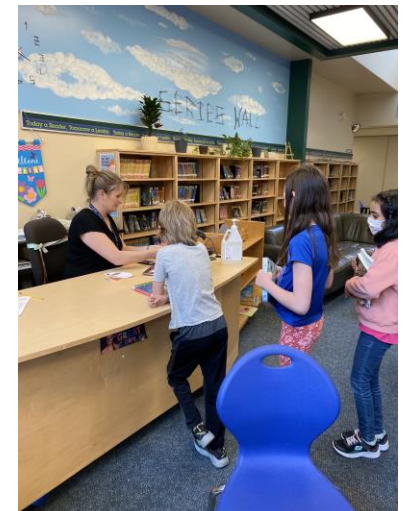
It is important that children come to school with appropriate footwear that includes a pair of indoor shoes that they can run, jump and play safely in. Sneakers with non-marking soles are ideal.

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
- Instagram
- Email
- Email via School Messenger

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.



Google Translate on CBE Websites

The screenshot shows a web browser window 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 the Forest Lawn High School logo and the motto *Viator Via Veritatis | Travel by Way of the Truth*. A navigation menu contains links for [About Us](#), [Teaching & Learning](#), [Extracurricular](#), [Culture & Environment](#), [Get Involved](#), and [Registration](#). A prominent orange banner reads: **ALERT: KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 LEARNING FROM HOME**, with a sub-message: *Starting Friday, May 7, most K-12 students will be learning at home. At this time, students are expected to return to in-class learning on Tues., May ... [View Full Details](#)*. Below the banner is a large graphic with the words **HAPPY**, **AFRAID**, **SAD**, and **ANGRY** overlaid on images of faces. A red circle highlights the **Google Translate** dropdown menu in the top navigation bar, with a red arrow pointing to it. The bottom right corner features the **Calgary Board of Education** logo and a link for [Kindergarten to Grade 6 Students Move to At-Home Learning](#).

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.
- 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

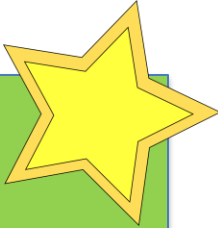


Sneak-A-Peak

- Friday, August 28th between:
 - 11:00-11:30 AM Classes
 - 11:45-12:15 PM Classes
- Opportunity to visit classroom and teachers



On the First Day



Staggered Entry:

- Students would come in small groups for a short amount of time.
- Schedule to come

Morning Kindergarten: 8:10am – 11:00am
Afternoon Kindergarten: 11:50am – 2:40pm



First Days of School:



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

- Indoor shoes – with student's name
- 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



- 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 Lake Bonavista
School Event**

Thursday, May 28

6:30 – 7:30

At Lake Bonavista School





Any Questions?



Welcome to our Lake Bonavista School Family!

