



Alternative Programs



Lake Bonavista School

Montessori Program

January 9, 2024

learning | as unique | as every student



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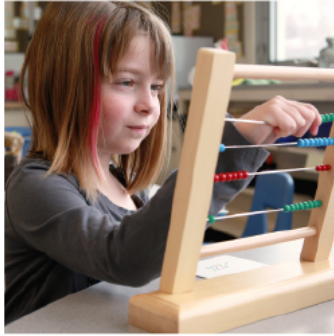


Lake Bonavista School Open House - January 9, 2024

Overview of Presentation:

- Introductions
- Alternative Programs
- Registration Process
 - Transportation
- Montessori Program

Introductions



- Admin Team
 - Jennifer Rooke - Principal
 - Carmelle Watson - Assistant Principal
 - Lindsay Brown and Taylor Gierl – Learning Leaders
 - Many of our teaching staff
- Current Class Structure
 - Kindergarten
 - 2 AM Classes, 1 PM Class
 - Grade 1/2
 - Grade 3/4
 - Grade 5/6
 - Music taught by a specialist
- School Councils
 - Mike Gee - School Council Key Communicator
 - Thom Dutchak - MAPSS President

Montessori Program



Greetings from LBS School Council

Our Montessori program includes:

- an active and supportive School Council
 - Colleen Foster - Council Chair
 - Mike Gee – Key Communicator
- active parent involvement is a strong element in our Montessori School

We help make public Montessori school possible in Calgary

1999

MAPSS was founded –

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

GOAL

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

- Fundraising (\$1M)
- Raising awareness
- Increase capacity

TODAY

- 3 Calgary Board of Education Montessori Alternative Program (AP) schools
- 1000+ children enrolled from K to Grade 6

MAPSS 
Montessori Alternative Public School Society

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Choice | Alternative Programs

- Indigenous Education
- Arts-Centred
- All Boys
- All Girls
- Languages (French, German, Mandarin, Spanish)
- Montessori
- Science
- Traditional Learning Centre (TLC)

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Why Alternative Programs?

- Providing families choices to meet the unique learning needs of each student
- Programs focus on a particular language, culture, subject (Arts, Science), or teaching philosophy
- Informed choice is essential – what is THIS particular program about and how does it meet MY child's needs?

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Inform | Key Messages

- Each program has unique features
- Integrity of the program remains the same across sites
- All sites follow Alberta Programs of Study with ATA certificated teachers
- All schools requiring a lottery follow the CBE lottery process
- Aligned with system timeframe for registration
- There is a designated Alternative Program school for each home address

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Timeline | Registration/Lottery

- Opens **January 15, 2024**
- Closed noon on Tuesday before Teachers' Convention (**February 13, 2024**)
- Lottery drawn on Wednesday before Teachers' Convention (**February 14, 2024**)
- Results of the lottery draw sent within 10 business days of the draw (**February 29, 2024**)
- Parents must accept/decline within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance letter

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Inform | Lottery Process

- Where a program is oversubscribed the lottery process will be employed
- Registrations are categorized using 3 priorities:
 - Priority 1 - siblings in walk zone
 - Priority 2 - walk zone, no siblings or outside walk zone with sibling
 - Priority 3 – designated attendance area
- Notification of acceptance via letter or email by 10 business days after the lottery ([March 14, 2024](#))

School Engage | Expression of Interest

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Not a current CBE student: Registration is required.

Go to www.cbe.ab.ca/registration

Register your child through School Engage

Current CBE student: Complete the Expression of Interest Form through School Engage:

- by noon on February 14, 2024 for schools in lottery; **and**
- until further notice for all other Alternative Programs

All Expression of Interests are based on Priority Lists as stated in Administrative Regulation 6090 | Child and Student Registration and Admission.

- Completing an Expression of interest does not guarantee acceptance into an alternative program.
- Registration will not occur until a family receives an offer of acceptance and an invitation to register.
- Acceptance into a kindergarten program does not guarantee registration into grade 1.

Please ensure you fill out ALL sections of School Engage when registering, uploading all pertinent documents helps streamline the registration process.

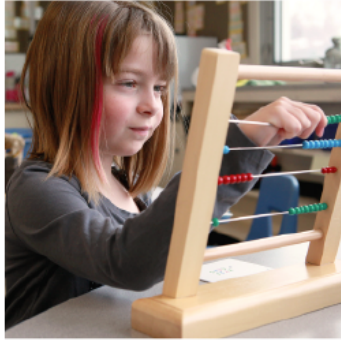
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Inform | Transportation

- K-5 yellow bus transportation provided following CBE congregated stop guidelines for alternative programs
- transportation for grades 6-9 may be offered through congregated yellow bus stops or Calgary Transit (no rebates are provided)
- parents pay an annual fee for CBE yellow bus service or purchase monthly Calgary Transit passes
- Congregated stops are reviewed annually and informed by pre-registration for transportation, online through **MyCBE/PowerSchool**
- Congregated stops may not be within walking distance and alternate arrangements may be required to access the congregated stop

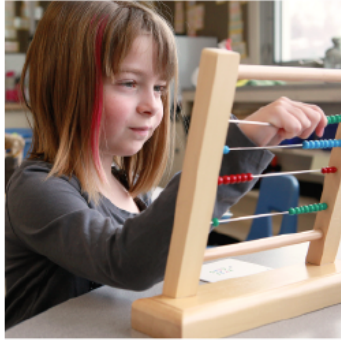
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Elements of the Montessori Program

- The Alberta Programs of Study are shared through the Montessori philosophy, methodology and materials
- Academic success through engagement in hands-on learning with focus on the use of independent skills and curiosity in practical life
- Students work on a multitude of activities which ignite passions and curiosity
- Use of materials that are purposeful and promote deep learning of concepts

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Differences and similarities with community school programs

Differences

- Multi-aged grouping of students, where possible
- Peer mentorship
- Student cohorts remain together, building long lasting relationships
- Peace education using a Montessori approach
- Montessori teachers hold an Alberta teaching certificate and a teaching certificate from an accredited Montessori teacher training course

Similarities

- Alberta Curriculum
- second language opportunities grade 4-6
- daily PE
- Character
- Citizenship
- Personal Development

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The Montessori classroom:

- illustrates a delicate balance between choice and responsibility
- Provides intentional learning environments that are designed to facilitate self-directed learning
- supports leadership development through active service in the community and studies related to the environment
- emphasizes intrinsic motivation, independence, and student choice
- provides extended opportunities for interdisciplinary work periods

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A Montessori student demonstrates...

- the ability to work on tasks in large blocks of time where both self-directed learning and collaboration with peers is expected
- positive engagement in hands-on learning with Montessori materials to extend learning
- the ability to work with children of differing ages, in multi-age classrooms were provided

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Montessori Parents Believe:

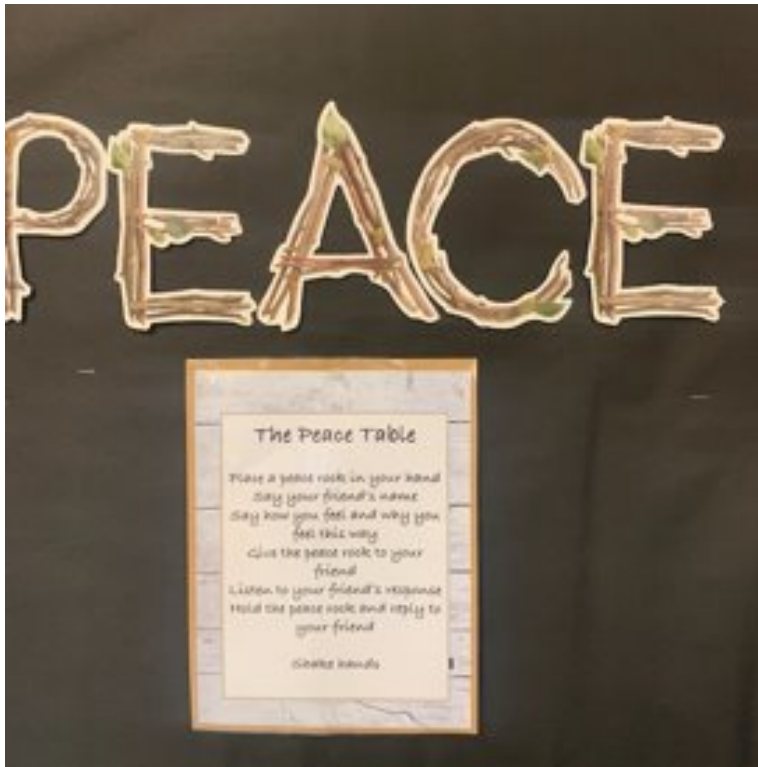
- Children are capable of making choices to guide their own learning.
- Children need freedom of choice with responsibility and guidelines.
- Not all students need to be doing the same thing at the same time.
- Children are capable of promoting peace in their community and can solve conflict through peace talks.
- They can support and participate in Montessori throughout the elementary school years.

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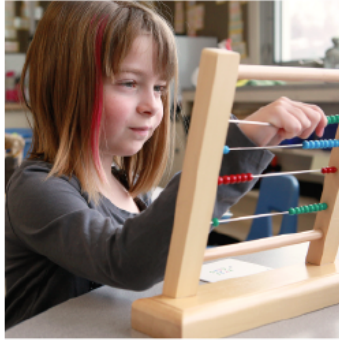


Other considerations:

- the program is sequenced so that learning builds from year to year and has specific entry points
- in a successful Montessori Program parental involvement is encouraged
- family environment where assessment of success is established individually while de-emphasizing age-based comparative standards



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Open House

- Please take this time to explore all of the spaces we have open in the school.
- Staff are available for questions



Thank You

Please contact the school if you
have any further questions or
concerns

