



Ready...Set...Go

Welcome to Kindergarten  
at Banff Elementary!



Banff Elementary School acknowledges that our school sits on ancestral and traditional lands of many North American Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are with us today and those who have gone before us.

# Our School Team



Our school partners with a wide variety of services and supports for children and their families

- **Kindergarten Teachers**
- **Settlement Services**
- **CRPS Supports** - Speech and Language Pathologist/Occupational Therapist
- **Town of Banff** - Out of School Care - OSC, Getting Ready for Kindergarten
- **School Supports** - Learning Support, School and Family Wellness Worker, Family School Liaison, Right From The Start

Please reach out to the school anytime to ask questions about additional needs for you, your child and your family



# The Whole Child

*Inspiring Hearts and  
Minds*

## As a family of learners we:

- Teach and reinforce a safe and caring learning environment
- Support growth of Social Emotional Learning through development of self-regulation and habits of mind - i.e. Right From the Start - 'We Thinkers'
- Provide numerous supports for children & families
- Believe in nature based, outdoor learning - Nature Explorers

# The Importance of Play



“Play is the highest form of research.” – Albert Einstein



“Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity.”

-Kay Redfield Jamison



# CUBS Code:

**Caring**

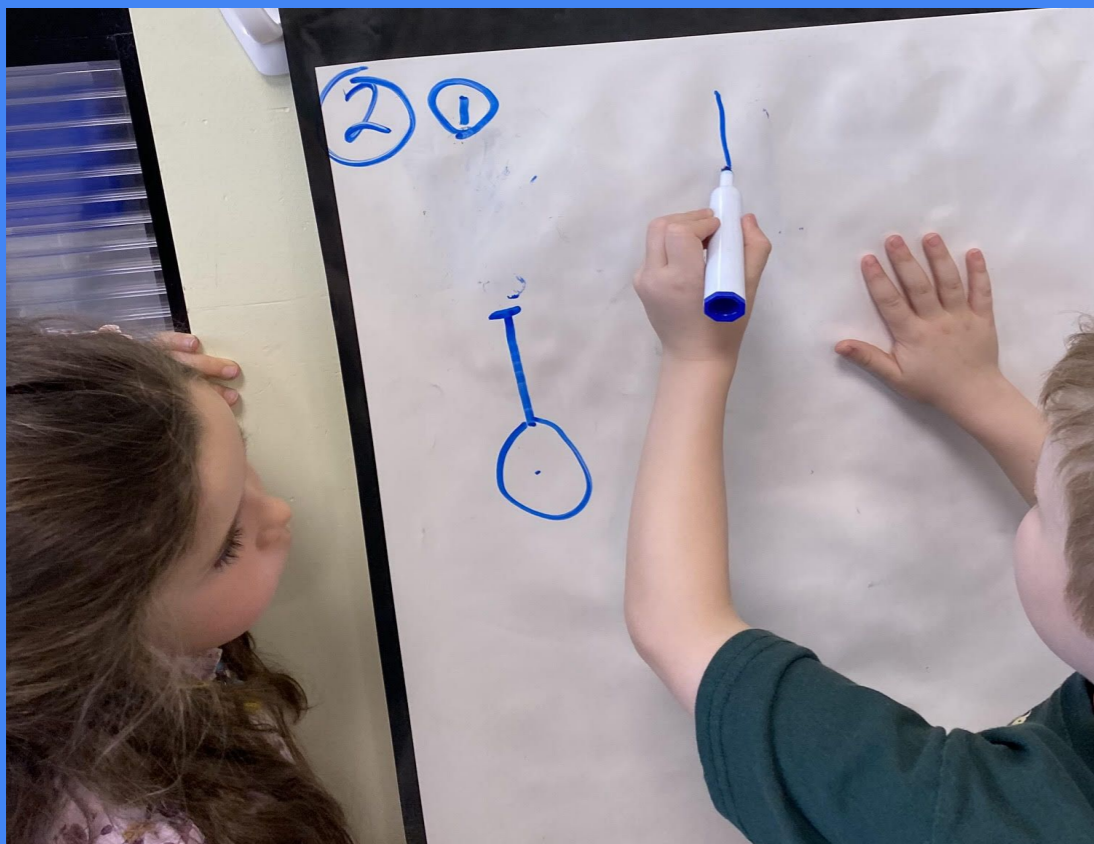
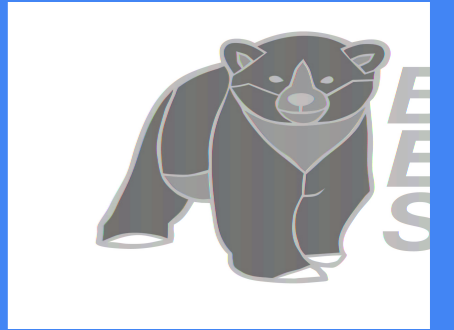
**Understanding**

**Belonging**

**Safety**



# Language Learning



# Numeracy



- Use of hands-on manipulatives
- Daily calendar activities
- Counting, number recognition, printing numbers
- Patterns, sorting, classifying
- Exposure to numbers in real world situations



# Gradual Entry



- Teachers have an opportunity to meet with families during the first week of school
- A half day experience builds understanding and confidence for children
- Students learn the classroom routines and expectations more quickly



# Transportation



## **CRPS presents Little Rockies Bus Adventure**

**Wednesday August 27 BES 6:00pm**

**RSVP [crpstransportation@crps.ca](mailto:crpstransportation@crps.ca)**

with how many adults and how many students will attend.

**This program is designed for first time kindergarten riders and their parents to learn some school bus safety tips and go on a bus adventure around the school.**

**At the end of the bus adventure, students and parents will know about the danger zone, how to load and unload the bus safely and how to sit properly while riding the bus. It also provides a great opportunity to get pictures of your child with a school bus.**



# Before School Care is available at BES!



Juggling work and family can be challenging. We at Banff Elementary School would like to support families by offering before school care starting at 7:45am. This is a free service for BES families.

Registration is required. Please see our school website for more information on registration: [bes.crps.ca](http://bes.crps.ca)  
"It takes a village to raise a child" - a traditional African proverb

# Parents as Partners



- Ongoing or once in awhile
- Classroom activities/Special days
- Help from home
- Field Trips
- School Council
- Family members who volunteer are required to complete a vulnerable sector check. The office provides the application and free access.





# What You Can Do...

- Practice routines before school starts
- Early bedtimes are important...young children need a lot of sleep
- Eat healthy snacks (make sure snacks are in containers that your child can open easily)
- Independence skills (coat on/off, shoes, using the bathroom independently, etc.)
- Provide numerous social opportunities, limit screen time
- Read with your child everyday



# Spring Into Kindergarten

**Date:** May 21st

**Time:** 1:30pm - 2:10pm or 2:10pm - 2:50pm

\*Sign up link will come via email to sign up for a slot

**Purpose:** Spring Into Kindergarten is a chance for our staff to get to know your child and to give them a little taste of Kindergarten. We will have some centres and activities set up for them. Parents are not a part of this session. You will be invited to join our School Council for a Parent Tea at this time.

**Getting Ready for Kindergarten:** Katie Barton



Questions??



Thank you!!