



Banff Trail School

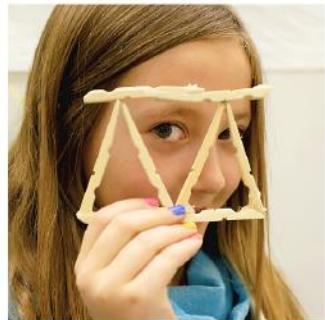
Kindergarten|Gr.1 Welcome and Orientation

**Thursday, May 9, 2024
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

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Visit our School Website: banfftrail.cbe.ab.ca

Introductions

Principal: Ryan Turner

Assistant Principal: Nancy Toy

Administrative Assistant: Elaine Carter

Current School Council Chair: Ashley Looyesen

Current School Council Vice Chair: Erin Runnalls

Current Staffing

Kindergarten Teachers: Mme Nicole
M. Matthieu

Grade One Teachers: Mme Sam
Mme Kalpana
Mme Burns



General Information

Overview of Early French Immersion

Kindergarten – Grade 2

- All instruction is in French

Grades 3 – 5

- English (ELA) is introduced in Grade 3
- 80% of instruction is in French, 20% in English

Strong oral language proficiency (listening, speaking) is developed in early years to transfer into reading and writing in later grades.

School Hours 2024-25

Office Opens: Monday, August 26th, 2024

School Begins: Thursday, August 29th, 2024

School Hours (tentative)

Monday – Thursday: 7:58 am – 2:30 pm

Friday: 7:58 am – 12:00 pm

Kindergarten (2023-24—likely similar for 2024-25)

Monday – Thursday: 7:58 am – 10:49 am (AM)

11:39 am – 2:30 pm (PM)

Friday: 7:58 am – 12:00 pm

*Kindergarten AM/PM alternates on Friday, to attend every other Friday

Lunch Hour:

Grades 1 – 5 (2 shifts—gr 1-2 eat first, then gr 3-5)

Monday-Thursday: 11:30 am to 12:11 pm

BANFF TRAIL DROP-OFF PROCEDURE



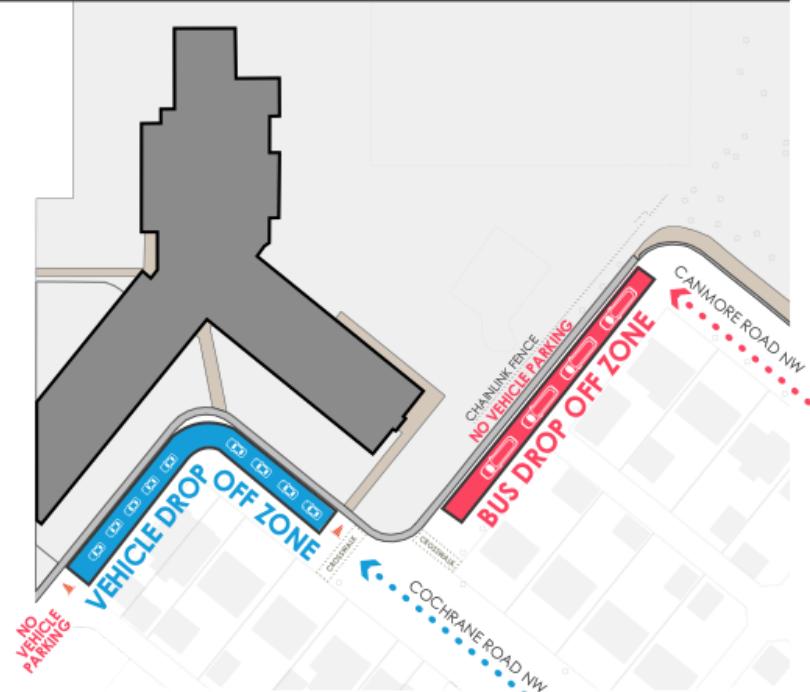
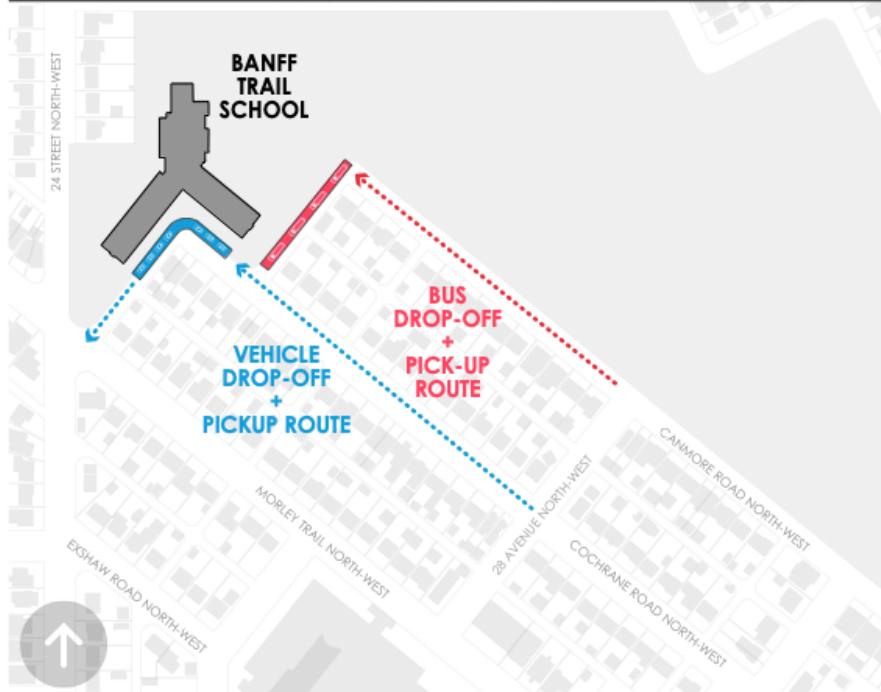
DROP-OFF TIME
7:43-7:58 AM

DURING SUPERVISION

PICKUP TIME
2:30 PM - 12:00 PM

MON - THR FRI

- 1 PULL AHEAD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO THE BEGINNING OF THE DROP-OFF ZONE IN SINGLE FILE
- 2 DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN VEHICLES AT ALL TIMES
- 3 2 MINUTE MAXIMUM
- 4 KEEP THE CROSSWALK CLEAR OF VEHICLES AND AHERE TO SAFETY PATROLLERS BY WAITING BEHIND THE CROSSWALK UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO PROCEED
- 5 KEEP THE BUS ZONE CLEAR



Attendance, Absences & Lates

- Daily attendance is taken shortly after students enter the classroom
- Office staff contact parents whose children are absent without previous notice
- Should your child be late or absent, please call the 24-hour absence line at (403) 777-6120, Ext. 1
- Students arriving late must be signed in through the main office.
- Habits of punctuality and regular attendance are developed during the first years of school

Safety, Security and Well-Being

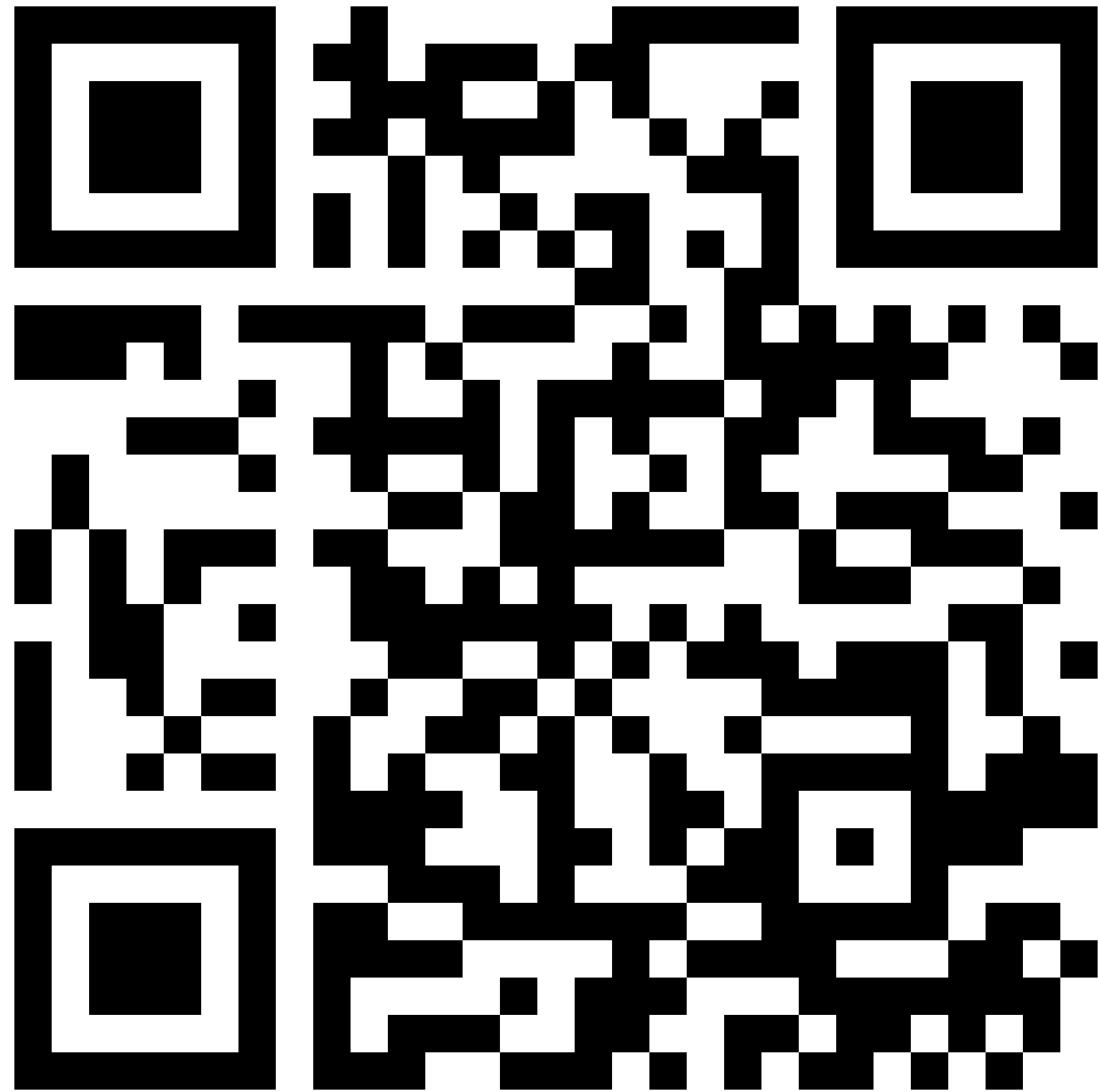
- Students arriving after the school bell should be brought to the front door, ring the intercom and be checked in at the main office
- Parents and visitors must use the intercom at the front door to gain access to the school
- All cleared visitors report to the front office, sign in and wear a name tag
- Students who leave during the school day must be “signed out” at the main office
- Any changes to regular routines of pick up and bussing need to be communicated to the school; advance notice is greatly appreciated
- Please do not park in designated Bus, Patrol, Drop Off Zones, or Staff Parking Lot

School Messenger

- Most messages from school are sent to parents via email through SchoolMessenger
- Ensure the email on file is regularly monitored. If email change is needed, contact our office.
- It allows schools to easily and securely send email, phone and text messages to parents/guardians of students in a particular grade, class, school or area
- Messages are sent to the parent contacts on file at school
- Parents must consent to receive 'commercial' text and/or email messages from the school
- **CASL:** To subscribe to receive **commercial electronic messages**, go to www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe to enter your email address and click Subscribe. Please enter the same email address where you receive other school messages and that you use to log into MyCBE.
- Subscribe to not miss information from Council, Dances, Field Trips (fees), Activities like Jump Rope for Heart, etc.
- For additional information, please refer to the CBE website: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/news-centre/school-messages/Pages/default.aspx>

** QR CODE ON NEXT SLIDE**

CASL Subscribe



Due to Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation, you need to subscribe below if you want to continue receiving commercial electronic messages on school topics such as student news, school events, and school messages.

Provide your primary email address on file at your school (i.e. the email where you receive school messages and that you use to log into My CBE Account, if applicable).



Communication

- School Messenger is used to send school wide and classroom news
- Our School Website is updated regularly:

banfftrail.cbe.ab.ca

- Please advise the school office if your contact information changes
- Teachers are available for questions via email or outside of instructional time
- Report Cards are shared with families in January and June
- School Conferences are held three times per year (normally September, November, March)
- **You will receive an introductory email from your child's teacher with further information on one of Aug 26/27/28.** If you do not receive anything by mid-day August 28, please contact the office.

MyCBE/PowerSchool Account

- Make payments for any fees online using your MyCBE/PowerSchool Account
- This same account is used to book Parent Teacher Conferences during the school year, and view report cards
- Fees will be determined later this year; a digital information package will be sent home with the School Opening Package in September (must sign up for CASL)
- Reminder: Your child's CBE Student number is available in your MyCBE Account
- For additional information, please visit:
<https://sis.cbe.ab.ca/public/home.html>

Transportation

- Consider registering your child for transportation next year if you are undecided. You can cancel at no penalty before the end of September. Registration opens next week.
- By registering for school bus service, your information is included when routes are planned (if registered by **June 15**); planning is based on congregated stops
- Bus attendance is taken daily from August 29, 2024; your child's information is required to produce accurate lists
- 2023-24 fees: \$260 (\$130 for Kindergarten)
- The safety of our students on the bus is very important to us. Kindergarten students will not be dropped off at a bus stop unless someone is there to pick them up
- Please ensure you are at your bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the arrival time of the bus

For more information about transportation, visit:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/my-1st-ride-program.aspx>

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx>



Transportation, continued

- **Kindergarten busing:** only one direction is provided for transportation to align with school entry or dismissal. This means:
 - AM K: Busing available for entry, but they need transportation/child care for their day's end at ~10:49am
 - PM K: Busing available for dismissal, but they need transportation for entry at ~11:39am
 - Note: Grade 1 students will need to also pay for noon supervision, which will be posted in September (currently \$260/year)
 - [My 1st Ride](#) (Registration required-sessions on May 25, 26)

What Does My Child Need for School?

Kindergarten & Grade One

Your child will require:

A pair of indoor shoes

- Please ensure that students have shoes that they can get on and off quickly and independently. (ie: no shoelaces unless they are able to tie their shoes by themselves)

A backpack:

- To fit a lunch kit packed with:
 - a healthy snack, refillable water bottle (Kindergarten)
 - a healthy snack, refillable water bottle, lunch (Grade 1)
- To transport library books, notices, sharing items, schoolwork, etc.
- To supply extra clothes (ex. underwear, socks, pants)

All other school supplies are provided.

***Please label your child's belongings with their name.**

Enhanced Learning

Field Trips

- Walking, On and Off Site
 - Ex. West Confederation Park, Land Based Learning, William Aberhart High School, Guest speakers, Presentations, Performances, Bell Studio, Fort Calgary, Granary Road, Ralph Klein Park, Ice and Inline Skating, Lacrosse, Curling, etc.
 - Information will be sent home as activities are booked
 - Fees can be paid online using your MyCBE/PowerSchool account

School Wide Events

- Learning Assemblies, Carnaval, Sports Day, Residencies, Spirit Days

Intensive French (Oral Language Learning - Listening & Speaking)

- Whole school learning to build oral language proficiency and confidence
- Teacher supporting all grades to build strong listening and speaking skills

Bibliothèque/Library

- Book exchange, currently once per week

Buddy Classes

- Partnering classes at different grade levels for learning (ex. reading, activities)

Volunteering

- What does volunteering look like?
 - Field Trips, In-class support, Reading Program, School Wide Events, Preparation Work, Community Walks, Prop building...
- All volunteers must hold a valid CBE Issued Police Security Clearance; there are no exceptions to this policy
- Police clearance is valid for 5 years
- A CBE Volunteer Registration must be completed annually
- All volunteers must sign in at the main office and are identified by a school issued name tag
- **Younger non-school aged siblings cannot accompany volunteers**
- More information about volunteering is emailed home in the first days of school

For more information, visit:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/volunteer/Pages/volunteer.aspx>



Banff Trail School Council & Parent Fundraising Association

Chair: Ashley Looysen

Vice Chair: Erin Runnalls

banfftrailchair@gmail.com



Kindergarten

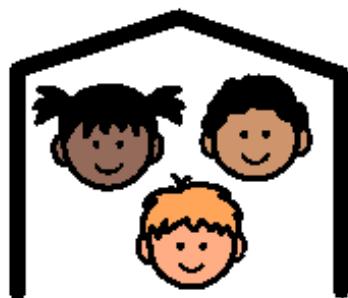
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Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten

- Make sure your child can get dressed to go outside independently, especially during the winter months
- Have your child help out in small ways at home, such as cleaning up after themselves
- Have a set bedtime and morning routine
 - Children need 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night
- Give them time to eat a nutritious breakfast
- Read to your child every day
- For safety reasons and confidence, children should know their:



- First and Last name
- Age and Birthday
- Telephone number
- Home Address

Kindergarten – First Days

Thursday, August 29, 2024

- First Day of School for all students
 - Morning class - 7:58 am – 10:49 am (2023-24)
 - Afternoon class - 11:39 am – 2:30 pm (2023-24)

Friday, August 30, 2024

- Early Dismissal Friday routine begins
- Morning/AM classes attend from 7:58 am – 12:00 pm
- No classes for Afternoon/PM Kindergarten

Monday, September 2, 2024

- Labour Day; No School

Friday, September 6, 2024

- Afternoon/PM classes attend from 7:58 am – 12:00 pm
- No classes for Morning/AM Kindergarten

Kindergarten: Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival

- Non-bused students meet teachers at the indicated doors with their parent/caregiver
- Bused students are met by the bus supervisor in the morning at the designated school bus zone

Dismissal

- Non-bused students meet their parent/caregiver at the designated doors
- Bused students meet the bus supervisor in the afternoon at the designated school bus zone

Kindergarten Doors



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Grade One

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Grade 1 – First Days

Thursday, August 29, 2024

- First Day of School for all students
- 7:58 am – 2:30pm

Friday, August 30, 2024

- Early Dismissal every Friday
- 7:58am-12:00pm

Monday, September 2, 2024

- Labour Day; No School

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

- School resumes
- 7:58am-2:30pm

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Thank You!

Questions?

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