



Banff Trail School

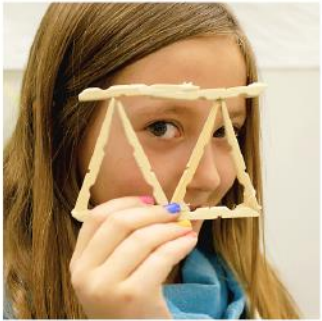
Kindergarten|Gr.1 Welcome and Orientation

**Thursday, May 8, 2025
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm**

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Introductions

Principal: Ryan Turner

Assistant Principal: Nancy Toy

Administrative Assistant: Elaine Carter

Current School Council Chair: Ashley Looyesen

Current School Council Vice Chair: Tanner Ryman

Current Staffing

Kindergarten Teachers: Mme Nicole
M. Matthieu

Grade One Teachers: Mme Kalpana
Mme Kim
Mme Rachel



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.

2025 – 2026 School Hours

Office Opens: Monday, August 25, 2025

School Begins: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

School Hours

Monday – Thursday: 7:58 am – 2:30 pm

Friday: 7:58 am – 12:00 pm

Kindergarten (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 12:14 pm

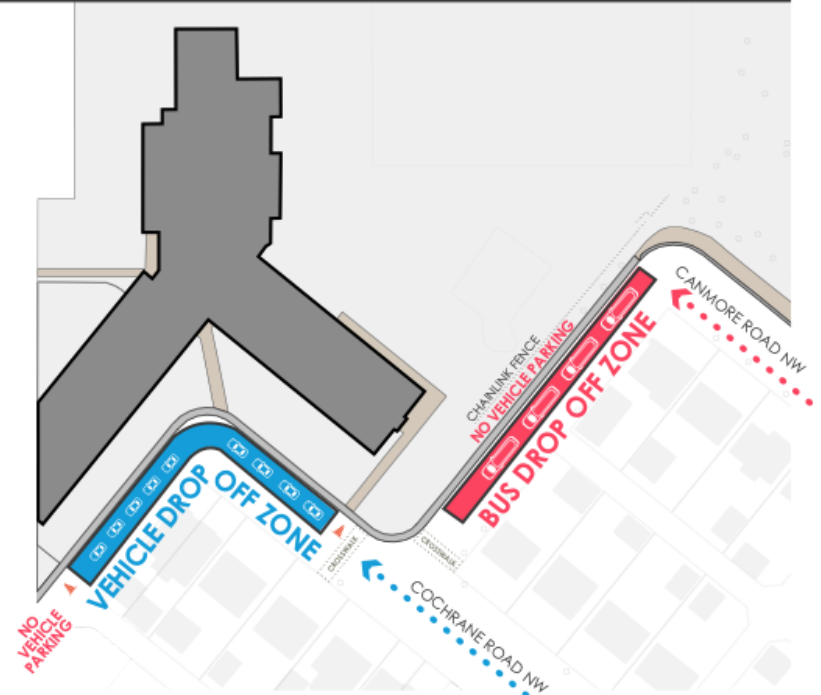
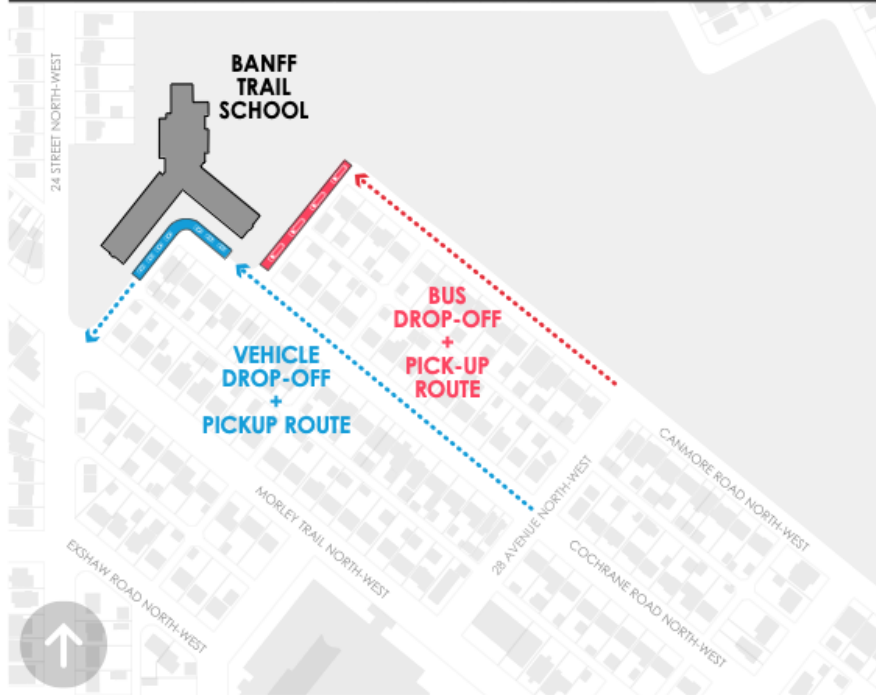
BANFF TRAIL DROP-OFF PROCEDURE



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 AHEAD 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>

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<https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/policies-and-regulations/casl/Pages/default.aspx>

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 September 2, 2025; your child's information is required to produce accurate lists
- 2024-25 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 Looyesen

Vice Chair: Tanner Ryman

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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

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

- First Day of School for all students
 - Morning class - 7:58 am – 10:49 am (2024-25)
 - Afternoon class - 11:39 am – 2:30 pm (2024-25)

Friday, September 5, 2025

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

Friday, September 12, 2025

- 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

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- 7:58 am – 2:30pm

Friday, September 5, 2025

- Early Dismissal, Every Friday
- 7:58am – 12:00pm

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Thank You!

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