

| get ready | back to school



On Sept. 5, we welcome our students to the 2017-18 school year at Vista Heights School. In this handout, you will find the answers to many of your back to school questions.

First Day of Classes

Our first day of classes is September 5 and the school office is open to parents on August 30.

School Start and End Times

Our bell times are:

8:50 a.m.	Morning start time for Kindergarten to Grade 6
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Recess for Grades 1 to 6
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Kindergarten lunch hour
12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Grades 1 to 6 lunch hour
3:09 p.m.	Afternoon dismissal (Monday-Friday)

School supplies

Students need to bring indoor shoes, backpacks, and lunches starting the first day of school. All other instructional supplies and materials will be provided to students by teachers.

School Calendar

We are a school that follows the traditional calendar. To view our school's calendar, visit <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b239/calendar.htm>.

For system calendars, please visit here:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/calendars/Pages/default.aspx>

Noon Supervision

We provide students with the option of staying at school for lunch. Noon Supervision is offered to all students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. This service provides students with the opportunity to practice social skills supported by caring adult supervision.

Noon supervision at our schools includes:

- a safe and secure place for children to have lunch
- a caring environment that fosters and maintains respectful, responsible behaviors
- access to the service, without a wait list
- a drop-in service
- flexibility for site-based decisions at each school

This CBE run lunchroom is a user pay program; waivers are available. Noon supervision fees are charged to parents of all students who use noon supervision services. Income tax receipts are issued for noon supervision fees: receipts may be included as child care expenses for income tax purposes. Fee payment options are set by Central Office. There are no family maximum fees. Fees are to be paid to Calgary Board of Education. Our lunchroom program will start on September 5, 2017.

Brown Bag Lunch

Thanks to “Brown Bagging It for Calgary Kids”, students can receive a healthy lunch if they need it. Parents must request this service. Please talk to the office staff if your child will require a Brown Bag lunch. This service is not to be used because a student forgets his or her lunch.

Breakfast Club

We are a member of Breakfast Clubs of Canada. This program provides generous funds to operate a free breakfast program with a caring supervisor and nutritious food. Breakfast is served from 8:10 – 8:35 a.m. every morning. There is no cost for this drop-in program. Parents of Kindergarten students please call the office for special instructions.

Assigned Teachers

Students will be informed of their assigned teacher on September 5. Class lists will be posted on outside doors.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten classes begin on September 5. Please meet your teacher at the West entrance. For the first week of classes, we will have a **staggered entry** as follows:

Parents/Guardians signed their child up to attend **one** session from Sept. 5-8:

8:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. – 3:09 p.m.

Registration Information

Please visit our registration page for all registration details and registration forms.
<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/Pages/default.aspx>

Our school office opens on August 30 for registration.

Fees and Waivers

School fees are due beginning in September. Online fee payment is the simplest and most convenient way to pay school fees. Parents can login to [My CBE Account](#) to pay fees or apply for a waiver.

There are a number of different ways you are able to pay school fees. Parents can pay online using VISA, MasterCard, VISA Debit, Interac Online or set-up pre-authorized debits from your bank account using your [My CBE Account](#).

You can find more information on school fees and waivers here:
<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/default.aspx>.

Yellow School Bus Transportation

The pre-registration deadline for yellow school bus transportation closed at midnight on Sunday, June 11. Routes for the 2017-18 school year are created over the summer based on the addresses submitted before the cut off. Pre-registrations are still accepted and families planning to use yellow school bus service are encouraged to continue to pre-register using [My CBE Account](#).

Yellow school bus route maps will be posted by August 10 for modified calendar schools and August 30 for traditional calendar schools.

In October, a confirmation email will be sent to all parents/guardians who have submitted a pre-registration. It will include transportation fee information and payment options (if applicable). Families can cancel their pre-registration with no financial penalty by responding to the email or canceling using [My CBE Account](#) by October 31, 2017.

More information about 2017-18 transportation service levels and fees are posted on the CBE website: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/news-centre/Pages/2017-18-transportation-service-levels-and-fees.aspx>.

Conditional riders can also register using [My CBE Account](#). Applications will be considered after eligible rides registrations have been processed.

Further Information

We look forward to a great year ahead. If you have any questions that we haven't addressed here, please contact Michelle Harvey, Principal, at 403-777-6000 or visit our school website at <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b239/>.

For further Calgary Board of Education back-to-school information click here: <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/back-to-school/Pages/back-to-school.aspx>