



## CBE Homeschooling

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## April 2017 Newsletter

### Important Dates

#### April 2017

5 – Reimbursement Submission Deadline

5, 19 – Thursday Extended Core

11 – School Council Meeting  
(10:15 am – 11:30 am)

12,13 – Food Forest Clean-Up

12, 26 – Tuesday Extended Core

7, 28 – Friday Activities

7, 28 – Numeracy/Literacy

14 – Good Friday (school closed)

17 – Non-Instructional Day  
(school closed)

20 – Information Event  
(10:00 am – 11:30 am)

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### REIMBURSEMENTS - REMINDER

The Reimbursements for the 2016-2017 school year must be submitted by April 5, 2017. Receipts from the date of registration, prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>, until April 5, 2017, that support the learning plan may be submitted. If you have any questions regarding your reimbursements, please contact your facilitator. The parent handbook is also a great reference for your questions regarding what are permitted and specific amounts that you can claim. You may also find this information by visiting our school website: <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/homeschooling>.

For your convenience, here is the link for the 2016-2017 Reimbursement form:

<http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/homeschooling/pdfs/CBE%20HOMESCHOOLING%20REIMBURSEMENT%20CLAIM%20updated%20Nov%202016.docx>

### PRE-REGISTRATION

We will start pre-registration for the 2017-2018 school year on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. The registration forms will be located outside the office.

### INFORMATION EVENT

We will be having the first of three Information Sessions beginning on Thursday, April 20, 2017, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at the Windsor Park location. You need only attend one. The other scheduled Information Event dates are: May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>. These sessions are for those who are new to CBE Homeschooling program.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 11, 2017**, from 10:15 am – 11:30 am in the Family Room, Windsor Park location. The CBE Homeschooling School Council is a supportive and active advisory body that is integral to our school's operation and the success we achieve. The School Council work in a collaborative manner with the school administration and staff to significantly enhance the learning opportunities we provide for students. They also provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about the school, support initiatives and provide input.



## YEARBOOK

If you are wishing to have your child's picture included in the yearbook, please note that you will have to consent by way of completing "Consent for CBE Use of Student Information" form. This form will be available outside of the main office. If you are unsure if you have already done so, please contact Ms. Sandy.

## GRADE 9 CELEBRATION

Thank you to Nicole Bowen and Sandra Glass for stepping forward to head up the celebration committee. With the end of year fast approaching, we are in need of parent volunteers to organize the social function that follows the handing out of certificates (Thursday, June 8, 2017). The celebration takes place in the evening (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm) and volunteers are required for organizing, decorating and clean-up. If you are interested in helping out with this exciting event, please contact Ms. Christine ([cegatesleach@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:cegatesleach@cbe.ab.ca)).

## FOOD FOREST - REVISED

If you are interested in becoming involved with the school's Food Forest Garden, please contact Carolyn Smith: [carolyn.miller.smith@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.miller.smith@gmail.com).

We are applying for funding through the local councillor's office as well as the Toyota Evergreen Grant.

Posted in the main hallway, is a list of plants that we would like to use in the garden. If you are starting seedlings, you might consider an extra plant for the food forest. Thank you for considering!

There has been a change in dates and times for the clean-up - dates will be **Wednesday, April 12th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** and **Thursday April 13th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**, weather permitting. If it is snowing, then it will be Tuesday, April 18th and Wednesday, April 19th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. (\*Please note there is no work on Tuesday, April 11th because there is a School Council Meeting, we hope to see you at the meeting!)

We would like to have a planting day in the spring when we can plant by class (to be determined).

## LUNCHROOM

Volunteers are urgently needed for the Noon Supervision program. In order for our program to remain free of lunchroom fees, we must have parent volunteers to supervise in the gym at lunch. The sign up board is on the wall beside the student sign-in tables. To volunteer, you must have your CBE volunteer security clearance.

## FAMILY ROOM

For safety and security reasons, if you will be staying in the school while your child/ren are in class, the expectation is that you will be in the family room.

## LOST AND FOUND

Has your child misplaced their gloves, hat, backpack, water bottle, etc.? Items found are placed in the brown bench by the main doors, please be sure to take a look when dropping off or picking up your child. You never know what you might find! Also, for more delicate items such as jewellery or cell phones, please see Ms. Sandy in the office.

## SCHOOL FEES

School fees may be paid via cash, credit, debit or online. All fees should now be paid and information packages submitted to the office. Invoices have been mailed out by registered mail for those fees still outstanding. If you are having trouble with your payment, please see Ms. Mary Ann to discuss your payment options.





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## Leadership Link



### Provincial Budget Announcement

We received the provincial budget on March 16 and are pleased that the Province continues to prioritize public education.

We are the largest school board in the province, representing about one-sixth of all Alberta students. Next year alone, we will welcome over 2,000 new students into our classrooms, bringing our enrolment to over 121,000 students. Each of our students deserves the high quality education that Calgary families have come to expect.

This government has stated it wants to protect and improve public education. Providing funding for each and every child is the responsibility of the provincial government. Even with funding for enrolment growth, we will still have a gap between the amount we receive, and the amount necessary to maintain current educational service levels for our students. Therefore, we are worried that government funding may not be able to protect and improve public education.

We are committed to working with the provincial government and our staff and parents to continue to make decisions based on our values; students come first, learning is our central purpose and public education serves the common good.

We support the government's intention to make life more affordable for all families with the introduction of Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees. We also have some concerns about this. Our initial analysis indicates that about one in four students who currently ride a yellow school bus will benefit from Bill 1. The rest could see fees increased and services reduced or eliminated.

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With Bill 1, the government has taken over responsibility for setting service levels and the related fees. We are worried that we will be required to make decisions contrary to what we heard from parents last year during our transportation engagement.

We look forward to working with the government to ensure we protect and improve public education for each and every student.

More information about the CBE's budget will be shared on our budget information page as it becomes available. You can also share your feedback with us through the form online at [www.cbe.ab.ca/budget](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/budget)

### School Calendars Engagement

Please watch your email and the CBE website in mid-April for your opportunity to participate in our school calendar guidelines survey.

We want to hear your opinions on how we create our instructional calendars. The survey asks about items such as winter break placement and the first day of school in the fall. You will find the link on the CBE homepage beginning April 12, or watch your email.

### Canada 150

Schools across the country are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canadian confederation in 2017. Throughout the year, we'll be sharing stories from CBE schools that highlight how students and teachers are marking this milestone. Check our website regularly, as we will be posting stories throughout the year.

