

Foothills School Division's Early Learning Program!

Full-time Kindergarten
Information Night

March 31st, 2021



FSD's Priorities

Optimum learning is achieved through our priorities

Engagement for each learner

Ensure and maintain divisionwide engagement that is timely, meaningful and collaborative with all learners and communities.

Support for each learner

Ensure and maintain division-wide learning environments that are welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive.

Success for each learner

Ensure and maintain division-wide excellence in teaching, learning and leadership.



FSD's Kindergarten Programs

English Kindergarten (Part-Time)

Early Learning Program (Full-Time)

Okotoks: Big Rock & Dr. Morris Gibson

High River: Spitzee School

Black Diamond: C. Ian McLaren School

French Immersion Kindergarten

Okotoks: École Percy Pegler School

High River: École Joe Clark School

Nature-Based Learning

Okotoks: École Percy Pegler

International Baccalaureate Program

Millarville Community School






Did you know...

Children who participate in full-time kindergarten often have increased abilities in:

- ★ Reading, writing and math proficiency
- ★ Language and communication skills
- ★ Social and emotional development
- ★ Overall long-term school success



Frequent Questions

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1. What will the day look like?
 2. Is this program the right fit for my child?
 3. How can we register?
 4. Is my spot guaranteed?
 5. Is transportation included?
 6. How do we pay?
 7. What happens after kindergarten?

Daily Routine



Students enrolled in our Early Learning Program attend school for the **same days** and **hours** as students in grades 1-6

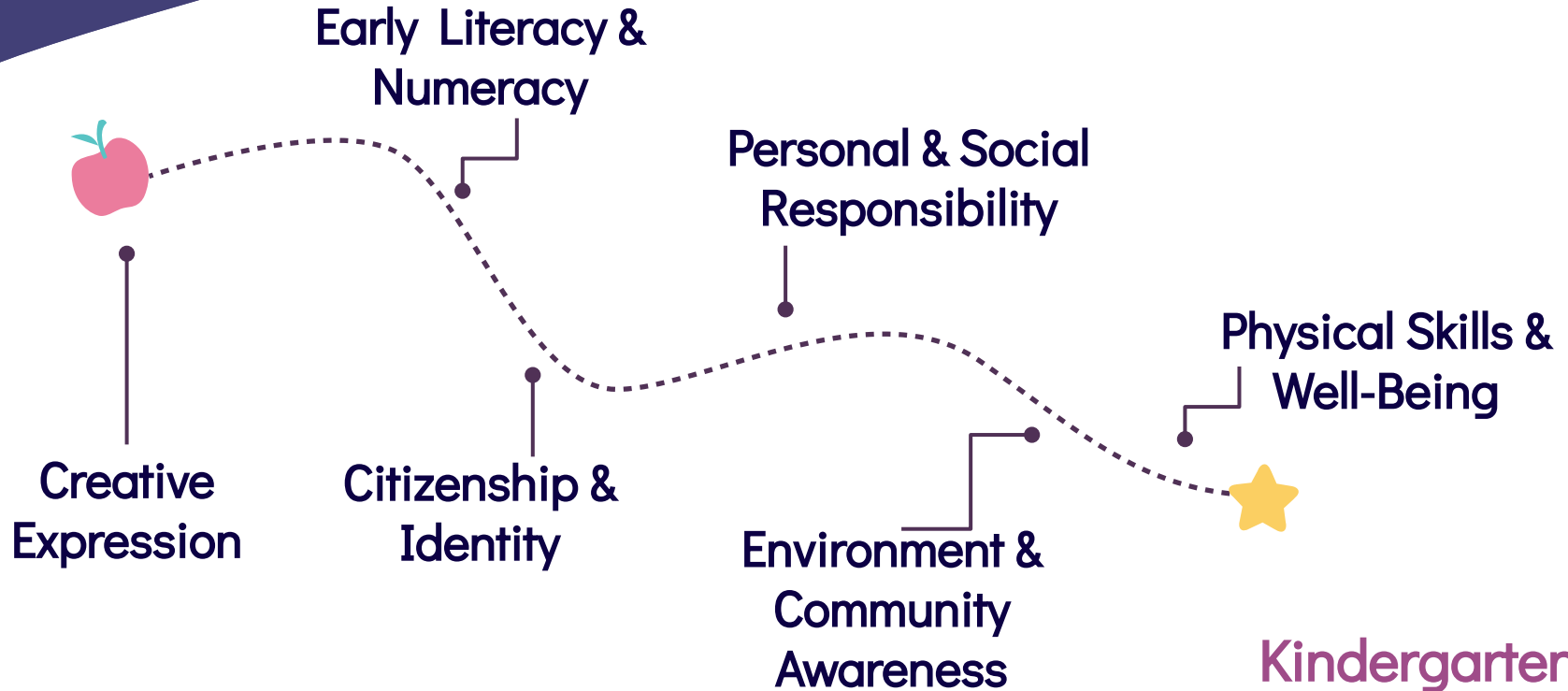
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Dismissal: 3:30pm

Big Rock Entry: 8:35am
Dismissal: 3:10pm

DMG Entry: 8:35am
Dismissal: 3:20pm

Spitzee Entry: 8:35am
Dismissal: 3:10pm

Daily Routine



Kindergarten
Learning Priorities



Daily Routine



Our Early Learning Program will provide many opportunities for **extended engagement** in:

- Social skills development
- Learning the foundations of literacy and numeracy
- Play-based learning and activities, including outdoor learning opportunities
- With the community

Through a balance of teacher directed instruction and student-led learning activities



Is this the Right Fit?



This program is open to **all** students

- Supports and structures will be in place to ensure all children experience success

Things to consider for Full-Time kindergarten:

- Is your child alert during the day (or do they nap)?
- Would your child benefit from a structured and organized day?
- Consider age and maturity

How to Register

[Click Here](#) to submit your intent to commit to the Full-Time Kindergarten Program



The screenshot shows the registration page for Foothills School Division. At the top is the logo with the tagline "Explore • Develop • Celebrate". Below the logo is the "edembi CONNECT" header. A disclaimer states: "Maplewood connectedId is designed to provide student information to students, teachers, parents, and administrative staff. Unauthorized use of authenticated information services is prohibited and subject to prosecution under student conduct code and any number of federal, provincial and local laws." The form contains two input fields: "User name (email):" and "Password:". Below these are two buttons: "Create Account" and "Sign In". A link for "Forgot password?" is also present. At the bottom, the "edembi" logo and copyright information "Copyright 1980-2021 v6.0.0.66 (C:\ASZDV\CONWEB01)" are displayed.

Step 1: Click [Here](#)
Step 2: Create a new account or sign in if you already have one
Step 3: Complete the registration form

Select the school
Select 'Full-Time'

You will need:
Child's proof of citizenship (e.g. birth certificate)

If you are having problems with online registration, please call the school for support.



How to Register



This is a full-year
commitment

- If your child is not yet registered, please follow the registration link and complete the division registration form.
- If your child is already registered in a part-time program (at the same school), please contact the school via phone or email to let them know of your preference to be enrolled in full-time Kindergarten.
- If your child is already registered in a part-time program (at a different school), please re-register online for the full-time program by following this link. If possible, please contact your prior school to let them know to cancel your existing registration.

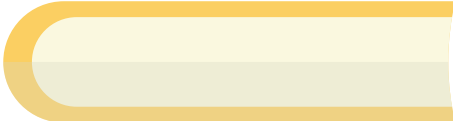


Guaranteed Placement?

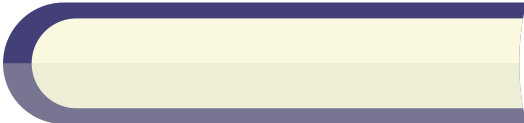


Acceptance into the program is on a **first** come, **first** serve basis

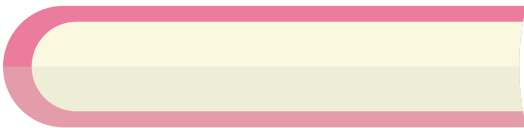
Application deadline is **April 30th**



All of our programs are contingent on enrollment



Parents will be notified by **mid-May** if they have secured a spot or are on the waitlist





Transportation



Within the school boundaries?

- Regular transportation rules apply: If you live **1.6km** or farther from your designated school (for students in K-3 without siblings, or K-3 students with an older sibling in the same school), you may qualify for busing.

[Application Form](#)

[Transportation Rules](#)

[FSD Transportation FAQ](#)

Outside of the school boundaries?

- Provide own transportation to and from school.

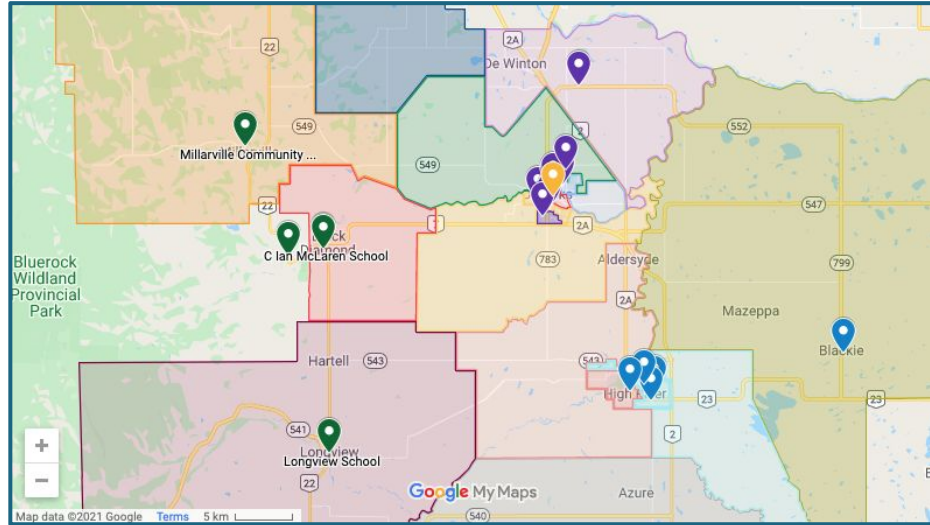
Questions?

T: 403-652-6547

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School Boundaries

Interactive Boundary Map



Cost



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- \$250 a month
- Billed monthly



After Kindergarten?



Those within the school boundaries

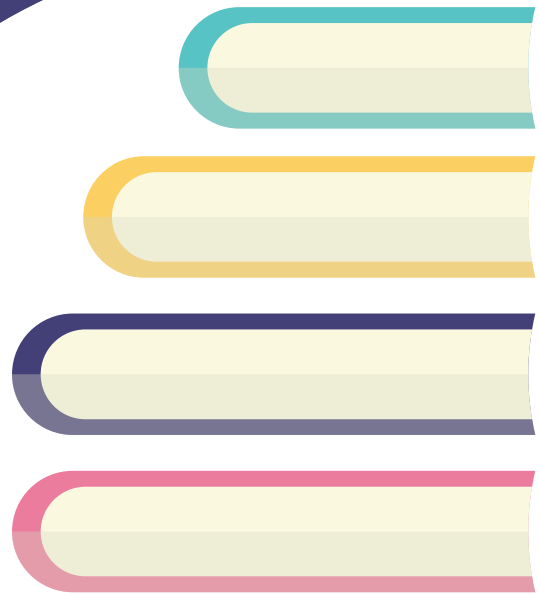
- Remain in the same school

Those outside of the school's boundaries

- Return to your child's designated school



How you can help your child get ready for school

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- ☐ Read books together every single day and point to the words. Ask questions too!
 - ☐ Develop fine motor skills (how to hold a pencil, use scissors, play with playdough)
 - ☐ Follow 2-3 step instructions
 - ☐ Practice letters and letter recognition
 - ☐ Find letters/numbers in the environment
 - ☐ Count with concrete items (toys, rocks, lego)
 - ☐ Build your child's self esteem with praise, hugs and listening
 - ☐ Help your child take responsibility (cleaning up toys, using the bathroom, getting their own healthy snacks)

Helpful Resources

- ★ [Developmental Milestones](#)
- ★ I am ready for Kindergarten [Books](#)
 - [English](#)
 - [French](#)
 - [Tagalog](#)
- ★ I am Ready for Screens [Book](#)
- ★ [Resources Galore:](#)
 - [12 At-Home Spring Activities](#)
 - [Getting Ready for Kindergarten](#)
 - [Age 5 Activities](#)



Questions?

Thank You

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