



Marion Carson School Open House 玛丽恩·卡森学校开放日

K-6 Community English
Program
K-4 Mandarin Bilingual
Program

January 11, 2024

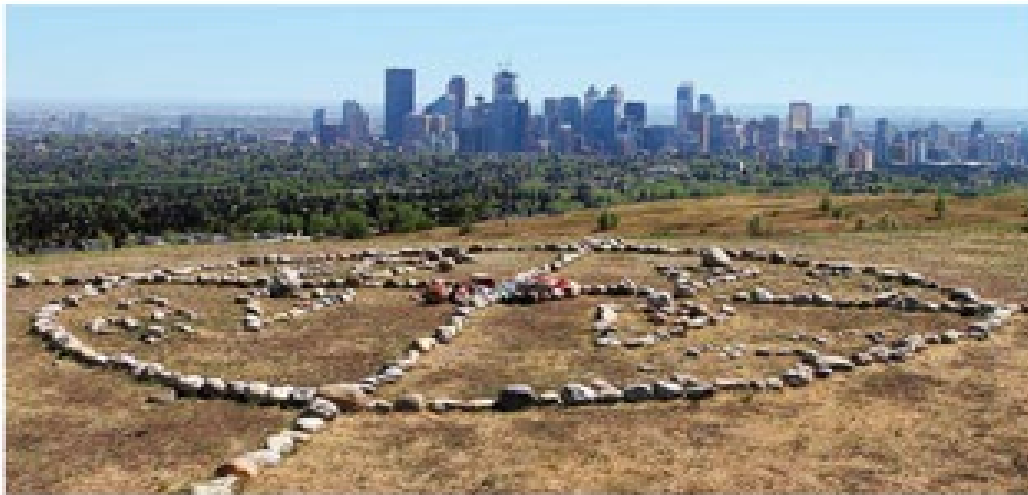
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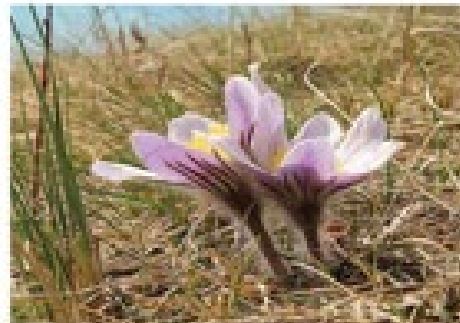
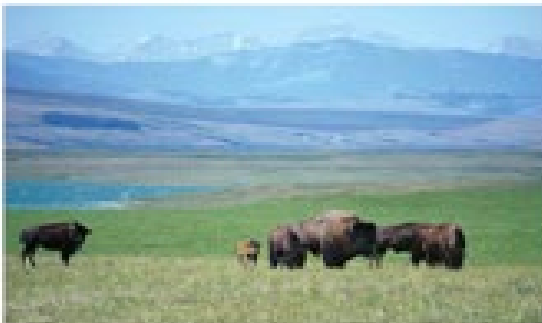
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Acknowledging the land where we gather



We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



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Agenda



- Introductions
- Marion Carson School Information
- Registration Information
- Transportation
- Kindergarten Program Information
- Other information
- Alternative Programs
- Mandarin Bilingual Program

Introduction of School Staff



- Dustin Turner, Principal
- Huong Ly, Assistant Principal
- Amanda Collins, Learning Leader
- Payge Saretsky, Learning Leader
- Shu Wang, Learning Leader
- Karina Pimentel Coelho, Administrative Secretary
- Elaine Gascoine, Office Secretary
- Patty Freestone, Community English K(am) Teacher
- Amy Spray, Community English K(pm)
- Summer Tsai, Mandarin Bilingual K Teacher

Alternative Programs



Marion Carson School Information

- Programs:
 - Regular English K-6
 - Mandarin Bilingual K-4
- Integrated Mandarin Bilingual and Community English Programs for physical education, music, and most special events / field trips)
- Music, Physical Education and Resource teacher available for all students
- The Mandarin Bilingual Program - 50% English and 50% Mandarin Chinese Instruction

Alternative Programs



Marion Carson School Information (cont'd)

- Yearly Residencies (past examples include residences focusing on Dance, Music, Performing Arts, Acting Living, and Artist in Residence)
- Transportation through congregated drop-off and pick-up stops
- Before and After School Care
 - Briar Hill (grades 1-6)
 - Pre-Kindergarten (Kindergarten student enhancement)
- School Fees:
 - Noon and transportation fees To be determined yearly by CBE
 - Field trip and in-house school fees determined by school
 - Additional costs may be incurred for performances or other learning opportunities.

Marion Carson School Information (cont'd)



- Registration information is available online through www.cbe.ab.ca.
- Students already in K-5 in regular English program and K-4 in the Mandarin Bilingual Program for the 2023-24 school year at Marion Carson will not need to register again
- Lottery System will be used for the Kindergarten and grade 1 Mandarin Bilingual Program but NOT for Regular English Program.
- Grade 2-4 Mandarin Bilingual Program New Registrations
 - Application Process requires an appointment to assess your child's English and Mandarin Literacy skills if space is available in the requested grade.
- Kindergarten for Community English Program: A.M. and P.M. determined by registration number
- Kindergarten for Mandarin Bilingual has alternate days (M/W or Tu/Th determined by transportation designation.

Current School Hours

Grade 1 to Grade 6

Monday to Thursday

9:00am - 9:10am: Soft Entry

- 9:10am: Classes Begin
- 9:10am – 12:30pm Morning Classes
- 12:30pm – 1:20pm: *Split Lunch / Lunch Recess
- 1:20pm - 3:50pm: Afternoon Classes
- 3:50pm: Dismissal

*15 minute morning movement & nutrition break

Fridays

- 9:10 am – 1:20 pm
- Nutrition Break
 - o Grades K, 3, 4, 6: 11:00 - 11:15 AM
 - o Grades 1, 2, 5: 11:15 - 11:30 AM

***Please note:** These hours are subject to change pending scheduling circumstances.



Current School Hours

Kindergarten

AM Kindergarten (Community English Program) Half Days

- *Monday to Thursday: 9:10 AM – 12:05 PM*
- *Select Fridays - see school calendar: 9:10 AM – 1:20 PM*

PM Kindergarten (Community English Program) Half Days

- *Monday to Thursday: 12:55 PM – 3:50 PM*
- *Select Fridays - see school calendar: 9:10 AM – 1:20 PM*

Kindergarten (Mandarin Bilingual Program) Alternate Full Days

- **Group A** Mondays, Wednesdays: 9:10 AM – 3:50 PM
- **Group B** Tuesdays, Thursdays: 9:10 AM – 3:50 PM
- *Lunch 12:35 PM – 1:20 PM*
- *Select Fridays - see school calendar: 9:10 AM – 1:20 PM*

Fridays (scheduled Kindergarten based on calendar)

- 9:10am – 1:20pm (Nutrition Break: 11:00 – 11:15am)

***Please note:** These hours are subject to change pending scheduling circumstances.



Additional Information

A Marion Carson School Student demonstrates...

- respect for self, others, and the environment
- self-management and organizational skills
- participation in positive social interactions and takes an active role when engaging in problem solving, acts of citizenship and service
- acceptance of a rigorous academic environment
- willingness to pursue excellence across all disciplines of the Alberta Programs of Study
- a willingness to work independently
- a commitment to learning and building a positive school community for all
- characteristics that honour and respect cultural diversity
- an eagerness to develop intercultural awareness and a global mindset
- a sense of belonging in an active community within and beyond the school



Parent and Student Commitments



- We assume that when you register your child in either program, that you are committed to the **program philosophy and all components** of the program and will support your child in meeting program expectations.
- For example:
 - Homework
 - Fees
 - Attendance
 - On-site events and off-site field trips

Registration Information



- Registration information is available online through www.cbe.ab.ca. Please visit the [CBE Kindergarten to Grade 9 Registration](#) webpage for more information about how to register. [Registration forms](#) must be completed online.
- If offered a spot in the program, you will then need to complete any missing or required information. If accepted to the program, your acceptance will be made on a conditional basis, dependent on the submission of all required documents.
- Children who do not have Canadian citizenship **must** begin their registration process at the [CBE's Welcome Centre](#) at 403-817-7789 or welcome@cbe.ab.ca

Registration Information (cont'd)



Current Communities Attending Marion Carson School

K-6 Community English Program

- Must be a resident of the community of Varsity

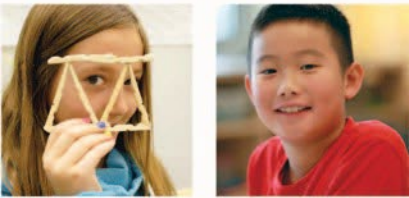
K-4 Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program

- Must be a resident within one of the communities on the following slide

*Exception for Kindergarten



K-4 Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program Communities



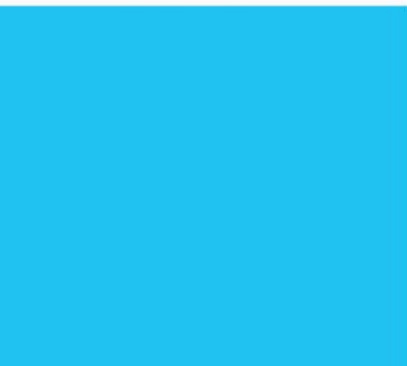
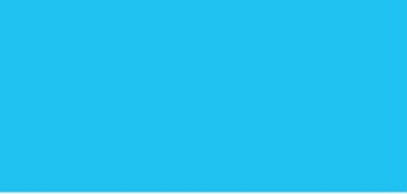
- Ambleton
- Arbour Lake
- Aspen Woods
- Bowness
- Carrington
- Christie Park
- Citadel
- Coach Hill
- Cougar Ridge
- Crestmont
- Dalhousie
- Edgemont
- Evanston
- Glacier Ridge
- Greenwood/
Greenbriar
- Hamptons
- Hawkwood
- Haskayne
- Hidden Valley
- Kincora
- Livingston
- Macewan
- Montgomery
- Nolan Hill
- Parkdale
- Patterson
- Point McKay
- Prominence
Point
- Ranchlands
- Rockland
- Rocky Ridge
- Rosscarrock
- Royal Oak
- Royal Vista
- Sage Hill
- Scenic Acres
- Shaganappi
- Sherwood
- Silver Springs
- Tuscany
- Spruce Cliff
- St. Andrews
Heights
- Strathcona
Park
- University
Heights
- University of
Calgary
- University
District
- Valley Ridge
- Varsity
- West Hillhurst
- West Springs
- Westgate
- Wildwood
- Simons Valley

Language Program



Transportation considerations:

- K-5 yellow bus transportation provided following CBE congregated stop guidelines for alternative programs
- Transportation for grades 6-9 may be offered through congregated yellow bus stops or Calgary Transit (no rebates provided)
- Parents pay an annual fee for CBE yellow bus service or purchase monthly Calgary Transit passes
- Pre-registration for transportation, online through [MyCBE Account](#), is essential so that your address can be considered when routes/stops are planned
- Congregated stops are reviewed annually and informed by pre-registration for transportation, online through [MyCBE/PowerSchool](#)
- Congregated stops may not be within walking distance, alternate arrangements may be required to access the congregated stop



More About Current Transportation

- Individual stop information will be available to families who have pre-registered for transportation for the 2023-24 school year through [MyCBE / PowerSchool](#).
- Students are currently assigned to one stop based on their home address.
- This 2023-24 school year, parents were offered the ability to request an alternate stop. At this point, we do not yet know if this option will be continuing, but we have given positive feedback with respect to this option.
- Mandarin Bilingual Kindergarten class placement is full days Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday with additional alternating early dismissal Fridays.
- Community English program Kindergarten is currently AM/PM (dependent on amount of students registered).
- If riding a bus, students should begin riding the bus on the first day of school
- Parents are responsible to ensure students travel to and from the existing bus stops safely; kindergarten students must be met at the bus stop by an adult
- Congregated stops may not be within walking distance and alternate arrangements may be required to access the congregated stop
- Parents should familiarize themselves with the Transportation website
- [My 1st Ride](#) is a program typically offered in May for students new to riding the bus. Watch the website linked above for information.
- Please visit the [CBE's Transportation for Alternative Programs](#) webpage for more information.

'Current' Transportation Fees



Transportation Fees 2023-2024 (yet to be confirmed for 2024-2025 school year)

Transportation K- 6 Community English

2023-24

Gr. 1 – 6 (lives 2.4km or more away) = \$260

Gr. 1 - 6 (lives less than 2.4km away) = \$260

Kindergarten = \$130

Transportation K-4 Mandarin Bilingual

Gr. 1-6 = \$260

Kindergarten = \$130

- In 2023-24, CBE offered an alternate address option for families looking to request a change to a different congregated stop. There is an additional \$110 fee for this service.
 - CBE Transportation determines if the request can be accommodated. If it is approved, the second address will be used in the creation of new bus routes.
- **These fees are reviewed annually each spring by Board of Trustees and are subject to change. Visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/default.aspx> for the most up to date information.**

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Transportation Considerations (cont'd)

- Individuals who ride a yellow school bus and are eligible to apply for a waiver can find forms and instructions at <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/Waivers.aspx>
- All students can apply for Fair Entry for reduced-cost Calgary Transit Pass. More information is available at: <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/CNS/Pages/Neighbourhood-Services/Programs-and-services-for-low-income-calgarians.aspx>

Other Fees



Other Fees

Instructional Supplies & Materials (ISM)

K = \$20, Gr. 1-6 = \$40

Incidental lunchroom fee

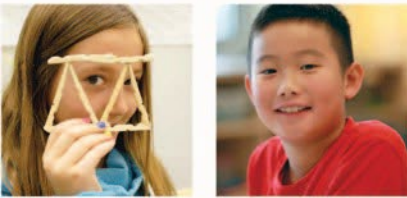
K = \$5, Gr. 1-6 = \$10

Field trip fees (*estimate of what is collected as required throughout the year)

K = \$75, Gr. 1-5 = \$150
Grade 6 = \$450 (outdoor camp)

These fees are reviewed annually each spring by Board of Trustees and are subject to change. Please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/default.aspx> for the most updated information on fees.

School Council: Who we are? What we do? How can you be involved?



Parent Sponsored Activities:

- Welcome Back Events (Cookies and Conversation)
- Pumpkinella - October
- Family dance
- Special Lunches & Treat days
- Staff Appreciation
- Bus Driver Appreciation
- Movie Nights
- Bake Sale

Fund raising supports:

- Residency Projects (Art, Drama, Dance)
- School Identified needs
 - Technology, Extension materials and Resources
- School Wide Field trips
- Park initiatives
- Marion's Meadow maintenance / upkeep

Volunteers



- Volunteers are an important part of Elementary schools
- Some examples of where you can volunteer:
 - to supervise some of our fieldtrips and in-school programs
 - to assist with some events and this is sometimes coordinated by our School Council
 - to help in classrooms
- **ALL** volunteers must have a valid Police Security Clearance, and complete an annual Volunteer Registration form for the school. We encourage parents to apply early. To start this process, bring a piece of government ID to the office during school hours.

Alternative Programs



Alternative Programs in CBE

We have 8 distinct alternative programs in multiple sites:

- Indigenous Education
- Arts-Centred
- All Boys
- All Girls
- Languages (French, German, Mandarin, Spanish)
- Montessori
- Science
- Traditional Learning Centre (TLC)

Alternative Programs



Key Messages

- Each program has unique features
- Integrity of the program remains the same across sites
- All sites follow Alberta Programs of Study with ATA certificated teachers
- All schools requiring a lottery follow the CBE lottery process
- Aligned with system timeframe for registration

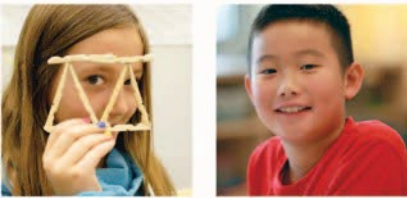
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Why Alternative Programs?

- Providing families choices to meet the unique learning needs of each student
- Programs focus on a particular language, culture, subject (Arts, Science), or teaching philosophy
- Informed choice is essential – what is THIS particular program about and how does it meet MY child's needs?

Additional language learning enables students to further develop their literacy, problem-solving and memory skills while building confidence and pride in learning another language



- Expands the intellect
- Teaches responsible citizenship
- Develops enhanced feelings of self-esteem and pride in having acquired an additional language
- Strengthens English literacy skills
- Encourages the joy of lifelong learning
- Promotes exploration, understanding and appreciation of the many different cultures around the world and contributes to multilingualism and multiculturalism
- Allows students to compete internationally
- Provides students with more choices for advanced education and career options
- Broadens students' cultural life through access to literature, art, music and theatre in another language²⁵

Language Program



Elements of Bilingual Language Program

- Meet the expectations for instructional time in the target language, learning Alberta Programs of Study content through the target language
- Develop intercultural competencies and communication skills
- Reflect the cultures of the target language through student work, signage and school routines

Marion Carson School Information

The Mandarin Bilingual Classroom

Presents opportunities to learn and share information and experiences in multiple ways

Differences

- Strong focus on development of language and culture
- Integrate language and culture into holistic, global perspective
- Grounded in current language research
- Respect and promote diversity of cultural groups represented within the target language
- Promotes language skill acquisition and development
- Students should have a high interest in and passion for languages

Similarities

- Alberta Programs of Study
- Daily PE
- Character
- Citizenship
- Personal Development



Marion Carson School Information (cont'd)



Characteristics of the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program:

- Chinese Language Arts is taught in Mandarin
- Simplified Chinese script is taught beginning in Kindergarten
- The Han Yu Pin Yin pronunciation system is taught to accelerate the process of learning to read in Chinese
- Math and Science are taught in Mandarin
- English Language Arts is taught in English
- All remaining subjects are taught in Mandarin or English or bilingually as determined by schools

Alternative Programs



Lottery Process

- Where a program is oversubscribed the lottery process will be employed
- Registrations are categorized using 3 priorities:
 - Priority 1 - siblings in walk zone
 - Priority 2 - walk zone, no siblings or outside walk zone with sibling
 - Priority 3 – designated attendance area
- Notification of acceptance **via email within 10 business days after the lottery (March 14, 2024)**

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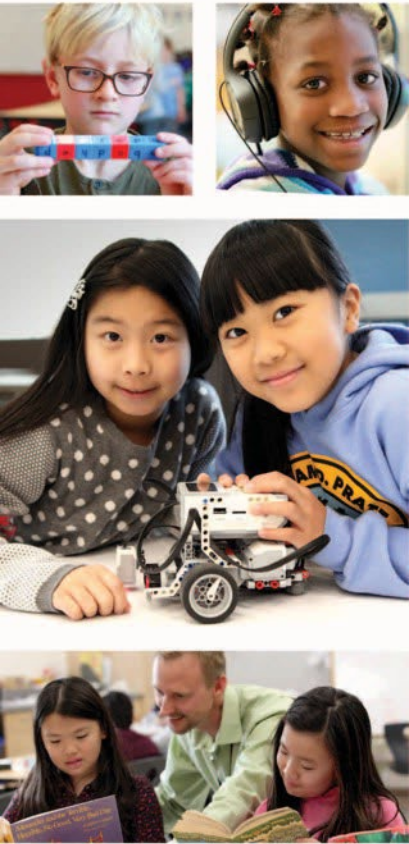


Timeline for Submitting Registration (new to CBE) or Expression of Interest (already a Gr. 1-6 CBE student)

- Opens [January 15, 2024](#)
- Closed noon on Tuesday before Teachers' Convention ([February 13, 2024](#))
- Lottery drawn on Wednesday before Teachers' Convention ([February 14, 2024](#))
- Results of the lottery draw sent within 10 business days of the draw ([February 29, 2024](#))
- Parents must accept/decline within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance letter

Steps to Register

MANDARIN BILINGUAL



- All registrations completed through SchoolEngage
 - If family is New to CBE, then you will create an account in SchoolEngage, and then click on appropriate registration form. If family already has a child in CBE, then go into your SchoolEngage account and add the new student.
 - If expressing interest in Mandarin Bilingual program, then click on question about alternative program interest, and there will be added questions to complete
 - One **Kindergarten** registration form for **new to CBE students** that will include a question about alternative programs with branching questions if the answer is yes.
 - *If child is not 5 by Dec. 31, 2024 then they are too young for Kindergarten.
 - One **Grade 1-9** registration form for **new to CBE students** that will include a question about alternative programs with branching questions if the answer is yes.
 - **The Exception:** The Grade 1-9 alternative program expression of interest form for current CBE students completed online
 - *If the child has a sibling in CBE be sure to have entered the sibling information in SchoolEngage.

Steps to Register (Cont'd)

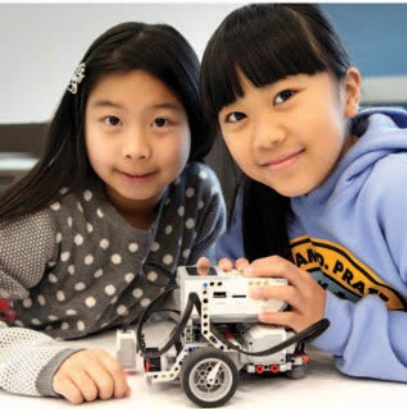
REGULAR ENGLISH PROGRAM

New to CBE

- Legal guardians / parents who **do not** have a child currently enrolled in CBE.
 - Go to [SchoolEngage](#)
 - Click Create Account button
 - Complete the Account form
 - Check your email for confirmation. Click on the confirmation link
 - Sign in to SchoolEngage
 - Add a student
 - Complete the applicable registration form

Have a MYCBE Account

- Already have a student enrolled in CBE
 - Sign in to [MyCBE](#) or create a MyCBE account
 - Click on the SchoolEngage icon (in left menu)
 - Add a student
 - Complete the applicable registration form



Questions?

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Tours

1. Community English Program parents with Ms. Spray
2. Mandarin Bilingual Program parents with Ms. Wang

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