

Dear Escuela Canyon Meadows Families,

January and February have certainly gone by fast; we are now excited and eager to welcome spring, “la primavera” in March! Please, see below our January, February and March updates and information to stay involved.

Open House

On **Thursday, January 9**, we successfully hosted our Spanish Bilingual Program Open House welcoming around 70 families. We thank our community for sharing with family and friends about our program and welcoming school, and inviting them to attend.

Kindergarten registration for 2026-27 is ongoing. The [registration pages](#) on the CBE corporate website provide details regarding an accessible and streamlined registration process. CBE has also launched new and revised help pages for [MyCBE](#). The help pages can answer frequently asked questions and help parents/guardians navigate through the platforms more efficiently.

Additionally, the [Kindergarten Registration Guide](#) is a valuable resource to help parents/guardians prepare for registration.

In-line Skating and Lacrosse

Throughout the month of February our K to 3 students enjoyed the in-line skating residency and Grades 4 and 5 will engage in the lacrosse residency in March. We are grateful for the support of our School Council to reduce the cost our families pay for these activities.

Acts of Kindness – Acciones del corazón

Our students continue to engage in acts of kindness such as sharing validating comments with peers and staff. Some of these comments are displayed on our Learning Commons bulletin board! Ensure to check it out during the upcoming March Student Learning Conferences and Book Fair.

Pink Shirt Day – February 25, 2026 – Día de usar camiseta rosada

Our students and staff wore their pink shirt to school on February 25 to promote kindness and inclusion. At our Escuela Canyon Meadows everyone fits in and is loved. Our students and teachers engaged in an assembly to share and enjoy messages of kindness.

25 Anniversary of the CBE Spanish Bilingual Program

This school year marks an important milestone: **The 25 Anniversary of the CBE Spanish Bilingual Program!** During the month of February our teachers engaged students in activities to honour and celebrate this achievement. For example, students engaged in the creation of bulletin boards filled with their favourite Spanish words and phrases and a Spanish poster contest. During the Pink Shirt Day assembly on February 25, our Spanish Language and Culture teacher committee announced the winners of the poster contest. Students quite enjoyed this activity; there were awarded students in every grade in alignment with all categories included in the rubric. Our students demonstrated their implicit Spanish Language skills; the posters showcase specific Spanish vocabulary and structures connected to areas such as survival and content-related language. The posters are displayed around the school. Our parent volunteers will create a display with the posters and favourite words and phrases to enjoy during “Fiesta”.

Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance Survey for Grade 4 Parents – Deadline Extended to March 13

We highly encourage our parents in grade 4 to complete the Alberta Education Assurance Survey online. Grade 4 parents have received an email including the survey link and a random-access code to the survey. Please complete

the survey by March 21, 2025. Please contact Sra. Gutiérrez, Assistant Principal, if you require a paper copy or need any support in completing this survey. Both student and parent surveys are anonymous. The results from these surveys are used at both the system and school level to make evidence-informed decisions in service of school improvement.

Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance Survey – Deadline Extended to March 13

We highly encourage our parents in grade 4 to complete the Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance Survey online. Grade 4 parents should have received an email from School Improvement containing a link to the survey, along with a unique Random-Access Code and detailed instructions.

We strongly encourage all eligible parents and guardians to participate and share their feedback on their children's education. Survey participants will be asked about various topics, including:

- creating welcoming, caring, respectful, and safe learning environments;
- student learning engagement; and
- parental involvement in children's education.

If you require a paper survey or one in another language, such as Ukrainian, Punjabi, Cree, Korean, Denesųłı́né, Tagalog, Chinese, Spanish, Arabic, or Urdu, please reach out to the school via email or phone.

By completing the survey, you are assisting Alberta Education and Childcare, CBE, and our school in identifying both areas of strength and areas that need improvement. The deadline for the Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance Survey has been extended to **Friday, March 13**, please ensure that you complete the survey by this date.

Learn and Share | School Planning Engagement Winter 2026

We know we make better decisions to support student learning when we build understanding and work together. We are grateful for the parents who participated in the School Council Meeting about School Planning on February 23. We know we make better decisions to support student learning when we build understanding and work together. We are grateful for the feedback shared during the meeting.

Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Conferences

Our final Student Learning Conferences will take place on **March 19 and 20**, this will be another time to celebrate our students' accomplishments in their learning. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about their child's progress and achievement in relation to the outcomes of the Programs of Study.

The Student Learning Conferences booking system (*available when parents sign into their MyCBE/PowerSchool account*) opened this **Saturday, March 14**. Book a time for March 19 (evening) or March 20 (morning) to meet with your child's teacher. Students are encouraged to join parents during conferences to celebrate their accomplishments and discuss next learning steps with their teacher and parents. Asegurése de reservar su cita.

Indigenous Education Residence

We are looking forward to our upcoming Indigenous Education residency with Indigenous Knowledge Keeper Sra. Pear White Quills. As we continue to honour our Escuela Canyon Meadows Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation in alignment with the CBE Education Plan, we are excited to engage in this new learning opportunity. This residency will allow us to continue to work with and learn from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers to engage in land-based experiences through Indigenous visual arts in culturally relevant and meaningful ways. For example, throughout this year's residency we will learn about the cultural significance of Indigenous beading.

We will invite our parents/guardians to visit the school at a time during the school day at the end of May to join us in celebrating our learning throughout this residency. More details of this learning experience will be communicated closer to the date.

Library Books - Please | por favor

Remind children to return their borrowed library books, we are fortunate to have a vast collection of books in English and Spanish in our Learning Commons for our students to enjoy, returning books ensures all can enhance their love for reading.

Some Upcoming Events – Próximos eventos

World Book Day - Día internacional del libro – April 23

On April 23 we will celebrate the love for reading with an assembly and the culmination of the two-week “Read a Thon” fundraising organized by our School Council. Our Spanish and Culture teacher committee is planning special activities for that week to enhance students’ love for books and stories.

Spanish Book Fair - March 19 and 20

The March Spanish Book Fair will take place during Student Learning Conferences on March 19 and 20. More information will be shared later in our Week-Ahead Sunday email.

Music Monday – May 4

Our school has taken part in Music Monday for several years to connect our community to our school. We are looking for parents to share their love of music and join with us in celebrating Music Monday. Srta. Cassie, our Music Specialist will be contacting all our parents/guardians to request the support of those who would like to share their musical talents on Monday, May 4. Please contact Srta. Cassie via email should you wish to participate: jamcassie@cbe.ab.ca

Qué Pasa at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium – May 12– Grade 5

Once again, ECM Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to perform at the Jubilee Auditorium of May 12. This year the event will again showcase an afternoon performance with a rehearsal in the morning. A letter has been sent to our Grade 5 parents/guardians with initial details. More information will be shared in the near future with Grade 5 parents, and with our school community as we encourage all families who wish to celebrate the successes of our Spanish Bilingual Program to purchase tickets to attend.

Volunteer Appreciation – May 22

On May 22 we will be celebrating our volunteers and show our appreciation for their valuable support. More details will be shared closer to the date.

Gratitude

Immense gratitude goes to Escuela Canyon Meadows gracious School Council for their continuous appreciation for our teachers by providing a special dinner for the upcoming March Student Learning Conferences, funding to lower the cost parents pay for residencies, for covering the cost of transportation for Field Trips, funding to enrich the school ChromeBook collection, and much more financial support provided every school year.

Thank you to all our parents/guardians for your consistent valuable support, care and love, you make a difference!

We wish everyone a restful and joyful upcoming spring break, we wish you take time to create new memories with your family.

Receive our gratitude.

¡Nos despedimos compartiendo mucha gratitud!

Sra. Lilien Perera Pérez, Principal / Directora

Sra. Cecilia Gutiérrez, Assistant Principal / Vicedirectora