

Dear Escuela Canyon Meadows Families,

It feels like we have finally welcomed spring, “la primavera!” Please, see below our April and May updates and information to stay involved.

To conclude our Indigenous Education residency, on May 27 our students, teachers and parents will engage in an outdoor Indigenous Shared Experience and Celebration with Knowledge Keeper, Sra. Pearl White Quills.

Parents are invited to join their student(s) for the outdoor Celebration of Learning on May 27, Terrace Doors compound.

8:30 to 9:15 am: KAM McKenzie, KAM Orbegozo, Olson, Martin, Mena, Sessarego

10:00 to 10:45 am: Arellano, Reinhardt, Muntadas, Rincon, Osadan, Trillo

1:00 to 1:45 pm: KPM McKenzie, KPM Orbegozo, Ritten, Vargas, Chau, Barahona, Lucas

Through this residency we continue to honour our Escuela Canyon Meadows Truth and Reconciliation Commitment to work with and learn from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers to engage in land-based experiences through Indigenous visual arts in cultural relevant and meaningful ways. We are learning about the importance of learning with and from the land while taking care of it. Sra. Pearl is kindly offering her teachings of visual arts; our students have created key chain turtles with beads while learning the importance and significance of beading in the Indigenous ways of being, belonging, doing and knowing. To embrace Land as teacher we will host the May 27 celebration of learning outdoors. Together we continue to learn what nature teaches us, and to show our gratitude.

In April our Grade 5 students had another opportunity to visit **Robert Warren School**, they participated in the Grade 9 Science Fair and shared their science project related to Astronomical Phenomena. This opportunity fostered a meaningful exchange of knowledge and curiosity. In June, our Grade 5 team will bring our Grade 5’s one more time to Robert Warren and they will tour the school. We are certain that our Grade 5 students continuing in the Spanish Bilingual Program are looking forward to starting grade 6 in the 2026-2027 school year at Robert Warren!

On May 12, Our Grade 5 students represented our school with pride during the CBE International Spanish Academy Fine Arts Gala “**Qué pasa**” at the Jubilee Auditorium. Their fine performance, once again, was energetic and engaging. They showcased the learning they have been engaged in since Kindergarten in our Music program and dance residency through a representation of singing, playing Orff instruments and dancing to Latin rhythms including pop-reggaeton, cha-cha and salsa, honouring the 25th anniversary of the Spanish bilingual program. We are grateful for our School Council support to subsidise the dance residency.

On May 4, organized by our Music Specialist Srta. Cassie, we welcomed volunteers to share their musical talents with our school community to celebrate **Music Monday**. We appreciate the commitment of our school community and the enthusiasm for the especial role that music plays in education.

On Friday, May 29, our students and teachers will take the time to show our appreciation to our volunteers proudly sharing our gratitude. Please RSVP to jlclement@cbe.ab.ca by **Thursday, May 21**

Planning Ahead for 2026-2027 School Year

It’s time to plan for next school year. CBE Resource Allocation Method (RAM) roll-out took place on April 23, 2026. In collaboration with our teachers, and with the feedback provided from School Council and parents participating in the School Planning Engagement Winter 2026 we have discussed possible activities and services, staffing and class configuration for 2026-2027 school year.

Proposed Activities and Services - 2026-2027

Based on participants’ feedback in the School Planning Engagement Winter 2026 and teacher feedback:

Possible Residencies

- Latin Dance K to Gr. 5
- Indigenous Education K to Gr. 5 – Considering 3 days and 1 day of celebration
- Exploring possibilities for “Rythm, Rythm” (drumming) or drama residency

Possible Sports Residencies – In-school

- In-line skating K to Gr. 3
- Lacrosse Gr. 4 and Gr. 5
- Soccer K to 5

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Possible Sports School Field Trips

- Swimming Gr. 1 to Gr. 5
- Skiing (1-day program) Gr. 4 and Gr. 5

Possible Class Field Trips connected to curricular outcomes and School Development Plan outcomes:

- Fish Creek Park
- Heritage Park
- Landfield
- Leighton Art Centre
- Telus Spark Science Center
- Ralph Klein Park
- Calgary Zoo
- Bow Habitat
- SAM Center
- “Explorando el Español” / Exploring the Spanish Language – Gr. 5

Fees

- Maintain “reasonable” school-based fees as reported by School Planning Engagement Winter 2026 participants: Average \$60.00 to \$120.00 per student depending on the grade (*K - \$ 60, Gr. 1 to 3 - \$ 90, Gr. 4 and 5 - \$ 120 including skiing – 1 day program*).

CBE Resource Allocation Method (RAM) Roll-Out April 23, 2026

- ECM Spring RAM allocation: For 440 Projected Students - Total Allocation: \$2,982,471
- Considering our current Intent to Return and maintaining a conservative approach due to undecided families/students, we may plan for:
 - 415 Students (current intent to return - being conservative) = 19.5 Teaching Staff: 16.5 Teachers for K to 5 including 2 Learning Leaders + 1 Music + 1 Principal + 1 AP.
 - In the fall, if enrollment supports (above 415) add .5 or 1.0 teacher, 1 Lunch Supervisor and/or E.A hours.
 - Classroom Complexity Team (CCT) (*funding for CCT not included in the RAM*) continues into 2026-27 school year: 1 CCT Teacher, 2 Education Assistant at 30 hrs.
 - 2 Education Assistants (1 Early Childhood Practitioner, 1 Spanish Education Assistant)
 - 1 Administrative Secretary
 - 1 Library Assistant
 - 1 School Assistant
 - 6 Lunch Supervisors
 - 1 Lead Lunch Supervisor

Possible class configuration based on current intent to return for 2026-2027

We continue to **monitor enrollment** to make decisions based on what would be best for students considering the options of straight or combined classes.

Possible class configuration based on current intent to return for 2026-2027		
Numbers in this column include undecided students	Plan A	Plan B
K – 62	3 classes – @ 21/22	3 classes – @ 21/22
Gr. 1 – 87	4 classes @ 21/22	4 classes @ 21/22
Gr. 2 – 83	3 classes @ 27/28	4 classes @ 20/21
Gr. 3 – 71	3 classes @ 23/24	Multiage Gr 3 & 4 5 classes - @ 28/29 OR Multiage Gr 4 & 5 4 classes - @ 31/32
Gr. 4 – 70	3 classes @ 23/24	
Gr. 5 – 57	2 classes @ 28/29	

More specific details regarding School Schedule including Kindergarten AM and PM Friday schedules will be shared early in June.

We appreciate the continuous support of our community and our gracious School Council. Enjoy the sunshine and the relatively warmer weather, take the time to notice the signs of nature, mostly the bright green colour around us.

¡Nos despedimos compartiendo mucha gratitud!

Saludos cordiales,

Sra. Perera Pérez and Sra. Gutiérrez