

August 27, 2026

Estimadas familias de nuestra Escuela Canyon Meadows,

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Escuela Canyon Meadows! We are happy to welcome staff and students back for the new school year. We cannot wait to see our students next week for their first day of school on **Monday, August 31** (Kindergarten 1 to Grade 5)! Below are details regarding our start-up process.

Staffing Updates

Sra. McGrah is on leave until further notice.

We extend a warm welcome to:

Sra. Pérez Martínez

Grade Configuration for 2026-2027

Please note, we are monitoring our student enrolment which continues to change. Therefore, class lists and assigned homeroom teachers may change based on student enrolment in September. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and support during times of change.

At this time, we will begin the school year having the following grade configurations:

Kindergarten	3 classes (2 morning, 1 afternoon)
Grade 1	4 classes
Grade 2	4 classes
Grade 3	3 classes
Grade 4	3 classes
Grade 5	2 classes

First Day of School Procedures

The first month of school is an important time for our students as they adjust to routines, expectations and our unique bilingual learning experience.

On Wednesday, August 27, teachers will send a Welcome Letter to their students via parent email. Assigned entry/exit doors and Room number for each class will be included in the teacher Welcome Letter.

Kindergarten AM and PM classes will be created for Friday, September 4. Parents/guardians will be informed of your child's teacher name via email on Friday, September 4.

On Wednesday, August 27, teachers will contact (via phone call) parents/guardians of students that will benefit from a transition meeting. Parents/guardians will book a 10-minute meeting for these students to meet their teacher on Friday, August 28 in the afternoon.

We are beginning our school year by **welcoming all our students, Kindergarten to Grade 5, on Monday, August 31** following ECM regular school schedule below:

	AM Kindergarten	PM Kindergarten	Grades 1 to 5
Monday - Friday	Soft Entry – 7:55 am	Entry – 11:35 am	Soft Entry – 7:55 am
Monday – Thursday	7:55 am – 10:45 am	11:35 am – 2:25 pm	8:00 am – 2:30 pm
Friday	7:55 am – 11:55 am (alternating Fridays – please refer to School Calendar on school website) First Friday in attendance: Sept. 4	7:55 am – 11:55 am (alternating Fridays – please refer to School Calendar on school website) First Friday in attendance: Sept. 11	8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Monday, August 31 (First day of school for all students, Kindergarten to Grade 5) - To ease the transition of students into the school, please follow the process below.

- **Kindergarten AM – Kindergarten** students will use the **Playpark** doors for school entry (7:55 am) and dismissal (10:45 am).
- **Kindergarten PM – Kindergarten** students will use the **Playpark** doors for school entry (11:35 am) and dismissal (2:25 pm).
- **Grade 1 to 5 students** will use their designated doors for school entry and dismissal – please refer to teacher Welcome Letter.
- **Please note, the soft entry start time is 7:55 am.**

Monday, August 31

7:55 to 8:00 am – AM Kindergarten: Follow the soft entry protocol since the first day of school: Enter the school using the Playpark doors. Kindergarten teachers will meet Kindergarten students at the Playpark doors.

7:55 to 8:00 am – Grade 1 to 5: Look for signs with Homeroom Teacher name and room number on the compound (concrete area around the school) to join the teacher and class, then enter the school.

11:35 am – PM Kindergarten: Enter the school using the Playpark doors. Kindergarten teachers will meet Kindergarten students at the Playpark doors.

Please note: Parents and guardians are not allowed to enter the school with students. Staff will be welcoming and supporting students at each designated entrance.

From Tuesday, September 1

7:55 to 8:00 am - Kindergarten to Grade 5: Students follow the soft entry protocol to enter the school directly to their classroom through their designated entry door. Teachers will meet students in their classrooms. **Please note that in the morning, Kindergarten students will enter the school prior to Grade 1 to 5 students, at 7:55 am.**

We encourage families to review our school website together to be familiar with the guidelines for building a healthy school community at Escuela Canyon Meadows. A few important housekeeping items to be aware of:

1. Each child needs to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes, labelled with their name. Please ensure the indoor shoes can be used for daily physical education and always remain at the school. Students are required to change their footwear when they enter and exit the building. Please also ensure your child has a large sized backpack.
2. Students are not permitted to enter the school via the front doors. The exception to this is if the student is late. Otherwise, all students enter and exit from their grade specific doors. Kindergarten doors face our playground structure.
3. We are a “nut aware” school. We have students with severe allergies that are life threatening. Please avoid sending nut products to school. Each Kindergarten student needs a healthy snack to have at school and Grade 1 to Grade 5 students benefit from two snacks and a lunch.
4. Parents/guardians will drop off and pick up their child(ren) near their designated doors. This is extremely important to ensure the safety of our students. The school does not provide after school supervision; please ensure you are on time.
5. Please ensure all after school arrangements are made at home (i.e., play dates). This allows the school to ensure safety of our students. If your child takes the bus, please ensure you are on time as Southland Transportation will have another route following. Calling Southland Transportation directly is the best course of action if you need to get a message to the driver. Kindergarten students are only released to a parent or an approved designate. Students regularly picked up by an adult are to remain on the bus when no one is at the bus stop to meet them. If there is no one at your child's bus stop the bus driver will wait a few minutes and then proceed with finishing the route. If there is no contact with the parent, the bus driver will bring your child back to the school.
6. Parents new to CBE, please sign up for **MyCBE/PowerSchool** as this is where you will pay your fees online and book your parent-teacher conferences.
7. Our final reminder includes ensuring immediate, clear and open communication. We work together and follow a three-step protocol to ensure your voice is heard. Our goal is to collaborate to effectively find solutions at the school level.

- i. If you have a question or a concern, your first step is to contact your child's teacher.
- ii. If you feel your question or concern has not been adequately addressed, then please contact Sra. Rau (Administrative Secretary) to make an appointment with Sra. Gutiérrez (Assistant Principal).
- iii. If you feel your question or concern has not been adequately addressed by our AP, please make an appointment with Sra. Perera Pérez (Principal) through Sra. Rau.

At ECM, we continue to be committed to student well-being and safety, excellence in teaching and learning, and to working collaboratively with staff, parents and students to ensure a robust bilingual education for our children.

We are looking forward to seeing you next week! ¡Estamos deseosos de verlos la semana próxima!

Saludos cordiales,

Sra. Perera Pérez, Principal

Sra. Gutiérrez, Assistant Principal