



September 26, 2025

Estimadas familias de nuestra Escuela Canyon Meadows,

The school start-up has been a success! Hemos comenzado el nuevo curso escolar con mucho éxito. We had our welcoming assembly on Friday, Sept. 5.

Truth and Reconciliation Week Sept. 22 to 26

Esta semana del 22 al 26 de septiembre honramos el Día de la Verdad y la Reconciliación, el día de usar la Camiseta Anaranjada.

This week of September 22 to 26 we honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day.

Orange Shirt Day is held on September 30 annually. It began in 2013 when residential school survivor, Phyllis Webstad shared how her orange shirt was taken away on her first day at residential school. Phyllis Webstad's story provides an opportunity for our students and staff to reflect on and discuss stories of survival and strength; and to share ways we can work together toward truth and reconciliation. At Escuela Canyon Meadows we are committed to ensure that every child matters and that each student feels welcome, respected, safe, and cared for every day.

Escuela Canyon Meadows acknowledges and supports the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action, and made the following commitment to action for the 2025-2026 school year:

Guided by the Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework we will continue to focus on The Body domain- To Do. ECM commits 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.

This school year we will engage in learning about Indigenous visual art with Sra. Pearl White Quills through our Indigenous Education residency which will be subsidized by our gracious School Council.

In making our commitment, Call to Action # 62.3 offered inspiration.

62.3: Utilize Indigenous knowledges, languages, and teaching methods in classrooms (focus on applying learning that includes inviting Indigenous community members to share knowledge with students).

At Escuela Canyon Meadows the Indigenous Education Committee planned tasks for teachers and students to incorporate into their teaching and learning to continue to build understanding, knowledge and appreciation for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:

- Read aloud a book in the Learning Meadows Garden to connect with the idea from Indigenous knowledge that the land is our teacher.
- Engage in core routines such as, 'sit spot' to enjoy and observe nature, use our senses, appreciate the sights and sounds that surround us, sketching the land in journals.
- Acknowledge and share gratitude for the land.

- Nature Journaling: Observations and labeling: art, poetry, journal writing, etc., science connections.
- Review why we will wear an orange shirt on Sept. 25

Thursday, Sept. 25 was Orange Shirt Day at Escuela Canyon Meadows, our students and staff were encouraged to wear orange that day. Our Escuela Canyon Meadows staff is committed to continue providing a caring, respectful and welcoming learning environment for each and every student.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Event

CBE staff, students, and their families and friends are invited to continue their learning and show their support on **Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.** at the Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event taking place **at The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland, 750 9 Ave. S.E.**

Student Learning Conferences and Ongoing Communication

We will have our first **Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences** on **Sept. 29**, during which parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher. For upcoming Student Learning Conferences in November and March, parents/guardians will continue to be able to book a time to meet the teacher a week prior to conferences through your **MyCBE account**.

Students and families are encouraged to use the MyCBE parent account portal, rather than the PowerSchool App, to access information about attendance and Report Card information. Click on the following link [MyCBE: Accessing Attendance and Assessment Information](#) for instructions on how to find your child's attendance and future Report Card information.

Each homeroom teacher continues to have a Google Classroom to maintain an online presence. Click on the following for [How to Log into Google Classroom for Students](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Escuela Canyon Meadows continues to be a vibrant and caring community of learners including students, staff, and parents. The safety, well-being, dignity and positive spirit of our community are valued and supported through clear, consistent expectations. Click on the following link, which will take you to our school website to review the [CBE Code of Conduct and CBE Progressive Student Discipline](#) regulation which outlines the roles and expectations for our students to promote a positive and inclusive learning environment at Escuela Canyon Meadows.

Attendance

Regular school attendance has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. When students miss too much school, it can cause them to fall behind academically, and their social-emotional development is also impacted. Regular school attendance is an important life skill on the path to graduation and future employment.

Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance and punctuality:

- Listen and show an interest in your child's day.
- Encourage your child to do well in school and praise their success.

- Help your child maintain daily routines such as, eating breakfast, turning off electronics two hours before bedtime and going to bed early.
- If possible, try to schedule dental and medical appointments after school hours or on days off from school.
- Send your child to school unless sick.
- It may be a concern if your child is often sick, complains about going to school and/or struggles with school work.
- Ask for help from the school before the problem gets too big. No problem is too small.

Let us know how we can best support you and your child so they can attend school regularly and punctually.

We would like to reiterate the information below, previously provided in our Welcome Back Principal message:

We encourage your family 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 remain at the school at all times. 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-Student-Teacher Conferences. Use this [link](#) to create your account.
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 solve problems at a 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 Mrs. 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 Mrs. 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.

Reciban nuestros saludos cordiales,

Lilien Perera Pérez
Principal/Directora

Cecilia Gutiérrez
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