



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does Kindergarten have a different schedule/calendar?

Yes! Kindergarten has its own calendar. Currently, the Kindergarten calendar is not finalized, but we will send it to you once it is available in early May. We strongly encourage you to print this calendar and keep it handy.

You can find the District Calendar for all schools here: [2025-26](#)

Please note the following important differences between the District Calendar and the Kindergarten Calendar:

- ★ Kindergarten has a staggered entry during the first week of school. You and your child will book and attend *one* 30 minute appointment with your child's potential teachers on *either* August 26, 27, or 28. Then your child will attend *one* full day with half the class on either August 29 or September 2.
- ★ Kindergarteners do not have school on Fridays until November 14, 2025. After that, the only Fridays they will attend school are full day Fridays. On Half Day Fridays, there is no school for Kindergarteners. ***This is important information so you can plan accordingly for child care.***
- ★ The last day of school for Kindergarten is Tuesday, June 24, 2026. This is a half day for Kindergarten and ends with a family picnic outside.

2. What are ERS school hours?

- ★ Instructional hours: 8:25am-3:06pm
- ★ Early Dismissal Fridays (Grades 1-4 only): 8:25am-11:51am
(*No Kindergarten on Early Dismissal Fridays*)
- ★ Half Day Kindergarten: 8:25am-11:25am
- ★ ERS Office hours: 8:00am-4:00pm Mondays-Fridays

3. How much are school fees?

- ★ For the 2025-26 school year, families do not have to pay for lunch supervision fees. The only fees families pay are for school field trips. Fee invoices will be sent out in September and are not due until October 31.
- ★ 2025-26 school fees have yet to be determined

4. What kinds of school supplies will my child need?

- ★ Each grade level has different school supplies lists, as do French Immersion and English classes.
- ★ These will be able to be purchased as a package from Bow Valley Basics, or you can buy the items a la carte anywhere. We will share 2025-26 supplies lists with you once they are finalized.

5. How do I register my Kindergartener for the school bus?

- ★ Parents can register for the school bus through their Parent Portal/School Engage account: [School Engage](#). Once you've logged in, click on Students, then your child's name, and you will see the 2025-26 School Bus Registration form. Fill it out and submit.
- ★ Staggered Entry school bus reminder:
 - *No bus service for Kindergarten on August 26, 27, or 28.*
 - *Bus service available for Kindergarten on August 29 and 30, onwards.*
- ★ For more information on CRPS Transportation, contact 403-678-5545 or check out the website: [CRPS Transportation](#)

Little Rockies Bus Adventure is a program designated for first time kindergarten riders. Please join us!



CRPS presents Little Rockies Bus Adventure

Tuesday August 26 ERS 6:00 pm

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with how many adults and how many students will attend.

This program is designed for first time kindergarten riders and their parents to learn some school bus safety tips and go on a bus adventure around the school.

At the end of the bus adventure, students and parents will know about the danger zone, how to load and unload the bus safely and how to sit properly while riding the bus. It also provides a great opportunity to get pictures of your child with a school bus.



6. What is a Parent Portal?

- ★ Every family has (at least) one Parent Portal account. This is the account you created when you registered your child for school. On August 26, you will have full access to your Parent Portal account, which is where you go for the following:
 - Check your child's attendance for the year
 - Pay school fees
 - View report cards at the end of Semesters 1 and 2
 - Register for the school bus
 - Submit Annual Demographic Updates
- ★ We *strongly* encourage you to:
 - Keep your Parent Portal username and password in a safe place so you can successfully sign in as needed throughout the year
 - Sign in to Parent Portal on a laptop or desktop computer, if you are having trouble doing it on your phone. Both the app and phone mobile browser do not work well in Canada
 - Phone the ERS office to change your password, as the password change feature does not seem to work well for most parents

7. Where can I find more information on ERS and the Kindergarten Program?

- ★ Please peruse our school website! [ERS Website](#)
- ★ Get to know our Kindergarten program in depth: [ERS Kindergarten Handbook](#)
- ★ Stay tuned for a link to our newly designed **Kindergarten Hub** on the website!

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Nota bene: The ERS Office is now closed for Spring Break and will reopen on Monday, April 28.

Kind regards,

ERS Office Staff