

# Midnapore School

Chinese (Mandarin)  
Bilingual Program

Kindergarten- Grade 4



**Calgary Board of Education**



## **Oki, Dadánast'áda, Âba Wathtec, Tânsi, Taanishi, Bonjour, Hello**

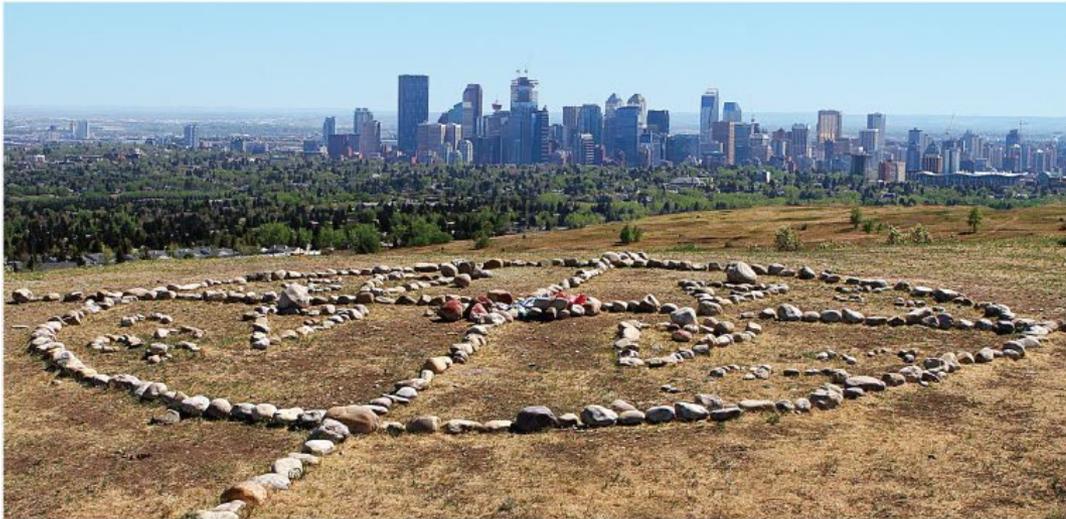
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This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wîchîspa (Nakoda), and otôskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree).

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.



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# Introductions

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- **Greg Bennett- Principal**
- **Leah Clare- Assistant Principal**
- **Chen Wang-Grade 2/Mandarin Program Learning Leader**
- **Fan Hildisheim- Learning Leader**
- **Aiting Yang- Kindergarten**
- **Sam Parker- Grade 1 English**
- **Sophie Chen- Grade 1 Mandarin**
- **Sheree Hartung- Grade 2/3 English**
- **Rui Shi- Grade 3 Mandarin**
- **Edda Liu- Grade 4**
- **Ms. Zhang- Mandarin School Assistant**

Follows Alberta Education curriculum  
Internal and External Student Supports  
Play Based Learning

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Kindergarten is the start of an exciting adventure for children. We recognize this is a big step for students and parents alike.

Midnapore provides a safe and caring environment for all students, and we strive to help everyone have an exceptional first experience at school.

# Midnapore School Community

- **Community Program:**

- Kindergarten – Grade 6
- Students living in Midnapore's designated area
- Most students attend Midsun for junior high

- **Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program:**

- Kindergarten – Grade 4
- Program of Choice for students living south of 17 avenue.
- Students can continue the bilingual program at Harold Pannabaker for Grades 5-9

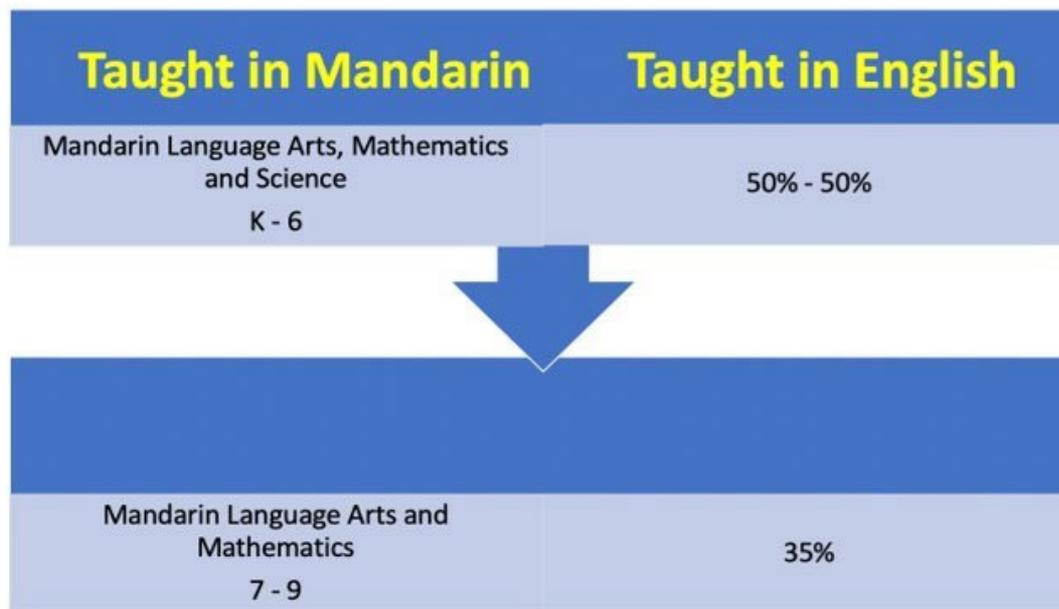
## Our Bilingual Program

**The Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program provides students with the opportunity to acquire the basic skills in speaking, reading, writing, and listening to be able to communicate in both English and Mandarin at a young age.**

**This program does not require parents or students to have previous knowledge of the language. Teachers provide many supports so that non-native Mandarin speakers are able to succeed in acquiring the language.**

Watch your child  
become fluent.

C is for **Cat** 猫





Ms. Yang  
杨老师

# Specialists

## Music



## Physical Education



## Intervention

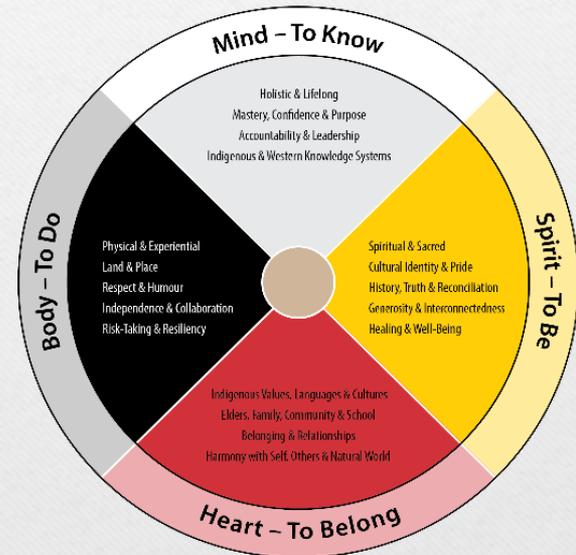


## Language, Literacy & Math Specialists



# Character Education

Teaching students to be virtuous citizens of the world is just as important as teaching language and academics. We have integrated our Character Education program with Indigenous Education through the CBE's Indigenous Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework.



# Examples of Student Learning



**Warm Feet for the Street**



**Terry Fox Run**



**Veterans Food Drive**

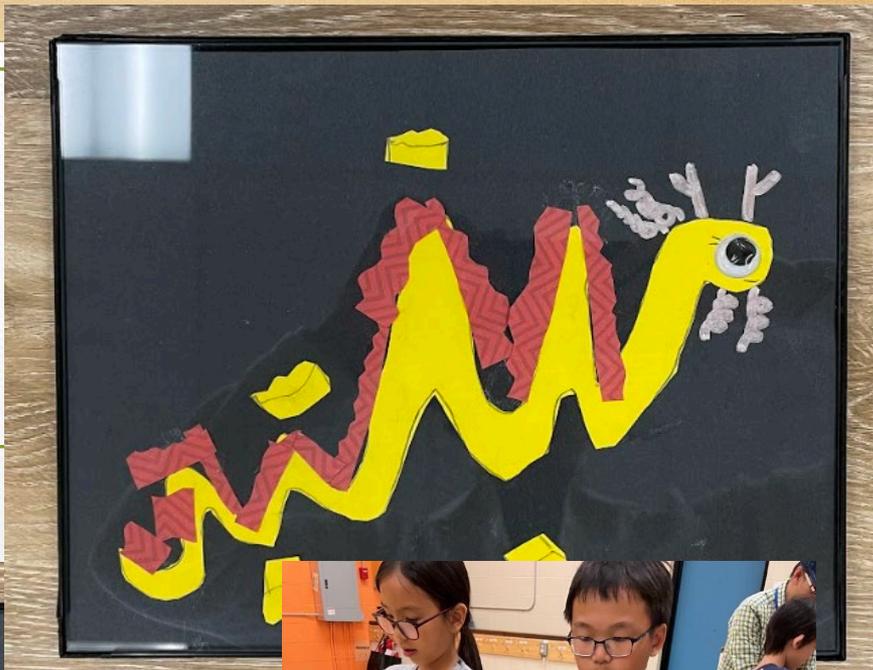


**Mid-Autumn Festival Baking**

# Mandarin Bilingual program



我们的  
Our Art V



最喜欢的中文字

快

Kuài

fast 刘元睿



我最喜欢的中文字是快因为我很快。

今天是2022年六月十七日 名字: 齐川

1/10

这是什么动物?



这是一只动物。

它没有毛。

它没有腿。

它喜欢吃虾。

它怕恐龙。

这是一只???

蜜蜂 honey bee mi feng

蜻蜓 dragonfly qing ting

蜘蛛 spider zhi zhu

蛇 Snake she

蛋 egg dan

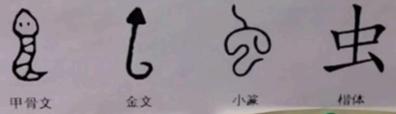
蝴蝶 butterfly hu die

甲虫 beetle jia chong

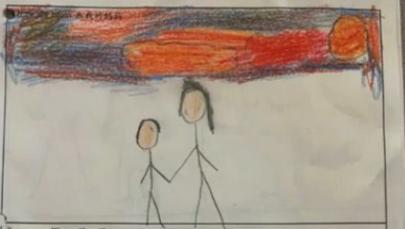
虫 chong

This character evolved from drawings through time...

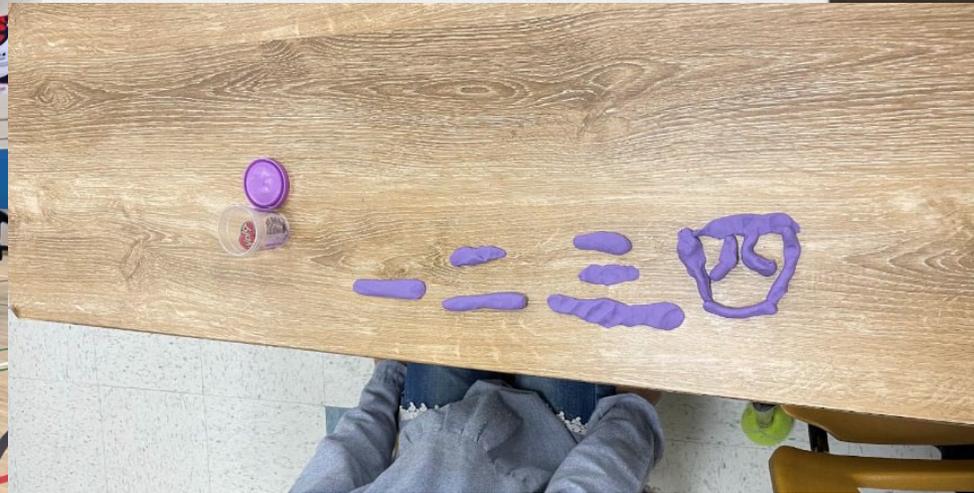
Can you guess what this character means?




今天是我生日 名字: WGC



我的妈妈跑得很快。我的妈妈很爱我。我是妈妈的天使。使她用一生守护我。



# Chinese Cultural Celebrations



## Mid-Autumn Festival



# Lunar New Year



# Canadian Celebrations



Remembrance Day



Halloween



Easter



Christmas

## Is this program the right fit for your child?

- Is your child a risk taker and willing to try to speak a new language?
- Can your child handle repetition?
- Is your child able to memorize Chinese characters where there is no strategy of 'sounding out'?
- Does your family have time every night dedicated to homework?
- As parents, are you able to provide the time to support your child at home with reading, writing, and homework?
- Are you aware that this is a language based alternative program?

## Transportation and Program Fees

- If you are designated to Midnapore School, and live outside of the walk zone, bussing is an option for you. As an alternative program, students will use congregated stops and pay a user fee.
- Bus maps and schedules will not be released until summer of 2026. As an alternative program, students will access congregated stops.
- Bus routes, times, and stops dependent on the completed forms that they receive. You can only use your home address.

# Kids Come First



- We currently offer full day Kindergarten Programming on a M/W or T/Th rotation.
- We do have community resources within the area for Before and After School Care. The Mid-Sun Community Association & BrightPath.
- Please contact them at 403-254-8058 (MidSun Community Association) or 403-256-0504 (Brighpath) for more information as they lease the space and the program is **NOT** run by the Calgary Board of Education and Midnapore School.

## **Before/After school care**

### **课前课后托管中心**

**1) Mid-Sun Child care out of school program**

(50 Midpark Rise SE [www.midsun.org](http://www.midsun.org))

**Kindergarten-** Cathy Babineau

Email: [Childcare@midsun.org](mailto:Childcare@midsun.org)

**Grade 1-6-** Jennifer Burrows

Email: [midnaporeoosc@midsun.org](mailto:midnaporeoosc@midsun.org)

**2) Kids and Company**

15425 Bannister Road

Email: [midlake@kidsandcompany.com](mailto:midlake@kidsandcompany.com)

Phone: 403-294-9429

**3) Brightpath Kids**

155 Midridge Place SE

Email: [midnapore@brightpathkids.com](mailto:midnapore@brightpathkids.com)

Phone: 403-256-0504

**4) Evergreen Shawnee Daycare (full day option)**

1436 James Mckevitt Rd SW

Email: [evergreenshawneedaycare@gmail.com](mailto:evergreenshawneedaycare@gmail.com)

Phone: 403-829-7930

**5) Bright Learners Academy (full day option)**

239 Midpark Way SE

Email: [midnapore@brightlearnersacademy.net](mailto:midnapore@brightlearnersacademy.net)

Phone: 587-456-2554

# Timeline for Registration

Registration opens **January 12th** for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Registration is **ONGOING**.
- Registration is paused on **Tuesday February 10, 2026** at 12:00 pm for Lottery Schools.
- Lottery drawn on Wednesday February 11, 2026 by 12:00 pm.
- Results of the lottery draw sent within 10 business days of the draw.
  - Teacher's Convention counts as business days, weekends and Family Day does not
  - As with the last two years, the goal is to have it out by the 23 (7 business days)
- Parents must accept/decline within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance offer letter/email.



# Registration is Online | New and Current CBE Students

[www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca)



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# Current CBE Students Expression of Interest | Schools Engage



**Alternative Programs**

Select One Of The Following Options

<p><b>I Want To Register A Child</b></p> <p>I have other children in the CBE and I want to register another child for an alternative program</p> <p>Start Registration ↻</p>	<p><b>Moving From One Program To Another</b></p> <p>My child is already registered in one program (regular or alternative) and I would like to move to a different program (regular or alternative)</p> <p>Move Programs ↻</p>
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**Program Selection**

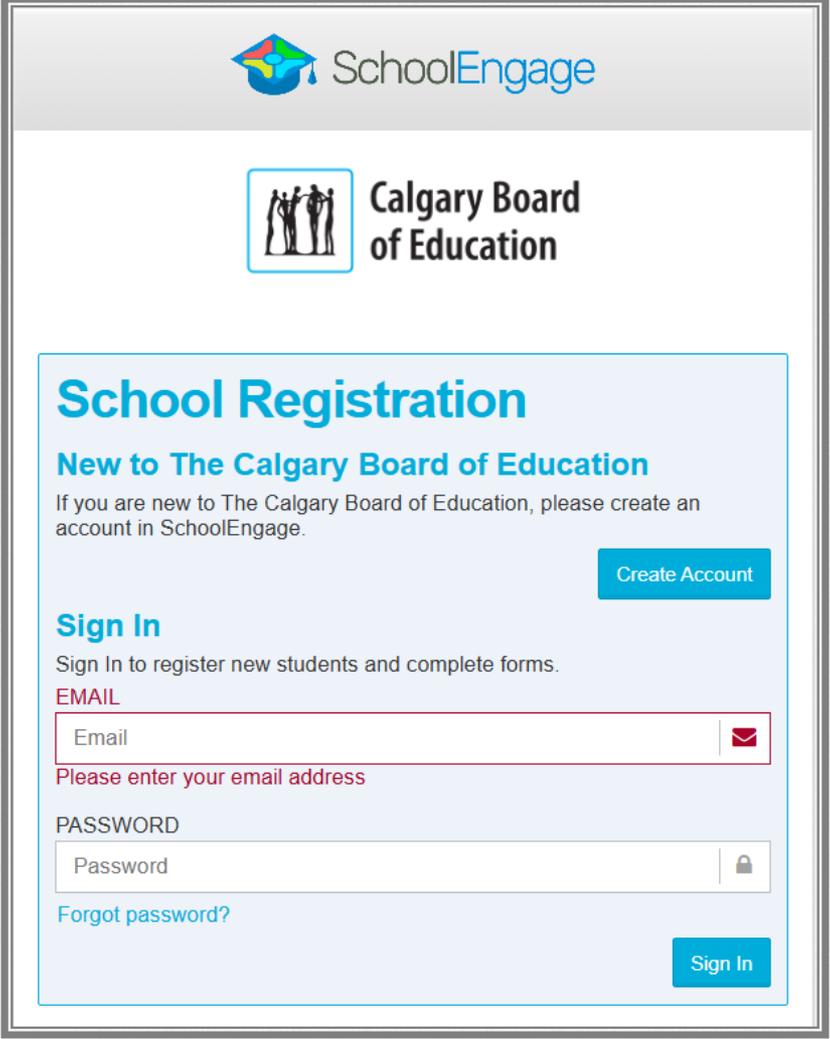
Select One

<p><b>Alternative Program</b></p> <p>I am seeking to move in to an Alternative Program.</p> <p>Alternative Program ↻</p>	<p><b>Regular Program</b></p> <p>I am seeking to move into the Regular Program</p> <p>Regular Program ↻</p>	<p><b>International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)</b></p> <p>I am seeking to move into the IB Programme</p> <p>IB Program ↻</p>
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# Registration is Online with School Engage

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- The registration form is approximately 16 tabs
- Ensure you have a few minutes to fill these out
- You may SAVE and return to the form
- Required documents prior to beginning your forms



The screenshot shows the SchoolEngage registration interface. At the top, there is the SchoolEngage logo (a colorful graduation cap) and the text "SchoolEngage". Below this is the Calgary Board of Education logo, which features a stylized group of people and the text "Calgary Board of Education". The main content area is titled "School Registration" in large blue font. Underneath, it says "New to The Calgary Board of Education" and provides instructions: "If you are new to The Calgary Board of Education, please create an account in SchoolEngage." A blue "Create Account" button is positioned to the right. Below this is the "Sign In" section, which includes the text "Sign In to register new students and complete forms." and the label "EMAIL" in red. There is an input field for the email address with a red border and a red envelope icon on the right. Below the input field, the text "Please enter your email address" is displayed in red. The "PASSWORD" section follows, with an input field for the password and a lock icon on the right. Below the password field, there is a blue link that says "Forgot password?". At the bottom right of the form area, there is a blue "Sign In" button.

## Registration Documentation

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Prior to starting the registration process you will require the following information:

- **Proof of primary address:**

Where the child resides. It must include the parent / legal guardian / independent student name.

Examples include: bank statement, driver's licence, GST rebate, utility bill, home or renters insurance, income tax statement, mortgage statement, property tax assessment or the Canada Revenue Agency letter

- **Child's proof of age, citizenship and legal name:**

Examples include: Alberta Birth Certificate, Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian passport, Canadian Citizenship Card, Canadian Citizenship Certificate, Confirmation of Permanent Residence or the Canadian Certificate of Indian Status

- A **selfie** with the legal guardian / parent government issued photo identification

Additional documentation may be required:

- [Custody / Guardianship](#)

- [Student Health Form](#)

- [Student Assessment](#)

Students who are not Canadian citizens will be contacted after registration by the [CBE Welcome Centre](#).

## Alternative Programs | Registration Process

## Complete the Registration Process Following These Steps

1

## Create a SchoolEngage Account



1. Go to [SchoolEngage](#)
2. Click *Create Account* button
3. Complete the Account Form
4. Check your Email for Confirmation and Click on the Confirmation Link
5. Sign in to SchoolEngage
6. Add a student

Refer to [SchoolEngage Support](#) for detailed steps

Launch  
SchoolEngage 

2

## Complete Registration Form

In SchoolEngage complete the Registration Form

In this step you will select **both** your child's designated alternative program and regular designated program school.

**\*TIP\***

Remember to hit the green **Submit** button at the end of the Registration Form to ensure it has been fully completed.

3

## Completed Form Sent to School For Processing

Please be patient as the school works through all their completed registrations.

School staff will contact you if there are any questions or concerns.

**Please do not call the school.**

4

## School Informs Parents

The school informs the parent they are accepted into the program.

School may require additional forms to be completed.



## Alternative Programs | Schools in Lottery Registration Process

Complete the Registration Process Following These 4 Steps

1

Create a SchoolEngage Account



1. Go to [SchoolEngage](#)
2. Click *Create Account* button
3. Complete the Account Form
4. Check your Email for Confirmation and Click on the Confirmation Link
5. Sign in to SchoolEngage
6. Add a student

Refer to [SchoolEngage Support](#) for detailed steps

[Launch SchoolEngage](#)

2

Complete Registration Form

In SchoolEngage complete the appropriate Registration Form for your child's designated school.

In this step you can select **both** your child's designated regular program and alternative program schools.

**Do not** register your child for your designated overflow school.

**\*TIP\***

Remember to hit the green **Submit** at the end of the Registration form to ensure it has been fully completed.

3

Completed Form Sent to School For Processing

Please be patient as the school works through all their completed registrations.

School staff will contact you if there are any questions or concerns.

**Please do not call the school.**

4

School Confirms Registration

The school confirms student registration and adds your child to the call-back list.

The student's registration information **will automatically be transferred** to the overflow school.

School may require additional forms to be completed.



# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Is my child old enough to attend Kindergarten or Grade One?**

A: Kindergarten: Children born in 2021 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Children born in September, October, November, and December of 2020 and have never attended Kindergarten in Alberta, are eligible to attend Grade One.

**Q: What documentation do I need to register? Can I use my driver's license?**

A: We need a complete registration form (found on CBE's website), a copy of the child's birth certificate or copy of the child's Canadian passport, and proof of primary residence (i.e. water, electric, or gas bill) to verify that you are living in a community that is designated to Midnapore School. We do not accept a driver's license or a rental agreement as proof. All of the required documents must be submitted together either via email ([midnapore@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:midnapore@cbe.ab.ca)) or in-person (drop off).

**Q: How do I know if my child is suitable for the Chinese bilingual program?**

A: You truly won't know until you try it! But understand that students that are risk takers and are willing to make an effort tend to experience more success. Due to the nature of the Chinese language, students should be able to sit for a longer period of time and be willing to practice writing Chinese characters over and over again in order to learn it.



**Q: What if no one in my household knows Chinese and are unable to help my child?**

A: No problem! The teachers provide many supports for students and parents during in-class lessons and post useful websites, games, and strategies on their Google Classrooms.

**Q: What is the difference between a bilingual program and immersion program?**

A: In the CBE, only French is offered as an immersion program. Immersion programs teach French to students 100% of the day from Kindergarten to Grade Two. In Grade Three, they begin to receive some English instruction. In the Chinese, Spanish, and German bilingual programs, students learn English for 50% of the day and the other language for 50% of the day from Kindergarten to Grade Six.

**Q: Why is kindergarten a full day (alternating days) program?**

A: Since CBE has eliminated mid-day kindergarten bussing, this made it difficult for many parents to provide their own transportation in the middle of the day if there was half day kindergarten. With full day kindergarten (alternating days), students have access to bussing before and after school (for a fee). Since students are at school for the full day, they will eat lunch at school and will therefore be a noon supervision fee. Bussing and noon supervision fees have not been determined at this time.

**Q: What happens after my child completes Grade Four at Midnapore School?**

A: Students who finish Grade Four at Midnapore School are automatically transferred to Grade Five at Harold Panabaker School. Harold Panabaker School houses the Grades Five to Nine Chinese bilingual program. We share our Chinese New Year Celebration with Harold Panabaker School which allows us to maintain those close connections with families.

**Q: What subjects are taught in Mandarin and what subjects are taught in English?**

A: Students registered in the Mandarin Program in grades K - 4 receive 50% of the Alberta curriculum in Mandarin (primarily Mandarin Language Arts, Mathematics and Science) and 50% in English (primarily English Language Arts and Social Studies) allowing students to build fluency in both languages.

**Q. How do I register my child for bussing?**

A: Please visit the Busing and Transportation page of the CBE website for information on bussing. <https://cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx>



# Thank You!

Please join us for an In-Person Tour  
of our school

Questions? Please contact us at 403-  
777-8680 or email us at  
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