



WELCOME TO  
**DALHOUSIE  
COMMUNITY  
KINDERGARTEN**

**PROGRAM INFORMATION  
2008-2009**

<b>OPEN HOUSE</b>	<b>JAN. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30-7:30</b>
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>JAN. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00-7:00</b>

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## DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

### BACKGROUND

Dalhousie Community Kindergarten commenced operation as a private, parent funded program in September 1969.

Early Childhood Services (ECS) was established by the Provincial Government in 1973. That year Dalhousie was among the first to receive approval and operate under government guidelines and funding.

We are a licensed, private operator operating under the legal society of the Dalhousie community association. A close liaison exists between the kindergarten program and the community association. While the community maintains certain legal responsibilities, the responsibility of administration and planning of the kindergarten program is delegated to the LAC (Local Advisory Committee) and parents of the program.

Our program is approved, monitored, evaluated and funded by Alberta Education. We must follow the same guidelines and meet the same requirements as the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Separate School Board.

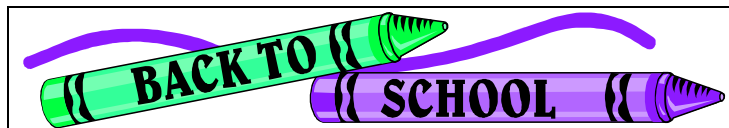
We differ in the fact that the total per child funding comes directly to our individual program. All program decisions are made at the local level.

We operate one classroom, located in the community center, located at 5432 Dalhart Rd. Parents form the LAC, and work together with the Teacher and Administrator to plan and to ensure a well coordinated program.

- Enriched high quality, effective kindergarten since 1973
- Approved and funded by Alberta education
- Fully qualified and excellent teacher
- Many opportunities for parent participation
- Wide variety of "special events"
- Your child must be 5 years old by **February 29, 2009**.

**Should you require further information at this time, please contact:**

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# Dalhousie Community Kindergarten

## ABOUT KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten program statement developed by Alberta Education says:

*"Kindergarten is to provide learning experiences that are developmentally appropriate in order to meet the diverse needs of children and promote a positive attitude toward life-long learning."*

The rationale, philosophy and learner expectations for kindergarten are stated in the Kindergarten Program Statement as developed by Alberta Education. A copy of the Kindergarten Statement is in the Kindergarten classroom and may be borrowed by parents.

Kindergarten consists of **four** important program components:

### **1. CHILDREN**

Kindergarten is a time for social interaction, for developing communication skills, for discovery and exploration. It is a time for developing a child's self-concept, his perceptual skills and a positive attitude toward school. It provides concrete experiences on which to base future learning.

It is **NOT** meant as a downward extension of Grade One. Play is child's work, offering the child success in developing skills and learning to deal with and master his environment.

The classroom is arranged with a variety of learning centers to provide challenges that meet the needs and interests of each child.

Parents with special talents and community resource people visit the classroom to share their specialties. Field trips are planned to compliment the program and encourage the children to explore the world around them.

### **2. PARENTS**

Parents are a vital part of any Kindergarten program. High quality, effective programs depend upon the commitment of parents and other individuals.

Community Kindergarten offers parents the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of their child's early education.

Involvement depends largely upon the lifestyle of individual families. Some parents are able to contribute considerable time, while others contribute in other ways.

Various family events or parent workshops may be planned.

### **3. TEACHER**

The children's program is developed by a qualified teacher holding B.ED with "Early Childhood Specialization". The teacher is offered many opportunities for professional growth and development.

### **4. COMMUNITY**

Resource persons from local and larger community circles are called upon to share their expertise.

Kindergarten is an exciting part of your child's early education. It is a program for your child and you. Be involved, help your child, and help make a good program a **GREAT** program.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **SPRING ORIENTATION**

Children will be invited to the classroom at the end of May or in early June. Parents will be notified when the date has been set.

### **HOME VISITS**

The teacher usually visits the children in their homes during the last week of August or early September. Parents will be notified in August to arrange a time. Meeting the teacher at home helps the children feel comfortable when they start.

They have already made a friend!

### **SEPTEMBER ENTRY**

September starting dates will be finalized in June. The children usually enter the program in smaller groups. Half the class comes one day with the other half coming the following day. On this first day, please bring in the filled-in forms, which the teacher will have given you on your home visit. If not provided at registration, please bring a copy of your child's **Birth Certificate and immunization Card** as Calgary Board of Health requires a copy to be on file. It is recommended that your child have the MMR immunization prior to entry into Kindergarten.

### ***FEES***

Funding for our program comes through grants from the Provincial Government. There are, however, some extra costs for special events in which parents are asked to share:

Registration:           **\$25.00** non-refundable fee payable at the time of registration.

Enhancement fee:   **\$95.00/child** payable by **May 30th**.

                                  This fee is refundable if written notice is received prior to **May 1st**.

Volunteer Deposit:   **\$50.00** will be collected in September

                                  This fee returned upon completion of volunteer duties.

Tuition Fees:       Only applies to those who **DO NOT** qualify for funding by Alberta Education.

Skiing:               Held in November. This is an Optional program and is arranged in "out-of-class" time. Group lessons are arranged at C.O.P. and include ski rentals.

Skating:            Held in January. The fee varies depending upon the cost of ice and instructors. The fee is collected at the time the program is run. The success of this program is dependent upon volunteer drivers.

Swimming:         Held in early spring. This fee also varies from year to year and is collected at the time of the program. The swim program also relies on the availability of parent drivers.

Dalhousie Community Membership is encouraged.

### **POSSIBLE EXTRAS**

Policeman, Block Parent, Dentist, Story Teller, Bread maker, Santa Claus, Science Hotline, Health Nurse, Safety City, Co-op, Library, Butterfield Acres, Theatre Performance and others.

Some of these events may have a cost/child. In this case parents will be asked to contribute. Many special events and visitors do not charge.