

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School



Pre-Kindergarten

Bienvenue to the ÉPK Catholic School Family, where your child will learn within a faith-rich French Immersion environment centered on care, support, joyful-discovery and purposeful play based learning.



Visit our Website at epk.eics.ab.ca or
call us at 780-467-7135

Pre-Kindergarten @ ÉPK Getting Started

Pre-Kindergarten at École Pere Kearns offers a French as a second language, numeracy, literacy, and communication experience for children aged 4 years by December 31, 2014. As an inclusive School Division, we also offer PUF (Program Unit Funded) services for children who require these specialized services. We welcome you to contact the Early Learning Consultant at margs@eics.ab.ca with any questions you may have about PUF.

1. Sign-up for an Orientation Session on-line at www.schoolinterviews.ca using Event Code: prekk
2. Gather articles needed

Pre-Kindergarten classes run
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday
AM Class: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

There will be field trips, Family Programming and class activities scheduled on some of the Wednesdays throughout the year.

What to bring

Most supplies will now be provided by the school at no additional cost. Please purchase/bring the following personal supplies for your child.



- A pair of runners with white soles, preferably with Velcro closure (to be kept at school)
- Backpack
- Pull-Ups (if required) We recommend that children be "toilet trained" before entering pre-kindergarten whenever possible.
- Wet Wipes
- A set of spare clothing for your child. (pants, shirt, socks and underwear)



Please label runners, backpacks, spare clothes, and all outerwear with your child's name so it can easily be identified.

Bring all supplies to your Orientation Session!

Orientation Sessions

September 4,5,6,7

To start the year off on the right foot, we will be meeting you and your child individually and in small groups prior to the start of class. During these sessions, we will gather information to learn more about your child and how we can best support him/her in the class. It will also give your child an opportunity to view the school and classroom, and play with new friends prior to the first day.

As part of the Orientation Session, you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the Teacher and Assistants who may be working with your child.

You will also have an opportunity to discuss your goals for your child, ask questions and assist in the development of your child's program.

Please book your session on-line at www.schoolinterviews.ca Use event code: **c39vs**



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically – **please check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

Until bookings close you can return to www.schoolbookings.net at any time, and change your interviews.

Transportation

Transportation is available for Alberta Education Program Unit Funded (PUF) students. It is unavailable to community children.



Please complete the request online at the EICS site www.eics.ab.ca under Transportation, and then choose the SPED Transportation Request Form.

Fees associated with your bus request, must be paid prior to bussing being scheduled for your child.

You will be notified by your bus driver of your child's pick up location & bus number. Do expect some delay for the first week or two of school.

See Parent Portal section on last page for payment information.

For any questions please call our transportation department @ 780-449-6480

Learning through Play

The Pre-Kindergarten @ ÉPK is based on the principles of the Play, Participation and Possibilities Early Learning and Child Care Framework.

These principles are founded in the belief that early childhood programs provide opportunities for “Children to participate within open, engaging, and responsive environments where exploration and play are encouraged and purposefully planned.” (Makovichuk, Hewes, Lirette and Thomas, 2014, p. 36).

Children learn best when they are discovering, interacting with their peers and having fun!



Our Staff

Our knowledgeable, dedicated and caring staff include:

Certified teacher
Speech Language Pathologist
Occupational Therapist
Educational Assistant
Physical Therapist

Other Consultants may be available to work with your child as necessary.



First Day of School

Your child's first day of school will be
Monday, September 10th.

Field Trip Fees and How I Pay Them>?



Field Trip Fees:

NEW! EPK Pre-Kindergarten children will be participating in a number of field trips this year. If there is a cost, monies will be collected prior to the field trip and will not exceed \$10.00 per trip. This fee will be payable online under your Parent Portal Account.

Parent Portal:

This is an account that you will create for yourself in our school's software system called

A screenshot of the PowerSchool website's sign-in page. At the top left is the PowerSchool logo. The main heading is "Student and Parent Sign In". Below this are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account". There are two input fields: "Username" with the placeholder text "your username" and "Password" with a masked password ".....". A link "Forgot Username or Password?" is located below the password field. A "Sign In" button is in the bottom right corner.

PowerSchool. Your account will give you access to your child's school fees, online ISP document, student forms and more! You can pay your fees using debit or credit card online. This program will be used every year at ÉPK.

Come grow with us! Get a "Grand Debut" @ ÉPK

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