



Welcome to A.E. Bowers!

2025-26 Kindergarten Handbook

Dear Kindergarten Families,

We are excited to welcome you and your students to A.E. Bowers Elementary School!

We work hard each year to prepare to welcome our students. This handbook highlights some of these processes directed specifically to kindergarten entry.

For more detailed information, please refer to the A.E. Bowers Grade 1 to 6 Handbook, found on our website <https://aebowers.rockyview.ab.ca>.

Yours in education,

The A.E. Bowers Team

KINDERGARTEN BELL SCHEDULE

AM* Kindergarten Entry

Monday to Friday* - 8:00 to 8:05 a.m.
(*alternating Fridays as per kindergarten calendar)

PM* Kindergarten Entry

Monday to Thursday - 11:50 to 11:55 a.m.
Friday* - 8:00 to 8:10 a.m.
(*alternating Fridays as per kindergarten calendar)

AM* Kindergarten Student Exit

Monday to Thursday - 11:00 a.m.
Alternating Friday Classes - 11:00 a.m.

PM* Kindergarten Student Exit

Monday to Thursday - 2:45 p.m.
Alternating Friday Classes - 11:00 a.m.

STAGGERED ENTRY

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 Last Names: A to K	Wednesday, September 3, 2025 Last Names: L to Z
AM KINDER 8:05 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	AM KINDER 8:05 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
PM KINDER 11:55 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.	PM KINDER 11:55 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

*If you have children with a different last name residing in the same home, please connect with our front office team. They will be happy to help you.

KINDERGARTEN DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Staff will greet kindergarten students upon arrival at the kindergarten doors. AM kindergarten drop off is from 8:00 - 8:10 a.m., and PM drop off is between 11:45 – 11:55 a.m.

Parking Drop-off

Parking is always a challenge. Please use either Kingdom City Church parking lot, or you can park in designated areas on streets near the school. The staff parking lot is off limits to all non-staff members.

The “Kiss & Drop” zone on the south end of the school is an area designed for quick drop off only. Please do not sit in your vehicle or park there.

Bike Racks - "Walk Your Wheels"

Please remember that when arriving on school property, all students are asked to "walk their wheels."

Late Arrivals

If kindergarten children arrive any time after 8:10 a.m. (AM classes)/11:55 a.m. (PM classes), please escort them to the front office doors. There is a doorbell with an intercom as all doors to our school are locked 24 hours a day.

Pick-up

Whether your child ends school at 11:00 a.m. or 2:45 p.m., staff will bring kindergarten students out the kindergarten doors and will ensure children leave with their parents, guardians, or caregivers.

APPOINTMENTS & EARLY PICK-UP

There may be times when you need to pick up your child during instructional time. If your child needs to leave for an appointment during the day, please enter this information into SafeArrival, and pick-up through our front office.

SAFEARRIVAL

How to Use SafeArrival

If you are unfamiliar with SafeArrival, here are three convenient methods to use when reporting your child's late, absence, or early departure in advance:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store, or via the links on the SchoolMessenger website (<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home>)
 - The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account.
 - To report a late/absence/early departure, Select Attendance.
2. Use the SafeArrival website (<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/account/login>)
 - The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account.
 - To report a late/absence/early departure, Select Attendance.
3. Call the **toll-free number** (1-833-244-5565) to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, seven days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. **Please note, you will be able to set up your accounts come September 2, 2025.**

ACCESS TO OUR SCHOOL

Office hours on school days:

Monday to Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We are a closed campus. All visitors must report to the office.

ITEMS TO BRING DAILY

Backpacks

Choose a backpack to send daily with your child that can fit an agenda, library book, lunch kit, change of clothes, and water bottle.

Clothing

- Dress your child for the season
- Send winter gear when cold: snow pants/boots, mitts, toque, etc.
- Have all items labeled with child's first name and last name (or last initial)
- We recommend you send your child with a change of clothes as accidents happen!

Outdoor & Indoor Shoes

Your child will need a pair of indoor shoes that are left at the school. Velcro, pull on, easy to put on is preferable, and must be proper shoes for running/play (no slippers, dressy shoes, or sandals).

TRANSPORTATION

If you require transportation, please go to the [RVS Transportation page](#). If you selected that you require transportation during your child's registration, you will also receive an email.

Transportation requests must be completed by August 1st.

Transportation for kindergarten children is provided **one way only** (either pick-up or drop-off).

Morning kindergarten students can ride to school and require pick-up upon dismissal.

Afternoon kindergarten require drop-off for arrival and can ride the bus home from school.

COMMUNICATION

Homeroom Teacher Communication

Families will receive newsletters from your child's homeroom teacher that will include class-specific updates, calendar events, and reminders.

School-Based Communication

At the beginning of each month, families will receive a school newsletter, the Bowers Buzz, that will include general messages, school-wide updates, calendar events, and action items.

Family-School Communication

If you have a question or concern about your child, your first line of communication is always to your child's homeroom teacher. Email is the fastest way to communicate with your child's homeroom teacher. Under normal circumstances, teachers will respond to all emails within 24 hours within normal working hours during the work week.

If you have timely information to share with your child's teacher, please call the office rather than emailing to ensure the message is communicated.

School Website

For additional school related information, please see the Grade 1-6 Handbook on our website: <https://aebowers.rockyview.ab.ca/>

A.E. Bowers Elementary School - Kindergarten Calendar - 2025-2026

AM Kinder Hours - 8:05 - 11:00, Monday - Thursday + alternating Fridays - 8:05 - 11:00

PM Kinder Hours - 11:50 - 2:45, Monday to Thursday + alternating Fridays - 8:05 - 11:00

Calendar Colour Coding Legend					
	School Day		Organizational Day (no classes)		AM K Friday - 8:05 - 11:00
	Holiday (no classes)		Vacation (no classes)		PM K Friday - 8:05 - 11:00
	PL Day (no classes)		NO Kinder classes		Kinder Staggered Entry

September 2025						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

February 2026						
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October 2025						
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23/6	27	28	29	30	31	

March 2026						
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November 2025						
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23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

April 2026						
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December 2025						
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May 2026						
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January 2026						
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June 2026						
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KEY DATES	DATE DETAILS
Friday, August 29th	BBQ from 11 AM-12 PM Open House from 12 PM-1PM
Tuesday September 2nd	Kindergarten Staggered Entry - Day 1 (last name A-K)
Wednesday, September 3rd	Kindergarten Staggered Entry - Day 2 (last name L-Z)
Thursday, November 13th	November Three Way Conferences: Student/Parent/Teacher - Day 1 (4:00pm - 7:00pm)
Friday, November 7th	NO KINDER CLASSES - November Three Way Conferences: Student/Parent/Teacher - Day 2 (8:00am - 1:00pm)
Thursday, March 5th	March Three Way Conferences Student/Parent/Teacher - Day 1 (4:00pm to 7:00 pm)
Friday, March 6th	NO KINDER CLASSES - March Three Way Conferences: Student/Parent/Teacher - Day 2 (8:00 am - 1:00pm)