



Calgary Board of Education

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Dear Parents/Guardians;

In the past year, the Calgary Board of Education completed an Expression of Interest survey and held an Open House in order to determine the level of interest in a Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program in south Calgary. As a result, it was determined that there is sufficient interest in proceeding with the registration for the program, beginning with Kindergarten and grade one. It is anticipated that the program will open in September 2011 at Midnapore School provided that The Calgary Board of Education receives a minimum of 25 student registrations per grade. Based on the actual registrations submitted, a decision will be made in December 2010 regarding whether or not the program will open in September 2011. This will provide you with time to register your child(ren) in another one of our schools should the program not open due to minimal interest.

Key Information:

- What – Registration in the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program for the 2011-2012 School Year
- Who – Parents of children entering Kindergarten and Grade One in September 2011 residing in Areas IV and V (see attached map)
- When – November 15 – December 15, 2010
- Where – Midnapore School - 55 Midpark Rise S.E

NOTE: You will require a birth certificate or acceptable proof of age and legal name for registration.

The Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program is designed for students who have limited or no previous knowledge of the Mandarin language and culture. The program develops cultural understanding as it emphasizes the communicative approach to language. Chinese (Mandarin) is offered 50% of the school day through integrated and content-based instruction. The Calgary Board of Education encourages students from all backgrounds and cultures, who wish to learn Chinese (Mandarin), to apply.

Thank you for your interest in the expansion of the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program for Areas IV and V. We look forward to welcoming your family to this school's community. If you have any questions or concerns about the registration process, please contact Midnapore School at (403)777-8680.

Sincerely,

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