



## Hugh A. Bennett School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is a pleasure for me to introduce to you the newest staff members of our Hugh A. Bennett team! Please join me in a warm welcome to Mrs. Leanne Bettsworth, our Assistant Principal and to Mrs. Peggy Lyons, our Administrative Secretary.

Peggy began her work on April 18th at the office space provided at the Area III Office located within Marlborough School. Leanne will be joining us, officially, at the beginning of August; however, we will continue to meet, discuss and plan on a regular basis. As we continue to have more communication channels opened between us we will share that information with you. For now, our official school email address is: [HughABennett@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:HughABennett@cbe.ab.ca). Information can also be accessed through our [school website](#).

We will endeavour to keep our website up to date with key information, so please check there first. If you do not find the answer to your query, please send us an email with your questions or comments as they arise.

Recently we met with Transportation and Planning and we have some key information to share with you. Hugh A. Bennett School will open as a Kindergarten – Grade 4 School in September 2016 within the new middle School: Peter Loughheed.

School hours will be as follows:

Hours for students (Monday – Friday):	
<b>Kindergarten:</b>	8:00 a.m. – 10:51 a.m. AM classes
	11:39 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. PM classes
<b>Grades 1-3:</b>	8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
<b>Lunch:</b>	11:30 a.m. – 12:21 p.m.
<b>(noon supervision will be available)</b>	
<b>Early Dismissal Times:</b>	8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Every Friday
<b>Kindergarten Early Dismissal Days</b>	8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Alternating Fridays Calendars of days will be provided

For consistency and planning we have tried to ensure our hours and calendar coincides with Saddle Ridge School in order to cause the least disruption to families.

During early dismissal days, we will engage in professional learning and student task design. These are key opportunities to keep the professional development of the staff

continuously moving forward as we strive for excellence in our teaching practice for the purpose of continuing to improve every student's learning.

At this time in the school year, schools receive their student projections and preliminary budget allocations to continue to plan for the coming year. Our projections are as follows:

Kindergarten	95 students
Grade 1	96 students
Grade 2	79 students
Grade 3	80 students
Grade 4	62 students

We have interviewed many highly qualified and interested teachers and Learning Leaders who are very excited to join the Hugh A. Bennett team. Half the teachers will be hired in this early round of postings while the remaining teaching and support staff positions will be hired in May and June through the regular Spring Staffing process.

We will also have the privilege of having a TASC (Teaching of Attitude, Social Skills, and Communication) class at Hugh A. Bennett School. This is a system class for these exceptional learners and is funded completely separately from the funds which staff our regular program. Please click on this link for more information:

<http://cbe.ab.ca/programs/supports-for-students/exceptional-and-special-needs/complex-needs/Documents/TASC.pdf>.

In the coming weeks we will communicate with you regarding Kindergarten Orientation.

If there are parents who would like to put forward their names and contact information to coordinate the establishment of a School Council and send messages to the whole parent community, please reply to the school email address:

[HughABennett@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:HughABennett@cbe.ab.ca).

We have received a very warm welcome from the Administrative teams and staff members of the Area III Office and Saddle Ridge School. Thank you to both these teams for supporting our work in ensuring a smooth start up and transition for the students of Hugh A. Bennett School.

Sincerely,



Lisa Nachtigal, Principal