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New School Opening in Panorama Hills

Re: Information on school designation, grade configuration changes and more

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to be opening a second elementary school in Panorama Hills in September 2016. The opening of Buffalo Rubbing Stone School will impact the current grade configurations at Panorama Hills School and Captain Nichola Goddard School. Having two elementary schools and one middle school in the community makes it possible to serve all kindergarten to Grade 9 students in the community. Students from Panorama Hills currently attending Alex Munro School or Sir John A. MacDonald School will attend Panorama Hills School, Buffalo Rubbing Stone School or Captain Nichola Goddard School.

Changes to grade configurations will take place over the next two years:

School Name	School Year	Grades
Buffalo Rubbing Stone School	2016-2017	K-Grade 3
Buffalo Rubbing Stone School	2017-2018 & Beyond	K-Grade 4
Panorama Hills School	2016-2017 & Beyond	K-Grade 4
Captain Nichola Goddard School	2016-2017 & Beyond	Grade 5-Grade 9

Will my child attend Buffalo Rubbing Stone School or Panorama Hills School?

Please see the attached map showing attendance areas within the community for both elementary schools. Kindergarten to Grade 3 students living within the boundary for the new Buffalo Rubbing Stone School will attend that school when it opens.

The CBE aims to offer a kindergarten to Grade 9 learning continuum that minimizes transitions between schools. The new school will not offer Grade 4 in its first year. Therefore, students currently in Grade 3 will complete Grade 4 at Panorama Hills School before transitioning to Captain Nichola Goddard School for Grade 5 with others from the community.

Where do I go to register my child for kindergarten?

All students in the community who are eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2016 are asked to register at Panorama Hills School. Kindergarten registration begins January 11, 2016 and will be ongoing. Registration at CBE schools is not on a first come-first served basis, so you do not need to register on the first day, although we

encourage parents to register their children as soon as possible to help us with our planning and preparation for the new school year.

All kindergarten students residing in Panorama Hills will be accommodated in either Buffalo Rubbing Stone School or Panorama Hills School.

Who is the new school Principal?

Principals for the new schools will be announced in February 2016. The principal will work with the existing and new school community, parents and students to develop a school opening plan.

Can my child take the school bus?

Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Information regarding transportation services and fees is available on our website at <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx> and through your school. All students accessing transportation are required to pay transportation fees.

For the 2016-17 school year, Grade 4 students who are in the boundary for Buffalo Rubbing Stone School, and outside of the walk zone for Panorama Hills School will be provided with transportation services to Panorama Hills School. Transportation services from the Buffalo Rubbing Stone School boundary to Panorama Hills School will end June 30, 2017.

What happens if the new school isn't ready to open on time?

CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools anticipated to open for September 2016. If there is a delay a contingency plan will be communicated to parents. Our contingency plans will ensure the learning needs of students are met. We will keep parents and the community informed of any changes to the expected opening of Buffalo Rubbing Stone School. For up-to-date information on the construction status of the school, please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/default.aspx>

This is an exciting time. We look forward to working with you as we welcome students to their new school.



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