

School Opening Delayed

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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Website |
[Northern Lights School](http://NorthernLightsSchool)

I'm very excited for the start of our school year and the opening of our new school. I know that you and your children are excited too, especially with everything that has changed during COVID-19. Everyone is working hard to get our school open, but unfortunately it will not be ready to open on Sept. 1 due to delays that have occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A contingency plan has been developed. **All students will be temporarily accommodated within Coventry Hills School.** A revised opening date will be confirmed by early September.

What will this mean for Northern Lights and Coventry Hills students?

Our schools will operate separately, but of course cooperatively. Northern Lights School will operate as a 'school within a school' meaning that students attend classes with the same classmates and teachers as they will have at their new school. Both Coventry Hills and Northern Lights Schools have separate principals, assistant principals, teachers and support staff who will work with and be responsible for the students in their own school. To accommodate our Northern Lights School students, the principal at Coventry Hills School and I will be looking at ways to efficiently and creatively use the classrooms and common spaces.

The schools will have different start and end times, as well as different recess and lunch times. This staggering will help best meet the needs of each school's students.

Northern Lights hours will remain as planned. They are as follows:

Grades 1 to 4

- Monday – Thursday: 9:05 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- Friday: 9:05 – 1:05 p.m.

Kindergarten

- Monday – Thursday: AM class: 9:05 – 11:55 a.m. / PM class: 12:55-3:45 p.m.
- AM or PM classes (on select Fridays only): 9:05 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Transportation may be available to the temporary locations. For fees and service levels, please visit our website.

If you are currently using Topp Kids as your Before and After School Care provider, please contact Cody by May 29 to confirm your spot for the beginning of 2020-2021 school year at the Coventry Hills site. Once we transition over to our permanent Northern Lights School location, Little Steps will be our Before and After School Care provider and families will be able to pre-register with this provider if they choose on June 6. Please see the information for Little Steps on the second page of this document.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at NorthernLights@cbe.ab.ca.

I look forward to seeing all of the students in September.

Sincerely,
Michelle Brinson, Principal
Northern Lights School





Hi Northern Lights families,

We are Mireille Berge and Melissa Bentley, owners of
Little Steps Before & After School Care.

We are so excited and honoured to become a part of the Northern Lights community and provide childcare for your children. We offer a unique, child-centred, emergent program in which children learn through open-ended play, explore their natural outdoor environment, learn problem solving skills and are provided with lots of opportunities for creative thinking and self expression.

PRE-REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON JUNE 6TH

To confirm a spot for your child, please visit our website and complete the forms online.

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We are set to open in late fall, however as things progress with the CBE, we will keep you informed and up-to-date.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our program, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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