



June 2nd, 2017

New School Opening for Springbank Hill and Discovery Ridge

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

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to be opening Griffith Woods School in January 2018. Griffith Woods School will make it possible to serve all Kindergarten-Grade 9 students in the community. This will allow Kindergarten to Grade 9 schools students in Springbank Hill and and Discovery Ridge to attend a school closer to home.

Grade configurations at schools that serve Springbank Hill and Discovery Ridge:

School Name	School Year	Grades
Griffith Woods	2017-2018	K-Grade 8
A.E. Cross & Bishop Pinkham	2017-2018	Grade 9
Griffith Woods	2018-2019	K-Grade 9

If the new school opens in January, where will students go in the fall?

As outlined in an update to parents on April 12, 2017 students will continue to attend their current designated school until the new school is open. To make the transition to the new schools as easy as possible, we plan to place students from Griffith Woods School in classes together with the teacher(s) who will move with them. Once at the new school, the most significant change for students will be their new surroundings as classmates, teachers and learning will remain the same.

How do I register my child?

Eligible students who are currently attending Battalion Park, Jennie Elliott, A.E. Cross or Bishop Pinkham schools will automatically be transferred to the new school when it opens. If you have a child eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2017 and you have not yet registered, please contact Griffith Woods School office.

Who is the new school Principal?

Rhonda Choate is the principal of Griffith Woods school. Rhonda started in her new role on April 3, 2017 and will work with parents and students to develop a school opening plan. To learn more about Rhonda please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/newschools> and click on the Griffith Woods school link.

Can my child take the school bus?

Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. Please visit <http://www.cbe.ab.ca/newschools> and click on the link to Griffith Woods School to see the walk zone map.

General 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.

Transportation to A.E. Cross and Bishop Pinkham Schools will be available until the end of June 2018.

What happens if the new school isn't ready to open in January?

CBE is closely monitoring construction progress on all schools. If there is a delay in construction CBE will communicate to parents any changes. 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 date.

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



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