

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

BRAGG CREEK EDUCATION SERVICES ASSOCIATION

Happy New Year!

Dear Parents,

We hope your holidays were restful and filled with special moments with family and friends. As we ease back into routines, it can take a little time for children to adjust—but once they do, we often see their learning and confidence really take off!

As your child continues working toward their goals, please remember that slow progress is still progress. Every child develops at their own pace, and even the smallest steps forward deserve to be celebrated. Some goals may come more easily than others, but as the saying goes, “good things take time.”

We’re so excited to see all the good that 2026 has in store!

-BCESA

This Month

- **January 1: New Years!**
- **January 30: PD Day BCESA**
- **Therapy visits resume**
- **IPP Updates begin at the end of the month and PUF meetings are being prepared.**

Registering for School

If you are preparing to enroll your child in Grade 1 or public Kindergarten, please let us know. Your ongoing involvement will be key to ensuring your child receives the services and supports they may need as they progress through the grades. We encourage you to connect with your child's new classroom teacher or the school's resource team to discuss how to best set your child up for success in their upcoming year. Your advocacy is invaluable in supporting their educational journey.

Things To Know

For families who have questions about services and supports (outside of PUF/MM funding) for their children, here are some helpful things to know...

Free Services and Supports:

Alberta Health Services (AHS) can provide free Speech-Language screening and therapy session for children in need. Parents can call AHS at 403-910-2070 to find a clinic with a Speech Pathologist.

If parents have questions about their child's development or age-appropriate milestones, they can book an appointment with their family doctor. A doctor can provide a referral to a paediatrician if needed. Please note that paediatrician wait times can be lengthy.

Recommended paediatric groups include:

<https://kaleidoscopepediatrics.com/>

<https://ladybugpediatrics.com/ladybug-team/>

<https://pineconepediatrics.ca/>

<https://www.sunnyhillpediatricclinic.com/>

FSCD (Family Support for Children with Disabilities) provides free support services for families of children with disabilities. Wait times can be long, but families are encouraged to explore whether FSCD could be a helpful resource. <https://www.alberta.ca/fscd.aspx>

Other Services and Specialized Schools:

For families seeking private therapy options, we maintain a list of recommended therapists on our website: <https://www.braggcreekeeducationsservices.com/ourteam>

Some insurance plans offer partial or full coverage for therapy services, so be sure to check your benefits.

Schools such as Renfrew (ages 3–12) and Providence (19 months–6 years) support children with diagnosed disabilities or developmental needs. These programs often have waitlists.

<https://renfreweducation.org/registration-fees/>

<https://www.providencechildren.com/our-schools/register/>

Calgary Academy (grades K-12) and Foothills Academy (grades 3-12) takes students in with average to above-average intelligence but who struggle in traditional settings due to diagnosed learning difficulties (like ADHD, dyslexia), needing academic support, or seeking flexible learning.

<https://calgaryacademy.com/our-programs/>

<https://www.foothillsacademy.org/our-school/explore-our-school/our-classes>