

BRAGG CREEK EDUCATION SERVICES ASSOCIATION

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year

Hello Parents,
Happy New Year to you all!

After the holidays it may take some time to ease back into routines, but we find that once children begin to settle back in their classrooms, services really begin to click for them. As children continue to target their goals, remember slow progress is still progress. Each child is learning at their individual developmental level. Some goals may come easier than others, but as the saying goes, "good things take time." We can't wait to see all the GOOD that is yet to come! -BCESA



CALENDAR

- Therapy visits resume
- PD Day for BCESA staff Jan. 24



Preparing 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 around other services and supports for their children, here are some things to know...

Free Services and Supports:

Alberta Health Services 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 concerns about their child's growth and development and want to check in with age appropriate milestone, they can make an appointment with their family doctor. The family doctor can refer a family to a paediatrician if needed. It may take a while to see a paediatrician. Paediatric groups we recommend are:

<https://kaleidoscopepediatrics.com/>

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

<https://pineconepediatrics.ca/>

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

FSCD is Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD). There can be a long wait for FSCD but this is also a free services for families. Parents can find out more about them at <https://www.alberta.ca/fscd.aspx>

Other Services:

For parents who want to hire therapists privately we have a list of SLP and OTs on our website at <https://www.braggcreekeeducationsservices.com/ourteam>. Private therapy can be pricy so if you have benefits that cover it this might be another good option.

Schools and programs like Renfrew (ages 3-12 years) and Providence (19 months-6 years old) can take children who have a diagnosis or disability. There can be a waitlist to get in to these school. You can find their information at:

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

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

A Psychoeducational Assessment may be needed if you suspect learning difficulties, giftedness, emotional/behaviour concerns, or difficulty with attention and focus. This assessment can range from \$2k-\$4k, and can provide valuable insights and guide interventions. Psychologist groups that we recommend:

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

<http://www.affinitycalgary.ca/home.html>