

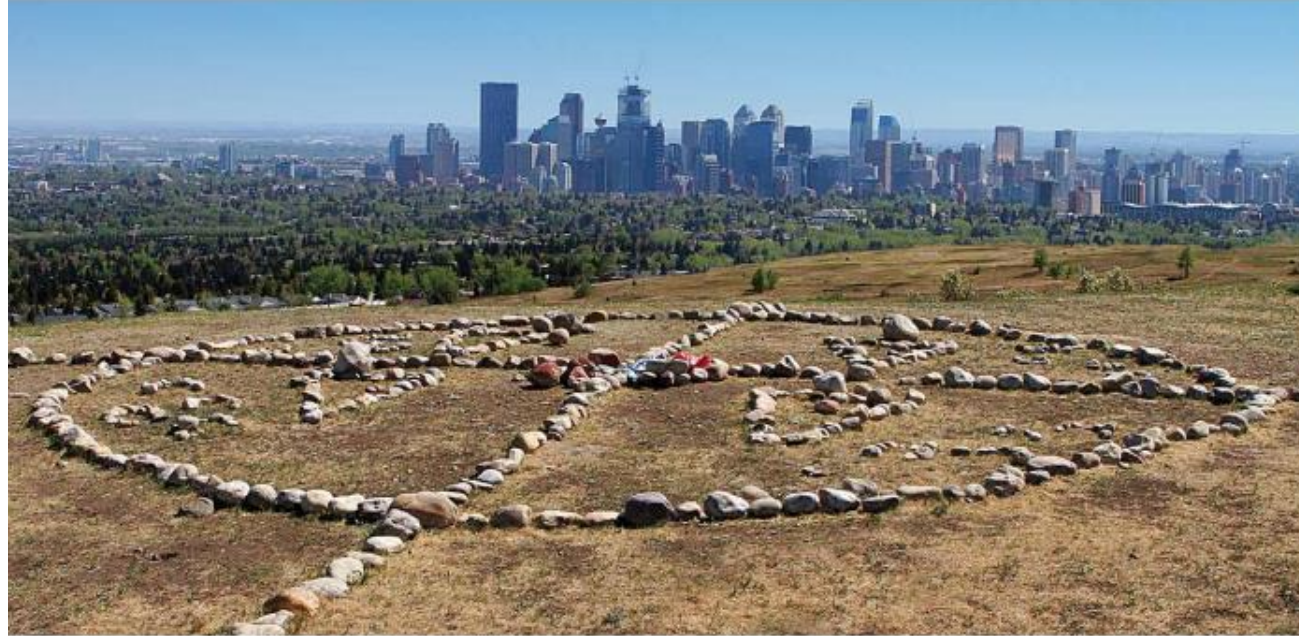
# École David Thompson School



September 2023



# Acknowledging the land where we gather



We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.



# September 28 Count Update

- Student population 605 (right on projections)
- The CBE funds schools based on student count through the spring RAM (Resource Allocation Method)
- The CBE is funded based on a three-year rolling average:

School year	Weighted factor	Enrolment count
Previous	20%	Actual
Current	30%	Estimates
Next	50%	Projection

- “In 2012-13, Alberta had the third highest per-student spending among the provinces. Nine years later, the province ranked last in the same category,” (Fraser Institute).

## School Actions to Reduce Class Size

- Further efficiencies were made through increasing size in PE classes
- Limiting complementary courses available in blocks to free teachers to teach core academic courses
- Teaching assignment for AP
- Reduction from 2 to 1 EAs
- Blending of English Language Arts Classes (also with intention to build greater connection between programs)

# Current Context

## Class Sizes by Grade and Program

	Actual	Recommended*
Grade 5	27.5	23
Grade 6	26	23
Grade 7 Eng.	20.5	25
Grade 7 FI	27	25
Grade 7 Late FI	21	25
Grade 8 Eng.	20	25
Grade 8 FI	32	25
Grade 9 Eng.	26	25
Grade 9 FI	28	25

\*Class size recommendations - 2003 Alberta Commission on Learning



# Current Context

## Class Sizes by Grade and Program

	Actual	Recommended*
ELA 7	23	23
ELA 8	29.5	23

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# The Zen Den

A Self-Regulation Space



DTS 2023



# Why Do We Need a Dedicated Space for Self-regulation?

Students at École David Thompson School deserve a space dedicated to:

- calming
- reducing stress
- recharging
- practicing strategies needed to regulate emotions



We want to honor our students by developing the most mindful space for prioritizing brain and emotional health.



BEFORE...





The students and staff at École David Thompson used their creativity and hard work to transform the space into a place where people can feel welcome, cared for and safe.

Thank you Grade 7 students of 2023 for all your amazing designs!



AFTER!



# Wellness Days and Theme Days



# Public Speaking Contest – Concours d'art oratoire

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- In the spring, French Immersion DTS students will be participating in a Public Speaking Contest from grade 5 to 9.
- Grade 5 to 9 will participate in collaboration with other French Immersion Schools in CBE.
- Finals will take place at Dr. EP Scarlett to build connections with our French program high school
- Grade 7-9 English Classes will also be participating in a public speaking event. We are currently exploring opportunities to connect with Lord Beaverbrook.





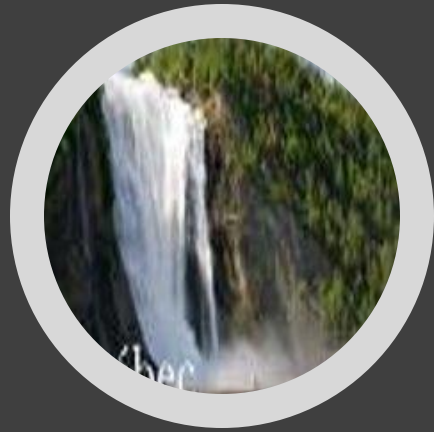
# Field Trips

- **Bowling**
- **Weaselhead**
- **Swimming**
- **Riverwatch**
- **Trico**
- **Carburn Park**
- **Fish Creek Park**
- **Inglewood Bird Sanctuary**
- **Grow Calgary**
- **Youthlink**
- **Studio Bell**
- **Heritage Park**



# Eastern Canada Trip

- Ottawa
- Montreal
- Quebec city







# Outdoor Camp

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# Outdoor Education

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- Possible Field Trips:
  - Wall Climbing
  - Cross-Country Skiing
  - Kayaking
  - Camping





# Athletics

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Grades 6-9 may try out for all teams

- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Track & Field



# Semaine de la Francophonie (March)



# Drama Production

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Announcement coming soon!







## Indigenous Education

- let's go  
outside!



# Feel the Pride!

Have a great school year!