

"Children cannot bounce off the walls if we take away the walls."

Erin Kenny



Aspen Hill
Montessori

Enhanced Kindergarten

In close partnership with Paramount Academy and Alberta Education, Aspen Hill Montessori is excited to pilot an enhanced Registered Kindergarten program for the 2022-2023 learning season. Up to 20 students will enjoy five full days of learning through the Alberta Education Kindergarten curriculum, maintaining the grace and courtesy of the Montessori environment. Time outdoors and in the community is maximized, with field trips to our dedicated agricultural properties; hikes through local ravines; and math, science and culture lessons happening in real-time. The Alberta Education curriculum for academic outcomes is followed and exceeded through our enhanced options.

The program is primarily based out of Aspen Hill's Strathcona campus, located at 7102 14th Ave. SW. It offers an enriched combination of classroom learning and field trips, farm activities, and enhanced curriculum in the out-of-doors within 5KM of the campus. We are fortunate to have access to a beautiful, purpose-built Discovery Centre located on private agricultural property off Old Banff Coach Rd., where much of our outdoor learning will occur.

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With...



*Nature is
one of our
greatest
teachers.*
Cathy James



This program is designed for the independent learner who has already experienced out-of-home care. As students will be registered provincially with Alberta Education, all students must turn 5 before Dec. 31 2022 to qualify to attend, and plan to move on to Grade 1 the following fall.

The curriculum is academic and skills-based, and designed with the whole child in mind. From math to language, science to culture; children are more engaged and connected to their learning when they have the opportunity to experience the learning kinesthetically and visually. Applying the classroom lessons outdoor and in the community enhances and strengthens the connections made on paper, ensuring learning that provides the best foundation possible for Grade One. Children from our Kindergarten program go on to priority acceptance to the area private and public schools.

Tuition for core program hours of 9AM - 3:30PM Monday to Friday is \$650 per month considering the application of the Province's new Affordability Grant program (normally \$1,100 per month). Please inquire through admissions@aspenhillmontessori.ca .to to learn more; Childcare Subsidy may also be available in addition to the Grant based on income qualification levels. Extended hours care as early as 7:30AM or as late as 5:30PM is also available.

A modified uniform environment with outdoor experiences in mind will be maintained. Private Sprinter van bussing to field trips and outdoor adventures from the Strathcona Aspen Hill Montessori location is included with tuition.



What parents are asking...

Will my child have enough time in the classroom to achieve the academic skills needed?

Yes. The teaching team has the flexibility to vary the program week-to-week to achieve the outcomes needed. Some weeks children may be doing in class learning for five mornings, and outdoor time on-property or in the neighbourhood for five afternoons. Other weeks, children may spend two or three days in a row at the farm Discovery Centre, learning about life-cycles and doing outdoor math. With private van bussing available any time on-site, the program curriculum is fluid based on the direction of the students and their learning goals.

Will my child be outdoors in all types of weather?

As with all Aspen Hill programs, outdoor access and learning is a core part of our philosophy. Regardless of campus or age group, we aim to get out of doors a minimum of two times per day, in as many types of weather as possible. Learning how to navigate the outdoor environment, and how to care for / be aware of our wider community and earth is an important part of the Alberta Education curriculum.

Are the field trips / visits to the farm optional?

Achieving the Alberta Education curriculum through outdoor adventures, farm visits, and field trips is a core part of what makes the Aspen Hill approach unique. We expect that much of the social and emotional development that is part of the curriculum will be achieved through these excursions. As such, all outings will happen during the core part of the care day, and are not considered optional. If your child has allergies or other special restrictions due to health, please chat with us during your Pre-Application Interview to be matched to the best learning option for your family.

Inquire today to express interest in the program, and to receive more information about how to apply:

admissions@aspenhillmontessori.ca .



The richest
classroom has
the sky
for a ceiling.

Margaret McMillan