

Junior School Viewbook

Kindergarten – Grade 5



ABERDEEN HALL
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Welcome to Aberdeen Hall!



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Welcome to Aberdeen Hall Preparatory School

Welcome to Aberdeen Hall Junior School. Our Junior School is a vibrant and connected community where curiosity is celebrated, kindness is practiced daily, and every student is encouraged to grow into their best self, academically, socially, and emotionally. It's an honour to be part of such a dynamic learning environment, where students don't just learn about our core values of resilience, responsibility, integrity, optimism, curiosity, and kindness - they live them, every single day.

At Aberdeen Hall, we believe that learning is relational. Through strong connections between students, educators, and families, we create a culture where every child feels safe, seen, and supported. This sense of belonging is the foundation upon which we build deep academic engagement and meaningful character development.

Through our emphasis on community building and character development, each child feels safe and connected at school. Rooted in the BC Ministry of Education's concept and competency based curriculum, learning rigorously goes beyond expectations to celebrate strengths and support areas of growth. Students are invited to dive deeper, engaging in learning that emphasizes foundational literacy and numeracy skills, while at the same time, challenges them to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of creative learning opportunities.

The Junior School marks an important time for foundational learning: academically, socially and emotionally. The caring and dedicated faculty and learning specialists at Aberdeen Hall are here to nurture each student's development, and partner with our families to support the individual educational needs and wellness of all of the students in our care. I warmly invite you to learn more about our Junior School through the pages of this booklet, and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. We are deeply proud of our school and excited to showcase all it has to offer.

Sincere regards,



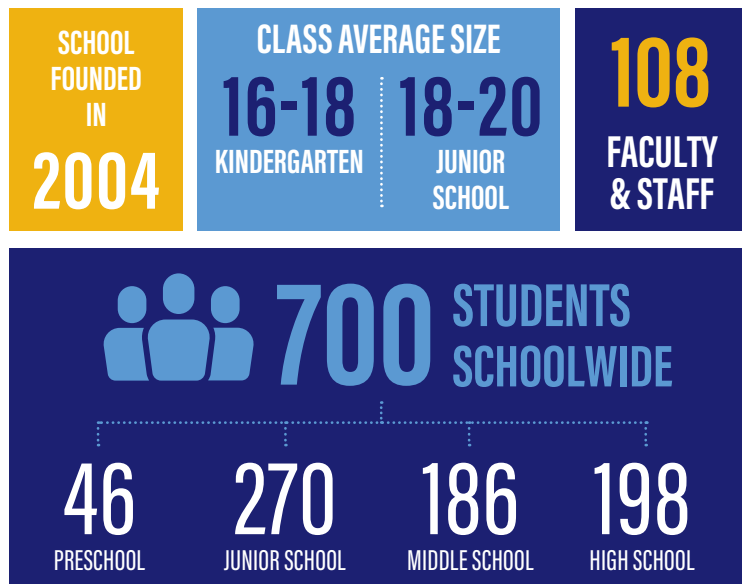
Michael Chobot
Junior School Principal

MISSION

Empower students to lead meaningful lives as compassionate, contributing citizens, and inspire their success in learning and life.

ABERDEEN HALL

Fast Facts As of March 2025



ACCREDITATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Accredited Independent Schools (CAIS)
- British Columbia Ministry of Education and Childcare
- Independent School Association of BC (ISABC)
- Federation of Independent Schools of BC (FISA)

VALUES

Resilience

The ability to respond to challenges and having the courage to persevere.

Responsibility

The ability to act independently in response to duty, and to be accountable for one's choices.

Integrity

The quality of being honest, having strong moral principles, and staying true to one's self.

Optimism

A commitment to a bright and hopeful future and the steadfast belief that the outcome will be positive.

Curiosity

A passion for continual learning and exploring.

Kindness

The quality of being considerate, inclusive, and generous.



All About Junior School at Aberdeen Hall

Aberdeen Hall's Junior School program offers a personalized version of the British Columbia Ministry of Education's approved curriculum. We encourage students to develop a love for learning, think independently, and explore their curiosity in all that they do.

In the Junior School we:

Follow the Gryphon Code

(adapted from the BC Ministry of Education Core Competencies)

Providing students with a common vocabulary around their approaches to learning and interactions with the world around them supports executive functioning skills and promotes community building.

Develop confident readers

Each child enjoys a multi sensory approach to literacy learning, developing into fluent, critical readers, who can think beyond the text to make connections that deepen their comprehension and understanding.

Love thinking mathematically

Our students have a strong numeracy foundation, which helps them apply their mathematical thinking when solving complex, real world problems.

Ask questions, work collaboratively and share our learning

Junior School students love to show what they know and share their learning with the community. Inquiry projects, drama productions, musical showcases, and student led conferences are but a sampling of the way learning is celebrated here.

"We believe in nurturing both the mind and heart, empowering every student to explore, grow, and thrive in a community that values curiosity, creativity, and compassion. Our goal is to balance academic excellence with the development of character, resilience, and a love of lifelong learning. By fostering belonging and mutual respect, we inspire students to become thoughtful, engaged citizens ready to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond."

Laura Hazeldine

Junior School

Vice Principal







The Junior School Courses

Kindergarten – Grade 5 Courses

- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health and Career Education (HACE)
- Language Arts
 - Jolly Phonics
 - Ufli

Specialty Programming in:

Our specialty programming ensures that students receive instruction in these subject areas from educators who are experts in their field - a distinct advantage we're proud to offer in our independent school setting.

- Physical Education
- AIM French
- Applied Design, Skills and Technology (ADST)
- Music
- Forest School and Outdoor Education Programming
- Art
- Drama

Social Emotional Programs including:

- Second Step Bullying Prevention
- Kids in the Know
- Zones of Regulation

"We don't just teach students what to know - we help them discover who they are as learners, as thinkers, and as kind, curious citizens of the world. Here, every question matters, every voice is valued, and every child is empowered to grow with confidence, creativity, and purpose."

Michael Chobot

Junior School Principal



Physical Education

Aberdeen Hall offers a rich variety of physical activity through our Junior School Athletics and Physical Education Programming, customized for children from Kindergarten to Grade 5.

The emphasis of our program is on skill development, sportsmanship and an overall appreciation for healthy living. Students are motivated to stay active in both body and mind to develop lasting habits and values.

Extensions to our PE programming include:

- Grade 3 - 6 Track and Field Day at the Apple Bowl
- K- Grade 3 Kelowna Gymnastix and Parkour Field Trips
- K - Grade 3 Skate Outings
- Grade 4 & 5 Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing Days

Athletics for Grade 5 students include:

- Volleyball
- Cross Country Running
- Basketball
- Swim Team (including an ISEA Swim Meet in Vancouver)

“At Aberdeen Hall, the Junior School PE program is built on creating joyful, engaging experiences for students. A key goal is to help students develop their motor skills while empowering them through voice and choice, encouraging active participation and a lifelong love of movement.”

George Smalldridge

K - Grade 5 Physical Education Teacher

Clubs and Co-Curriculars

The clubs & activities at Aberdeen Hall are designed to provide students with positive experiences that help to expand their knowledge, promote physical growth and development, and foster social and personal skills. Some of our Junior School clubs and co-curriculars include:

- Atomic Volleyball
- Golf
- Lego Club
- Yoga
- Scrapbooking, Drawing & Sewing
- Cross Country Running
- Comic Book Club
- Coding Club
- Board Games & Chess Club
- Music Club
- Loose Parts Play
- Grade 3 - 5 Musical Production





House Team Colour System

The House Team Colour System in the Junior School is designed to build community, connection, and school spirit among staff and students.

Each student and staff member is sorted into one of four House Teams: Red, Yellow, Green and Blue. Throughout the school year, House Teams participate in a wide variety of activities - ranging from friendly competitions and themed spirit days to collaborative challenges and service projects. These events are designed not only to be fun and engaging, but also to develop important skills such as teamwork, leadership, resilience, and empathy.

Points are awarded to House Teams based on participation, effort, sportsmanship, and achievement across all aspects of school life. The system encourages a healthy sense of competition while celebrating cooperation, kindness, and community values. At the end of the year, the team with the most points is celebrated at the Closing Celebrations, where the winning team is awarded with the House Team Cup. It is always an exciting moment!

A special leadership role within the House system is held by our Grade 5 House Team Captains. New captains are selected and initiated at the beginning of each term, giving multiple students the opportunity to experience leadership throughout the year. Captains play an active role in helping to plan and lead House activities, support their peers during events, and promote a positive, inclusive atmosphere within their teams.

The House Team Colour System is a cherished tradition within our Junior School community!

I have always looked up to the House Team Captains and I remember when I was in Kindergarten thinking how much I wanted to be one of them, and now I finally am!



Isla Williams
Grade 5 Student





Parent Resources

Bussing

Starting in Kindergarten, students are able to take the bus to school. Aberdeen Hall services the West Kelowna, Kelowna, Lake Country and Vernon areas with six bus routes on a daily basis.

Bus seats are secured for the entire school year and reserved on a first come, first served basis. Bus registration is sent out to all families in June of each year to reserve a spot for the following school year.

Uniforms

The school uniform is standardized to provide consistency of dress and a community within the school. Students must adhere to the dress requirements, which offer some latitude of choice. An image of excellence and quality is paramount at all times. To that end, we are asking parents to assist us by ensuring their child is always neatly presented.

Most uniform items are purchased through the school's uniform shop. It is important that students wear the uniform in its official style and parents endorse and support the uniform policy.

Formal dress "Number One" uniform is required on Mondays - our school assembly day - and for all official school functions and outings. Notice will be given when the Number One uniform is required on days other than Monday.

The daily school uniform ("Number Two") is worn Tuesday - Friday.

Hot Lunch

Our Hot Lunch Program provides nutritious, freshly prepared meals made in-house by our dedicated kitchen team. Offered five days a week, the program is designed to support the diverse dietary needs of our students by including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options daily. With a focus on wholesome ingredients and balanced choices, the hot lunch program not only nourishes our students but also adds convenience for busy families!





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