

MILLS HAVEN ELEMENTARY
GERMAN BILINGUAL PROGRAM

The Gift of a Second Language

The gift that lasts a lifetime.



EXCELLENCE 
by choice



The Gift of Opportunity

Enrol your child early — young children learn a second language quickly and easily.

- Researchers find that children who learn a second language are better problem solvers, have good thinking and communication skills, and are efficient processors of information.
- Learning a second language broadens a child's vision of the world and its people.



- Bilingual students have greater opportunities in post-secondary education and when seeking employment.
- German and English both evolved from Germanic, our common ancestor language, making German a natural choice for a second language.
- Learning a second language gives children a “spring board” to learning other languages.
- Knowing German helps children when they are required to take French later in Grade 4.

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela



Our School

The German Bilingual Program at Mills Haven Elementary is a system program that is open to students throughout Elk Island Public Schools and becomes the student's designated school for transportation purposes.

Mission

Mills Haven Elementary, through the collaboration of staff, parents, and students, provides a safe, positive environment for students as they grow academically, physically, emotionally, and socially. We offer a Regular English Program, beginning with English Kindergarten, as well as a complete German Bilingual Program, starting in Kindergarten.

School Focus

Experienced and caring staff create a stimulating learning environment for all students; our Character Education component complements students' academic skills; we have a new computer lab for the latest in technology instruction; and we work towards environmental and global awareness.

The German and English programs work together in harmony, making Mills Haven Elementary a uniquely positive learning environment for all who enter its halls.

Support Services: Enhanced Learning Assistance; Early Reading Intervention; Counselling; Early Literacy in Kindergarten; and a Library Technician.

Our German Bilingual Program

- The Program is open to all students, even those with no previous knowledge of German. Families are not required to speak German at home.
- We encourage German Kindergarten registrations; however, we also welcome students at the Grade 1 level, and those with an appropriate knowledge of German in the upper grades.
- Up to 40 per cent of the program is presented in German with 60 per cent English language instruction.
- Students are taught to read and write in English in Grade 1 before they begin German Language Arts.
- By Grade 6, children are expected to communicate comfortably, in German, with their peers and with native German speakers.
- Upon completion of the program, Grade 6 German Bilingual students are able to challenge the European framework's Level A2 Sprachdiplom, thus creating additional opportunities at the high school level.

The German Bilingual Program Extras

The Bow on Top

- Cultural enhancements in every grade such as, Grade 1 - "Schultüten", Grade 3 - Traditional Christmas Pyramids, Grade 6 - Cultural field trip.
- Cultural events such as the Family Picnic, German Cultural Day, St. Nicolas Tag and the Christmas Party.
- German computer programs.
- German program enhancements and resources in the classrooms.

Deutsch lernen ist cool!



Open Yourself up to Learning a Second Language

Give the gift of the German language.

“Give your mind a chance to travel through foreign languages.” Neil Simon

- **Gesundheit** - Good health/Bless you
- **Danke** - Thank you
- **Guten Tag** - Good Day/Hello
- **Auf Wiedersehen** - Until we see each other again/Goodbye
- **Ich liebe Dich** - I love you



The limits of my language are
the limits of my universe.

Ludwig Wittgenstein

Transportation

Transportation is available for students residing greater than 2.4 km from their designated school. Pay ride service may be available for a fee. Please contact EIPS' Student Transportation Department at studenttran@ei.educ.ab.ca or 417-8151 for further information and details.

Register today for the gift that keeps on giving

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