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Name selected for new Aspen Woods elementary school

Dr. Roberta Bondar School is the name of the new elementary school that will serve the communities of Aspen Woods and Strathcona Park.

DR. ROBERTA BONDAR - (b. 1945 -) As a renowned public speaker Bondar shares her expertise as an astronaut, physician, scientific researcher, photographer, author and environment interpreter with people all over the world. Bondar made history as the first Canadian female astronaut to go into space aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery in 1992. She was also the first neurologist to go into space. The Dr. Roberta Bondar Foundation is dedicated to education and advancing knowledge of the environment in a way that stimulates interest, excitement, creativity and responsibility by infusing art in science and science in art. Bondar has earned numerous awards and distinctions during her illustrious career, including Officer of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario, the NASA Space Medal, induction into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame and into the International Women's Forum's Hall of Fame, and 24 honorary doctorates from Canadian and American Universities.

After gathering and evaluating stakeholder input, the school naming committee recommended this name to the Board of Trustees for its approval. The committee was comprised of CBE Trustees, parent and/or community representatives and members of CBE administration.

Dr. Roberta Bondar School has a planned opening date of January 2017. It is expected to accommodate students in Kindergarten to Grade 4 when it opens with a capacity of 600 students.

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For more information on the Board of Trustees' guiding principles for naming a school visit [GC-5E,3](#).