

EAST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May has arrived, bringing with it the promise of warmer days and the energy of new beginnings. As we transition into this beautiful month, it's a great time to reflect on the growth and accomplishments we've seen so far, while looking ahead with fresh enthusiasm and purpose. Research shows that children who read regularly develop stronger vocabularies, enhanced critical thinking, and improved writing skills. So take advantage of the sunshine—enjoy your deck or a cozy outdoor spot, and spend some quality time reading with your child!

In May, we will participate in activities to bring awareness and enhance mental health. On May 7th it will be Hat's On for Mental Health, where students and staff are encouraged to wear their favourite hat to show support for mental health awareness and spark conversations about emotional well-being.

On May 8th, we'll host our annual Science Fair! Families are invited to come and see the presentations from 12:45 – 2:45 PM to explore the amazing projects our students have been working on. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their creativity, curiosity, and hard work as they present their scientific investigations and discoveries. From hands-on experiments to creative displays, you'll see how students have applied their learning in fun and meaningful ways. We hope to see you there to support and encourage our young scientists!

Our School Council and Parents' Association are looking for new members to join our team! This is a great opportunity to get involved in your child's education, share your ideas, and help support school initiatives. Whether you have a few hours to spare or want to take on a larger role, your voice matters and your support makes a difference. If you're interested or want to learn more, please reach out to the school office—we'd love to have you join us!

At the end of May we will say farewell to Mrs. Plitt. She has been the heart of our front office and a constant source of support, kindness, and calm for students, families, and staff alike. Her dedication, organizational magic, and welcoming smile have made a lasting impact on everyone who walks through our doors. Whether managing the endless to-dos, helping a nervous kindergartener, or supporting our team behind the scenes, she has done it all with grace and care. While we will deeply miss her presence, we are excited for her to enjoy a well-deserved retirement filled with new adventures, rest, and time with loved ones.

As we embrace the opportunities May presents, let us do so with a sense of gratitude for the journey thus far and an eagerness for the adventures that lie ahead. Together, let us make the most of this month, celebrating our accomplishments, fostering connections, and embracing the joy of learning.

Warm Regards,
Carla Fisher



EAST

EXPERIENCES

Community Clean-up



On April 25, 2025, East Elementary joined in a community clean-up event. Great job! You are making a difference in the community!





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EXPERIENCES

Reminder



For the safety and security of all students at East Elementary, please ensure that your child uses a lock for their bike or scooter if they ride it to school.



East Elementary

Essentials

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

Good attendance patterns are an important factor in a student's overall success at school.

Report your child absent!

Call the school - (780) 986-8421

Email the office - ees@blackgold.ca

Click the Absence Reporting link on our website

[East Elementary School](#)



Wednesday, April 23 - Friday, May 16, 2025
East Elementary School

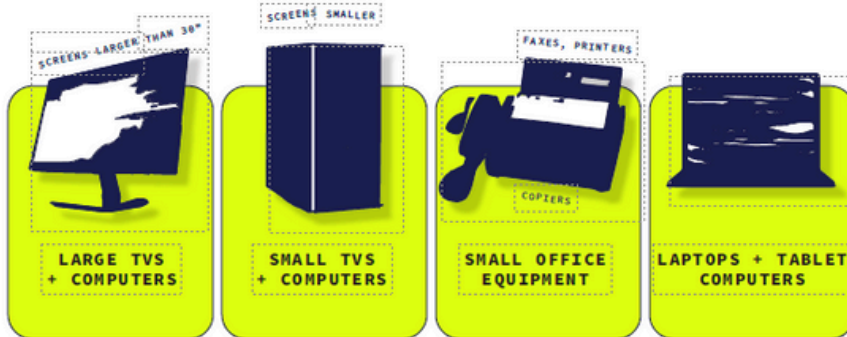


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EXPERIENCES

ELECTRONICS ROUNDUP

HELP DIVERT E-WASTE FROM
LANDFILLS AND RAISE \$\$\$
FOR *our School*



PLUS GENERATE FUNDS PER TON ON
ELIGIBLE E-PILOT MATERIAL COLLECTED



REDUCING OUR FOOTPRINT, BIT BY BIT. SHANKED COMPUTER RECYCLING IS AN AUDITED AND APPROVED RECYCLER WITH THE ALBERTA RECYCLING MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. WE RECEIVE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FROM THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT-RUN PROGRAM THAT ASSIST US IN RECOVERING AND RECYCLING THESE ELECTRONICS.

Alberta
recycling



ELECTRONICS EXPANDED

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MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



SMALL APPLIANCES

Fan
Hair dryer
Heater
Iron
Microwave
Toaster
Shaver
Vacuum
Residential Air Conditioner
PRODUCTS WITH FREON NOT ACCEPTED



AUDIO VISUAL

CD Player
Clock Radio
Digital Camera
DVD Player
Headphones
Satellite Dish
Satellite Radio
Speakers
Video Camera



TELECOM

Answering Machine
Cell Phone
Landline Phone
Modem and Router
Pager
Satellite Phone
Speakerphone



POWER AND AIR TOOLS

Drill
Grinder
Miter Saw
Nail Gun
Residential Air Compressor
Sharpener
Shop Vacuum
Skillsaw
Table Saw



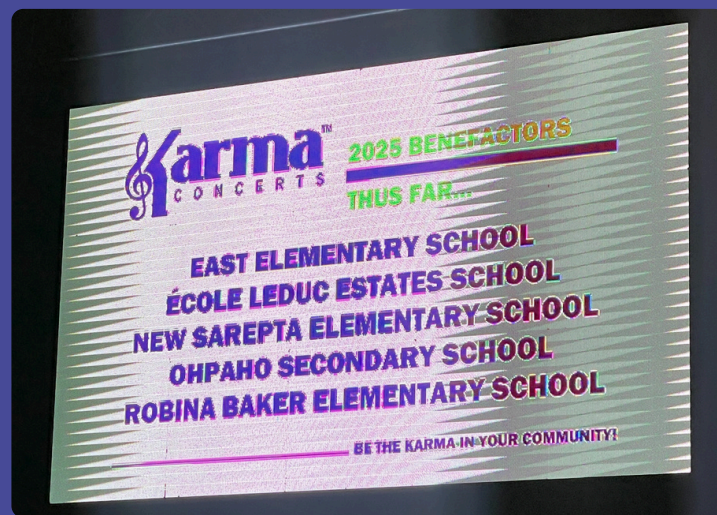
GAMES, TOYS AND MUSIC

Action Figure
Amplifier
Guitar
Keyboard
Microphone
Ride-on Toy
Toy Robot
Toy Vehicle
Video Gaming Equipment

Ask us about other electronics not listed above or visit ARMAepilot.com

WE'RE THRILLED TO SHARE THAT OUR MUSIC PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED A GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE KARMA CONCERTS FOUNDATION! THIS FUNDING WILL HELP US PURCHASE NEW INSTRUMENTS, ENRICHING MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS. A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE KARMA CONCERTS FOUNDATION AND TO OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT. I'M INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL AND EXCITED TO BRING MORE MUSIC-MAKING INTO OUR CLASSROOMS!

ROXANNE SCHILLING,
MUSIC TEACHER



Underground Theme Week

Our staff enjoyed an underground theme week, coming up with different creative themes each day to confuse the students.





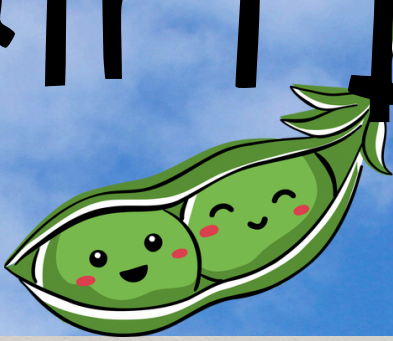
How will you remember all the fun times
from 2024-25?

Buy a yearbook, of course!!

For \$27 you will have all the fabulous
memories in pictures!

Orders can be placed online through Powerschool.
Orders accepted until June 13th.

Twin Day





SCHOOL COUNCIL
& PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

LAST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday June 5, 6:30 - 8:30, TBD (a Leduc Patio)

You are Invited! Join us for a meeting out in Leduc. Meet the friendly parents and staff behind this year's School Council and Parents' Associations. Hear about what we've done and the final events of the school year. Help Celebrate a successful year of supporting student learning!

HOT LUNCH HELP...PLEASE CHECK YES!

Healthy Hunger

Would you like to volunteer at the school for this event?

☒ Yes!

Help deliver hot lunch orders to classrooms. Its easy, peasy! Visit your kiddos, spread smiles, enjoy the thank you's and make new friends.

Fridays, 11:30 - 12:30 pm
check the Yes! box at the top of your healthy hunger order.



SIGN-UP



STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

Tues. May 27, 11am - 2pm

Our teachers and staff are wonderful! Help us thank them for everything they've done this school year!

Everyone is invited to help make this last appreciation event wonderful. Donate items, food, or time (it really is fun). Email with further details soon to come. [Scan the QR to sign-up.](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Parents Association funds provide educational support and learning experiences for our students in these ways and more...

\$ 1,500

SKI TRIPS GR. 4-6



\$1,500

SWIM LESSONS, GR.1-3

\$2,400

FIELD TRIPS, K-6



\$13,050

2024/25 FUNDRAISING GOAL

FUNDRAISERS

Wilhawk Orders Due Fri. May 2. Pick-up (at the school) to be announced before May long weekend.

Online 50/50! Enter online via rafflebox now through Fri, Jun 20. The jackpot is ~\$1370, winner takes \$685. Scan the QR to enter.

50/50 ENTRY





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Grade 6 Orientation - Leduc Junior High	2	3
4	5 Division 1 Popcorn Day  Swimming 1D	6 Internet Safety 7-9pm at Ecole Leduc Estates School	7 Swimming 3L, 2A, 3K, 1/2F	8  Science Fair	9 Indoor Soccer Tournament 	10
11	12 Division 2 Popcorn Day  Swimming 1D	13	14 Grade 6 Miquelon Lake Field Trip Swimming 3L, 2A, 3K, 1/2F	15	16 PD Day No School	17
18	19 Victoria Day No School	20 Grade 1 Miquelon Lake Field Trip	21 Swimming 3L, 2A, 3K, 1/2F	22	23	24
25	26 Swimming 1D	27	28 Grade 6 PAT ELAL Part A Swimming 3L, 2A, 3K, 1/2F	29	30 School Assembly 8:40am  Grade 2 Miquelon Lake Field Trip	31



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Division 1 Popcorn Day  Swimming 1D	3	4	5 Grade 5 Reynold's Museum Field Trip	6   Track Meet	7
8	9 Division 2 Popcorn Day 	10	11	12 Track Meet Rain out Day 3/4K & 4G Telus World of Science Field Trip	13	14
15	16 3L - Telus World of Science Field Trip	17 Grade 6 PAT ELAL Part B	18 Grade 6 PAT Math Part A	19 Grade 6 PAT Math Part B	20 Grade 6 PAT Social Studies	21
22 Kindergarten Graduation - 10am	23  Kindergarten Graduation - 10am Grade 6 Edmonton Zoo Field Trip	24  Kindergarten Open House 9:30-10:30am  Awards Night 6:30pm	25  Grade 6 Farewell - 1pm LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! 	26	27	28
29	30					



BLACK GOLD SUMMER SCHOOL

Registration now open!

Calling all students! Black Gold Summer School offers several summer programs for elementary, junior high, and senior high school students. Most of the programming is delivered in July. Programs include Grade 1 and 2 Literacy & Numeracy Camps, Grades 3 – 8 Summer Boost Camps, High School classroom and module-based courses, Mechanics 10, 20/30, Welding 10, 20/30, CALM, and Physical Education 10.



www.bgss.blackgold.ca
Today's Choice. Tomorrow's Success!





School transportation registration for 2025-26 school year opens May 5, 2025!

Register by June 30, 2025, to:

- Save money with our Early Bird Fees
- Guarantee your child's seat for the first day of school
- Help the Transportation Dept plan routes and secure enough buses for all students requesting transportation



blackgold.ca/transportation-fees-and-info

Free LRC Pass!
Spend some fun time with your family!
We have a Family LRC Pass that can be
borrowed from the Library to use. You
can check it out just like a library book!
Contact our librarian, Mrs. Bendfeld, to
get your name on the list to borrow the
pass. Her email is:
jennifer.bendfeld@blackgold.ca



LEDUC RECREATION CENTRE FREE FAMILY PASS

Sign out a Family Pass to the
Leduc Recreation Centre at the library!



How does the pass work?

- The LRC Family Pass is valid for 2 adults and all children under 18 years of age, residing in the same household.
- Sign out your LRC Family Pass for FREE from the library.
- This pass will provide you and your family with access to all of the amenities at the LRC. Enjoy the Aquatic Centre, Fieldhouses, Arenas, Fitness Centre and Indoor Track.
- Passes are valid for a one week time period.
- After your one week rental, return the LRC Family Pass back to the office for other families to enjoy.

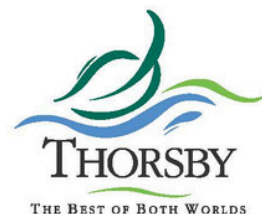
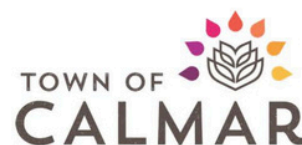


D-Stress: Stress Management in Challenging Times

Join us for an interactive workshop that focuses on stress and how we can recognize when it becomes a problem for our health. Participants will learn ways to identify and manage stress and come away with a personal action plan, which may include various stress management techniques.

This is a Recovery Alberta program and will be facilitated by Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) in partnership with City of Leduc FCSS.

- **Date:** Tuesdays, May 27 and June 3, 2025
- **Time:** noon to 1 p.m.
- **Location:** Zoom online
- **Register:** contact Kristin at [780-955-6421](tel:780-955-6421) or kristin@leduc-county.com or register online at www.leduc-county.com/d-stress
When registering, please note you are registering for both sessions.



CHANGE CAN BE HARD LET US HELP



SPRING INTO CHANGE JOIN OUR PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL SKILLS GROUP SATURDAY SESSIONS MAY 3RD - JUNE 7TH

***Must attend all 6 sessions to register**

Support your child in:

Divorce/Separation

Moving

Grief/Loss

Family Changes

Addition of a New Sibling



FOR: CO-ED YOUTHS AGES 8-12 YEARS OLD

TIME: 1:00 P.M.-2 P.M.

Led by Provisional Psychologist, Anh Ambler and Registered Psychologist, Kristianna McGonigal.

WHERE: 1907 4th Street in Nisku

Includes a FREE bag filled with tools & strategies!

FEE: \$80/session (\$480 Total)

Direct billing available to Blue Cross/ASEBP, Green Shield, Canada Life & More.

To register or inquire: admin@coolcounselling.ca or
visit www.coolcounselling.ca/groups

change

Conversations for

Building Understanding

FREE WORKSHOP! LEARN ABOUT:

- ✓ Experiences of newcomers and their families.
- ✓ Pre-migration challenges.
- ✓ Impacts of adjusting to a new environment.

MAY 10, 2025 FROM 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
LEDUC CIVIC CENTRE (1 ALEXANDRA PARK)



Register by email to
FCSS@Leduc.ca



EMOTION COACHING



The Heart of Parenting

Did you know that helping your child understand, express and manage their emotions is one of the most impactful things you can do for your child's future success in all areas of life?

Join us online for this two-session workshop, where parents and caregivers of children 0-12 years old, will explore the Gottman Institute's five step method for building children's emotional intelligence.

Date: June 3rd & 5th, 2025

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Location: Online

For more information email FRN@Leduc.ca

Use the QR code
to register

