

EAST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that I'm writing the final newsletter of the school year! It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming our students on the first day. Soon enough, we'll be starting another school year! After the August long weekend, students will receive an introductory letter from their teacher. If your plans change over the summer and you won't be returning to East Elementary, please leave a message on the office voicemail or send me a quick email at carla.fisher@blackgold.ca.

To our Grade 6 students, we send our warmest and most heartfelt best wishes as you move on from elementary school. Over the years, you have grown into thoughtful and capable leaders, and we are excited to see all that you will achieve in junior high and beyond. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished and know you will continue to do great things.

At the end of June we will say congratulations to Mrs. Kiss, our grade six teacher on her well deserved retirement. Mrs. Kiss has been at East for 24 years and 30 years with Black Gold School Division. She has been part of our Parents' Association & School Council for many of those years. She has shared her love of technology, dressing up and getting students involved in science fairs to name a few. Please join us in celebrating her retirement and other departing staff at our year end assembly on June 25th. We'll say farewell to Mrs. Forsyth, Miss Alexander, Mrs. Matchem, Mrs. Kobe, Mrs. Ehrstein, Mrs. Daly, Mrs. Dyck, Ms. Graham, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Vereschagin, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Nasir, Mrs. Schwartz, Miss Cayer, Miss Herbert, & Miss Pankewicz. We hope to see them back in the building next year! You can find our teaching staff line up for next year on page 3.

We would like to take a moment to extend our sincere thanks to our amazing Parents' Association and School Council. Your leadership, collaboration, and ongoing support have made a meaningful difference to our staff, our school, and—most importantly—our students. A heartfelt thank you as well to all the parents involved in sub-committees. Your time, energy, and dedication do not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for your many contributions throughout the year.

As we head into the final weeks of school, we look forward to continuing this journey together. Thank you for a wonderful school year and for the continued support you give your children as they grow and succeed.

Take care,

Carla Fisher



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EXPERIENCES

2025-2026 STAFF LIST

KINDERGARTEN	MRS. JULIE METKE & NEW HIRE (TBD)
GRADE 1	MS. MARSHA DERECHY
GRADE 2	MRS. CARLENE DESAUTELS
GRADES 2/3	MRS. CHANTELE LYSKAARD
GRADE 3	MS. KRISTEN PAUL-BUKSA
GRADE 4	MRS. ALEXIS KLIMASZEWSKI
GRADES 4/5	MS. SHANNON GILES
GRADE 5	MRS. ROXANNE SCHILLING & NEW HIRE (TBD)
GRADE 6	MS. JACKIE SMITH
GRADE 6	MR. BRAD AASEN
MUSIC PM	MRS. ROXANNE SCHILLING
PRINCIPAL	MRS. CARLA FISHER
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/LST	MRS. NICOLE CHAPMAN
WELLNESS	MRS. KRISTAN MYERS

PJ and Pancake Day



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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](#)

Gently Used Clothing Donations Needed

East Elementary is collecting gently used clothing to keep on hand for students who may need extra items during the school day. If you have any gently used clothing that could benefit our students, please bring your donations to the school office.

Thank you for your kindness and support!



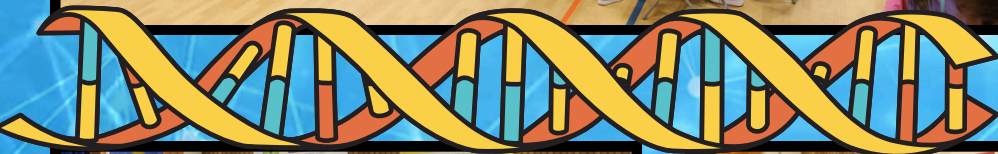
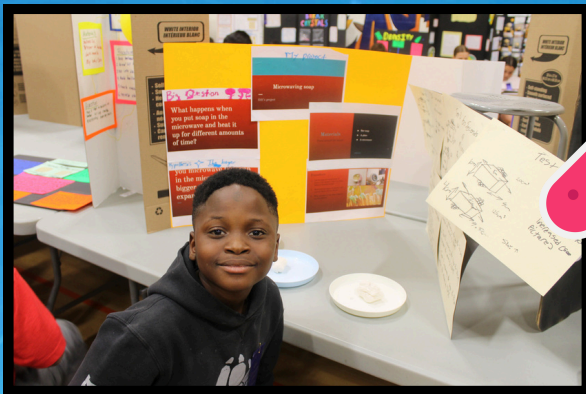
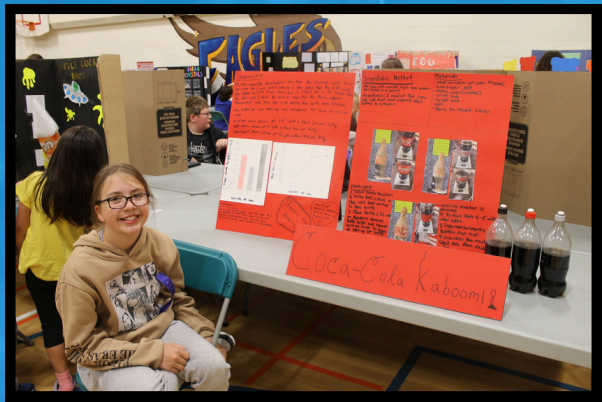


How will you remember all the fun times
from 2024-25?

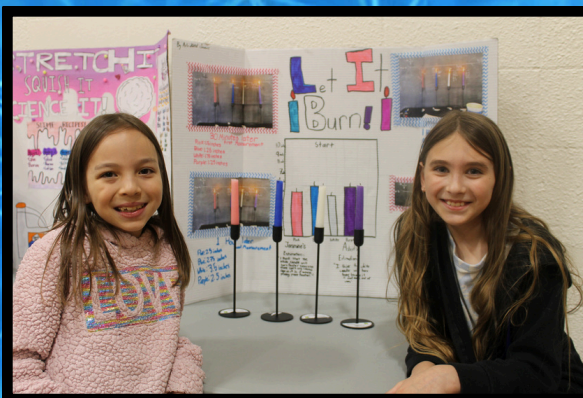
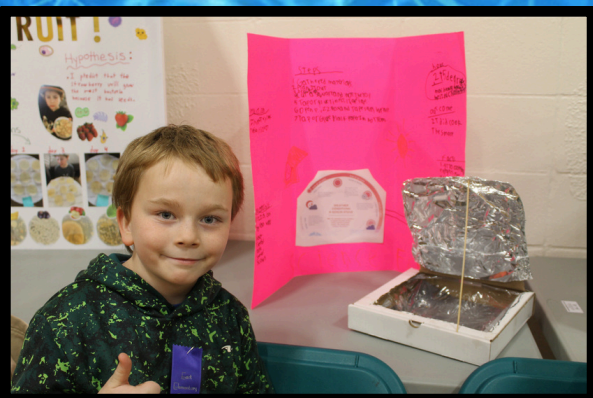
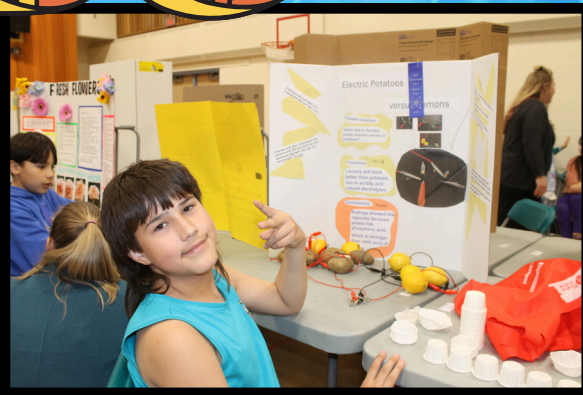
Buy a yearbook, of course!!

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

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



Science Fair 2025



SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



JUNE 2025

YOU ARE INVITED!

To our last Meetings! Join us!.

MEET

The friendly parents and staff behind this year's School Council (SC) and Parents' Associations (PA) .

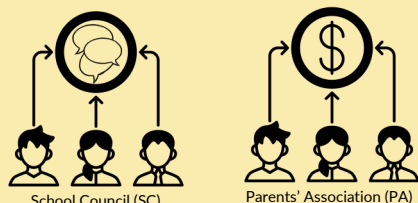
DISCUSS

SC - Principal's report on final events of the school year.

CELEBRATE

Join us for a casual get together at Kosmos to celebrate a successful year of supporting student learning!

Thurs. June 5, 6:30 -8:30pm
Kosmos, 5011 50 Ave, Leduc



50/50 LAST CHANCE!

Enter online via rafflebox now through Fri, Jun 20. The jackpot is ~\$1370, winner takes \$685. **Scan the QR or enter at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/eepea>**

50/50 ENTRY



SC & PA EXECUTIVE NEEDS YOU

The upcoming school year opens new opportunities for parents like you to grow a deeper connection with the school and your child's education. We will be welcoming new faces for the following positions next year. Will it be you?

School Council

Communications Assist - Newsletters & E-mails

Parents' Association

President, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator,

Concession Coordinator, Bingo Coordinator Assist

Join us at our last meeting (see side bar) or email ees.council@gshare.blackgold.ca to find out more.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Parent Volunteers & Supporters

Bingo workers, hot lunch distributors, bottle donators, fundraiser sorters, lice busters helpers, field trip chaperones, assembly attendees, staff appreciation contributors, fundraising contributors, and PA donors! Also, Mehbs @ Husky for gummie snack donation for the dance!

Bingo Pizza Party Sponsors

Leduc Florists - Sarah Kesterke

Trek Homes - Trevor Hekkink

Church's Chicken

SC & PA Executives, Committees & Attendees

Erin Dola, Hailey Bedard, Mandy Cook, Brittany Dicks, Tanya Graham, Carrie VanRoestels, Sarah Kesterke, Jennifer Lyimo, Marina Rideout, Sarah Davies, Gabrielle Chipeur, Michelle & Trevor Hekkink, Nancy Pipke, Carla Fisher, Trena Kiss



RODEO DRESS-UP DAY





**Hats on for
Mental Health**

Happy Retirement Mrs. Plitt!



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Division 1 Popcorn Day  Swimming 1D	3	4 Grade 5 Reynold's Museum Field Trip	5	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  Summer Fun Afternoon Grade 6 PAT Social Studies	21
22	23 Grade 6 Edmonton Zoo Field Trip	24  Kindergarten Open House 8:45-9:45am  Awards Night 6:30pm	25 Grade 6 Farewell - 1pm  Year End Assembly 8:40am 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.

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





Family
Counselling Centres
familycounsellingcentres.com



Connections:

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL
STRENGTH BUILDING
Summer Camp!
GRADES 2-4

July 7th to July 11th (Mon-Fri)
9AM-12PM

Leduc Public Library

Join Registered Provisional Psychologist Gillian Turner and Intern Therapists Laura Ellis and Jessica Piastka for an interactive summer camp designed to help children strengthen emotional and social skills while building meaningful connections!



Enhance emotional awareness and regulation



Build resilience



Learn communication, teamwork and conflict resolution skills

Price: \$220 (Direct billing available)

REGISTER HERE

intakes@familycounsellingcentres.com





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ONLINE & AWARE

A **FREE** ONLINE CYBER SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR CAREGIVERS

- EFFECTS OF SCREEN TIME AND GAMING ON COGNITIVE AND EMOTIONAL GROWTH
- CYBERBULLYING AND ONLINE PRIVACY
- MANAGING SCREEN TIME AND LIMIT SETTING

WHEN:

**MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
6PM-8PM**

FACILITATED BY:

**Laura Ellis, Intern Therapist &
Jessica Piastka, Intern Therapist**

SUPERVISED BY: Chi Q. Le, Canadian Certified Counsellor



REGISTER HERE



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Summer Learning Challenge

LEDUC PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 7 – Aug 8

Stop the Summer Slide—Join the Fun at the Library!

Kids can lose up to 3 months of learning over summer, but your library can help!

Join our Summer Learning Challenge from **July 7–August 8!** track reading, drop in for weekly fun, and win prizes!

Don't miss **Kids Day on Tuesday, July 8** with face painting, games, and more!

No registration needed, and it's all flexible to fit your family's schedule.

Science, art, scavenger hunts, movies, and so much more— let the learning adventures begin!

Visit our website at www.leduclibrary.ca or call 780-986-2637 for more information beginning June 4th.



Children who are eligible for immunizations may be immunized in the school setting with parent/guardian consent. Please check your child's school bag for a package which contains information about the vaccines, along with a consent form for each vaccine. For your child to be immunized in school, consent must be provided to AHS staff verbally or each consent form must be signed and returned to your child's school by the date indicated on the envelope.

For tips on preparing your child for immunizations, please refer to <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/hp/cdc/if-hp-cdc-ipism-tips-make-imm-easier-child.pdf>

The immunization round date at East Elementary School is Wednesday, June 11, 2025

*If your child is not present on the round date they may receive immunizations on other dates throughout the school year.

****If you are new to Alberta OR if your child has been immunized at your doctor's office or pharmacy, AHS Public Health may not have a record of your child's immunizations. To ensure your child is up to date with all recommended immunizations refer to the schedule at <https://www.alberta.ca/immunization-routine-schedule.aspx>*

To provide an up to date immunization record or if you have any questions you may contact the nurse assigned to your child's school at 780-980-5026

Leduc Arts Foundry Pottery Studio

Pottery@artsfoundry.ca

587.876.3495

Leduc AB

Instagram @itstheartof @leducartsfoundry

Programs include:

Themed Kids' Pottery Camps

One-Day Clay Workshops

Parent & Child Clay Time

Teen Wheel Throwing Classes

We welcome school-aged children from ages 5-16, and all materials are included. If you're interested in a custom in-school pottery workshop, we'd be happy to talk further!

*Thank you for supporting creative learning in our community. *please note, registration will be available June 1st*

Get Your Hands Dirty This Summer!

Summer is for Creativity, fun and CLAY!

Kids' Pottery Camps & Workshops at Leduc Arts Foundry Studio

This Summer...

Let's Make Something Amazing!

Looking for something to do this summer?

Come join the Leduc Arts Foundry for hands-on pottery for kids and teens!



1-Day Clay Workshops



Parent & Child Classes



Parent & Child Classes



1-Day Clay Workshops



Teen Wheel Throwing



Themed Clay Camps



Teen Wheel Throwing



Themed Clay Camps



Community Wellness in Leduc



A well community fosters connection, belonging, and mutual care, ensuring that every member feels supported to thrive.

Share your thoughts and enter to



Your feedback will help inform future initiatives and programs related to community wellness.




Tell us about your experiences, concerns and ideas about community well-being, connection and belonging in Leduc.




Complete the survey before August 31, 2025 and be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Walmart gift card.





INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY COMMUNITY GATHERING AND GOOD NEIGHBOUR BBQ



Saturday, June 21st 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Fred Johns Park



For more
information, visit:



The community is invited to join the City of Leduc FCSS & FRN, Creating Hope Society, and BGC Leduc for this year's Good Neighbors' BBQ in celebration of National Indigenous Peoples' Day. This is a great opportunity for the community to celebrate resiliency learn about indigenous cultural celebrations.

11:30am – Join us for a smudge, followed by Medicine Teachings, Hand Games and Dancing.

12:00am - 2:00pm – Good Neighbors BBQ in main park. Bring a picnic blanket or some chairs and enjoy the day!



Provincial Family
Resource Networks



Family Resource Network

SUMMER BOOKCLUB



NO-DRAMA DISCIPLINE

A SUMMER BOOK CLUB FOR PARENTS

WEDNESDAYS – JULY 9, 16, 23, 30 & AUGUST 6, 13, 2025 - 12:05PM TO 12:50PM

Explore a better way to discipline—with less drama and more connection. Join us for a 6-week online book club as we read the bestselling book *No-Drama Discipline* by Dr. Daniel J. Siegel & Dr. Tina Payne Bryson. Discover how neuroscience and parenting can come together to help raise emotionally resilient, well-connected kids.

Let's talk about:

- ✓ What we're learning
- ✓ What's challenging us
- ✓ How we relate it to our own parenting
- ✓ Real-life application of gentle discipline strategies

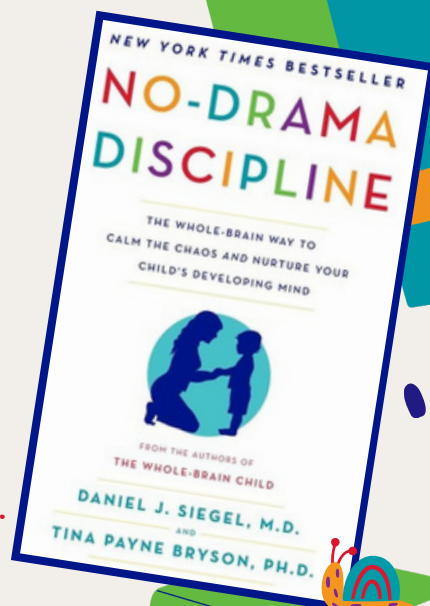
Why this book?

- Backed by research in child development and neuroscience
- Practical tools for peaceful, effective discipline
- Real examples, relatable stories, and a judgment-free tone

This is a welcoming space to grow as a parent and support one another. Whether you're just getting started or have years of experience, this book club is for you.

Sign up today and get the link to join!

Let's build calm, connection, and confidence—together.



LOCATION: ONLINE
(ZOOM LINK PROVIDED AFTER SIGN-UP)

**USE THE QR
CODE
TO REGISTER**



Email FRN@Leduc.ca for more information



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TIGER PRIDE SUMMER

BASKETBALL CAMP



JULY 1-4

\$200
GRADES 4-9 BEFORE
JUNE 13
9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Leduc Composite High School

[Registration link](#)

OR



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