



# MARCH

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# EAST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March has arrived, and with it comes longer days, hints of spring, and a renewed sense of momentum in our school. This time of year always brings fresh energy as students continue to grow in their learning and confidence. It is also a full and meaningful month. Families can look forward to St. Patrick's Day celebrations, a professional development day for staff, student-led conferences, and, of course, spring break. With so much happening, we encourage you to regularly check our school calendar and stay connected through our website and email updates to ensure you don't miss any important information.

The Government of Alberta recently announced additional funding to support schools with increased classroom complexity. We are pleased to share that our school has been selected as part of this initiative. As a result, we will be hiring one additional teacher and two educational assistants to support student learning next year. This added staffing will allow us to provide more targeted instruction, increased small-group support, and enhanced interventions for students with diverse learning needs.

We are excited to announce that next year we are partnering with Harmony In Inclusion so that they can offer Before School Care(BSC), Kindercare(KC) and After School Care (ASC) in one of our classrooms. Care will run from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM for our students. This partnership will provide families with convenient, on-site care that supports working schedules while maintaining a strong connection to our school environment. For more information or to inquire about registration, families can email: [hi.eastelementary@gmail.com](mailto:hi.eastelementary@gmail.com)

As we transition between seasons, please continue to send your child dressed for the weather. The weather can be unpredictable so being prepared helps students stay comfortable during outdoor learning and recess.

With spring break just around the corner, we also encourage students to keep reading and exploring their learning while enjoying their time off. Even a little daily reading can make a big difference!

We're looking forward to a productive and engaging month ahead!

Take Care,  
Carla Fisher  
Principal



# EAST

EXPERIENCES

## HOT LUNCH

### ☀ Did You Know? ☀

Our school offers Hot Lunch Fridays through Healthy Hunger! 🍕 🧀

Parents can place orders online at [www.healthyhunger.ca](http://www.healthyhunger.ca), with weekly ordering available and a deadline each Sunday.

☀ New this year! We've added Hot Dog Days on select weeks. Hot dogs are just \$2.00. ☀

Getting started is easy! Simply create an account on the Healthy Hunger website and you're all set.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're excited to offer this tasty option for our students!



## East Elementary Essentials



### Winter Wear Reminder ❄

With temperatures fluctuating up and down lately, we may have indoor recess one day and outdoor recess the next. Please ensure your child comes to school each day with all of their winter gear — including a warm coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and mittens.

For your reference, students will remain indoors for recess when the “feels like” temperature reaches -21°C or colder. If it's warmer than that, we will be heading outside for some fresh air!

Thank you for helping your child stay warm, comfortable, and ready for whatever the day brings!



### 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!





2024/25 - March

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday Mar. 3, Art/Science Room #110

**School Council** (6:30 - 7:30pm)  
Special Guest - BGSD Trustee Fisher  
School Budget Overview &  
Input for next Year's School Budget

## STAFF APPRECIATION

Tues. Mar 17 - Pastries, Coffee & Tea

Our 4th of 5 staff appreciation days is coming up quickly. Everyone is invited to help celebrate our teachers and give a nice boost to their week. **Donate items, food, or time** (it really is fun).

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the January smoothies, wings and veggies day was awesome.

**Scan the QR to sign-up**



STAFF APPRECIATION

## VOLUNTEER

### Hot Lunch

Available Fridays 11:30 - 12:30 pm? check 'yes' at the top of your Healthy Hunger order or email [eastelementaryhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:eastelementaryhotlunch@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Bingos

Sat. Mar 21, 5:30pm-9:30pm (2 of 11 filled)  
Sat. May 2, 11:30am-3:30pm (2 of 11 filled)

Help earn your child's class team earn a pizza party! Team Kindy,4K needs your help getting started! 3M,4/5G is in the lead with 2 slices, all other teams are on the board with ingredients mixing!  
[eastbingos@gmail.com](mailto:eastbingos@gmail.com)

BINGO SIGN-UP



## RAISE MONEY & WIN!!!

### Online 50/50!

Win big bucks this year! Enter online via rafflebox now through Fri, Jun 20. The jackpot is ~1370, winner takes \$685.  
**Scan the QR to enter.**



50/50  
ENTRY



## PIZZA, BINGO, BOOKS & GAMES!

April Family Engagement Night

Join us for a family fun evening! Come for free pizza, play Bingo, and win games to take home. (K-6 friendly).

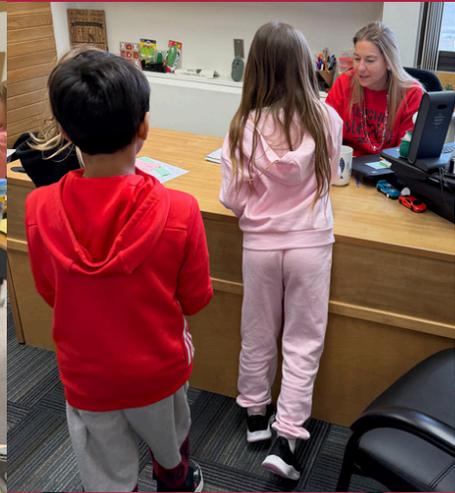
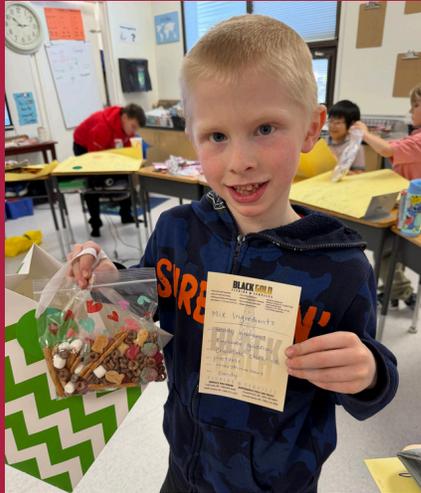
Also stop by the Used Book Swap table—bring some books and take some home (limit 5 per child).

Thursday, April 16th, School Gym  
5:30 pm Pizza\*\*, 6-7pm Bingo



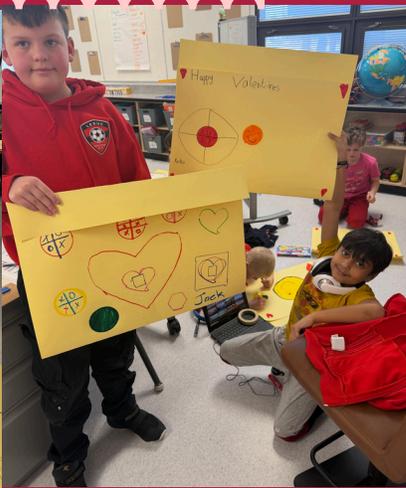
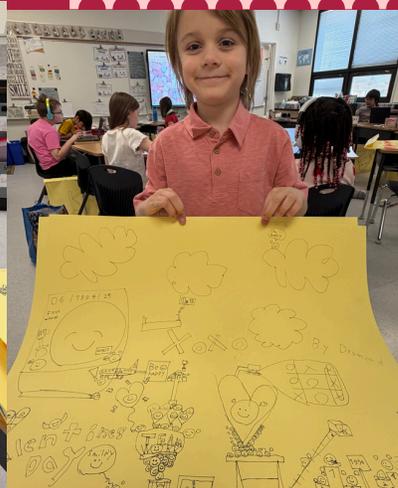
\*\*Pre-registration for pizza required (2 piece per participant). No pre-registration for Bingo only.

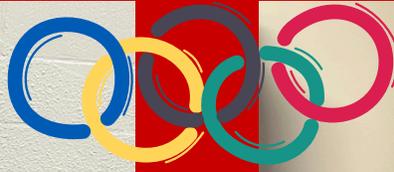




# Valentine's Day

with our Grade 3's





*Cheering on*  
**TEAM**

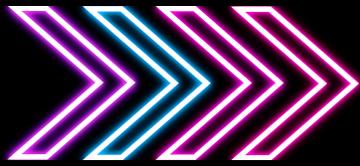
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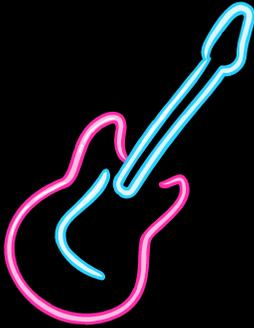
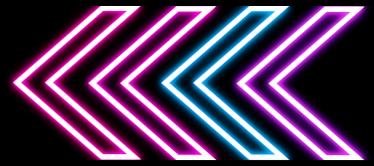
# HELP OUR GRADE 6'S



# 6

# LEVEL UP!

# 7



This month, our Grade 6 students brought the energy and enthusiasm to our very own Grade 6 Olympics! From start to finish, it was full of fun, teamwork, and plenty of smiles.

Our bottle drive is still open at the bottle depot, and we truly appreciate your continued support. We're also looking ahead to some exciting fundraisers coming up! Stay tuned as we work together to help our oldest students wrap up their elementary years with an unforgettable celebration. 🎉

## BOTTLE DRIVE

Help support our Grade 6 students as they prepare for their big send-off! You can donate anytime by taking your bottles directly to the Leduc Bottle Depot and dropping them off under "East Elementary Grade 6."

Every bottle donated helps our amazing 6's turn into confident 7's, making their year-end celebrations extra special. Thank you for supporting our students and helping them finish the year strong!



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# Grade 6 Olympics

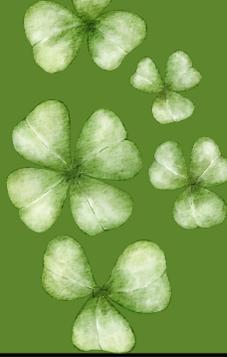


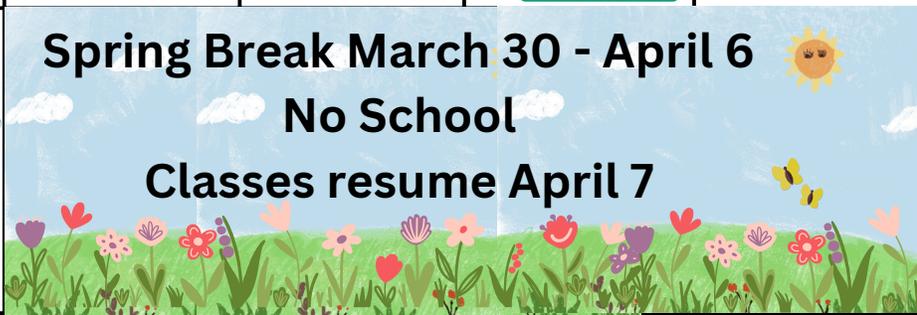
# KINDNESS ASSEMBLY

CHOOSE  
kindness



# March



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Grade 3 /4 Boys Floor Hockey Practice 3:00	3 Grade 3 /4 Boys Floor Hockey Practice 3:00 Girls Floor Hockey Practice 12:00 EEPA/SC Meeting 6:30	4 Grade 3 /4 Boys Floor Hockey Practice 3:00  Grades 4-6 Rabbit Hill Ski Trip	5 Girls Floor Hockey Practice 3:00	6 Grade 3/4 Girls Floor Hockey Tournament Hot Lunch: 	7
8  Daylight savings time starts	9 PD Day NO SCHOOL	10 Grade 5/6 Girls Floor Hockey Practice 12:00 *Kindergarten Only* No School	11 Grade 3 /4 Boys Floor Hockey Practice 3:00	12 Girls Floor Hockey Practice 3:00	13 Grade 3 /4 Boys Floor Hockey Tournament Hot Lunch: 	14
15 	16  DIV 1 Popcorn Day	17 Grade 5/6 Girls Floor Hockey Practice 12:00 St. Patrick's Dress up Day 	18 Grade 5/6 Girls Floor Hockey Practice 12:00	19 3M Field Trip McLab Theatre Production of "The Newsies"	20 Grade 5/6 Girls Floor Hockey Tournament Hot Lunch: 	21 
22 	23 LOTS OF SOCKS in support of Down Syndrome DIV 2 Popcorn Day 	24	25	26	27 Assembly 8:40 am Courage Rainbow Class Day Hot Lunch: 	28
29	30 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	31 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	Spring Break March 30 - April 6 No School Classes resume April 7 			

# Absence Reporting/ Student Sign Out

## SafeArrival -Reporting Student Absences

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As a reminder, our school uses the SafeArrival system to report and manage student absences. This system helps us verify attendance more efficiently and follow up quickly on any unexplained absences.

### How to Report Your Child's Absence

Please remember to report absences in advance using one of the following three methods:

#### 1. Mobile App

- Download the SchoolMessenger Home app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- Sign in (or select Sign Up if you have not yet created an account).
- Select Attendance, then Report an Absence.



#### 2. Website

- Visit: <https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/home>
- Sign in (or select Sign Up if you are a new user).
- Click Attendance, then Report an Absence.

#### 3. Telephone

- Call the toll-free number: 780-955-4526
- Follow the automated prompts to report the absence.

These options are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and future absences can be reported at any time.

If an absence is not reported in advance, the automated system will contact parents/guardians by email, text, push notification, and phone call until a reason is submitted. If there is no response, office staff will follow up.

If you report the absence using the SafeArrival app, website, or phone system, you will not receive these notifications.

If you need assistance logging in, please contact the school office.

If you would like to receive text messages from the school and are not currently receiving them, please ensure we have your mobile number on file and text "Y" to 987338 (standard message and data rates may apply).

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us keep our attendance records accurate and up to date.

East Elementary School

# LEDUC RECREATION CENTRE FREE FAMILY PASS

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



## 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. Eligible student must be present when pass is being used.
- Sign out your LRC Family Pass for FREE from the office.
- This pass will provide you and your family with access to all the amenities at the LRC. Enjoy the Aquatic Centre, Fieldhouses, Arenas, Fitness Centre and Indoor Track.
- Passes are valid for a one-week period.
- After your one-week rental, return the LRC Family Pass back to the office for other families to enjoy.



# FREE TRY RUGBY JUNIORS CAMP



Feb 14 & March 14  
10-11 am ~ U5 - U9  
11-12 pm ~ U11 - U18  
Leduc Rec Center  
4330 Black Gold Dr.  
Leduc, AB



April 13 & 20  
6 - 7 pm  
U5 - U18  
Nisku Turf Center  
1030 - 34 ave  
Nisku, AB

No Experience  
Necessary  
Bring a Friend



For More Info email [lacrudejuniorvp@gmail.com](mailto:lacrudejuniorvp@gmail.com)



**BUCKETS BASKETBALL SCHOOL**



# BASKETBALL

## 9U & 11U SPRING LEAGUE



**BOYS & GIRLS  
DIVISIONS**

**MARCH - JUNE - 2026**

### 9U SPRING LEAGUE BORN 2017 OR LATER

- Mixed teams
- Pre-season skill evaluation
- One practice and one game each week
- Friday evening games
- 6 player maximum per team, 3 minute shifts, equal playing time
- Mini-court, 3 on 3 games on 8.5 ft hoops, size 5 ball
- All games and practices take place at Buckets Basketball School
- Coached and officiated by Buckets Basketball School coaches for all practices and games
- Game jerseys and equipment provided

**Friday game dates**

April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19

**Friday Game times**

5:30pm, 6:25pm

**Player evaluations  
March 9 - 21 - used  
to create team and  
league balance**

### 11U SPRING LEAGUE BORN 2015 OR LATER

- Girls and Boys divisions
- Pre-season skill evaluation
- One practice and one game each week
- Saturday games
- 8 player maximum per team, 3 minute shifts, equal playing time
- Full FIBA regulation court, 4 on 4 games on 8.5 ft hoops, size 5 ball
- All games and practices take place at Buckets Basketball School
- Coached by Buckets Basketball School coaches for all practices and games
- Game jerseys and equipment provided
- EBOA (Edmonton Basketball Officials Association) Officials

**Saturday game dates**

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20

**Saturday Game times**

8:30am, 9:50am, 11:10am, 12:30pm, 1:50pm, 3:10pm, 4:30pm

**League Fee  
\$390/player**

**Registration open**



**WWW.BUCKETSbasketball.ca**



## Services We Offer

### *For Students:*

- Group Therapy
- Furry Foundations
- Individual Counselling
- Pen Paw Pal Program
- Volunteer Experience
- Animal or Nature Yoga
- Fur Fun Days (Field Trips)
- Skill Building Day Camps
- Recreation Day Camps
- Work Experience

### *For Faculty:*

- Corporate Team Buildings
- Individual or Group Counselling
- Certification in Animal Assisted Education



**dreamcatcher**™  
nature assisted therapy

780.809.1047 ext. 1  
[info@dreamcatcherassociation.com](mailto:info@dreamcatcherassociation.com)  
53044 RR #213, Ardrossan, AB

There's Still Time!  
Sign up for Cornerstone's  
**Healthy Relationships**  
a **FREE** support group for women aged 18-30!

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### Group Details

**Date:** The support group will run every Monday from February 23rd, 2026 - March 23rd, 2026

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Cost:** **FREE**

**Location:** Hosted **in-person** at **Cornerstone Counselling**, Suite 301, 7319 29 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB (Covenant Wellness Community — Lakewood) **NEW LOCATION!**

### Support Group Topics

- Defining and understanding the key differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Building self-awareness
- Learning about the different types of abuse
- Identifying red flags
- Discovering individual values
- Understanding assertive vs. aggressive and passive communication
- Setting healthy boundaries
- Understanding healthy conflict and conflict resolution
- Building self-esteem and self-worth
- Learning positive self-talk
- Practicing self-compassion and gratitude



### Facilitator

April Langille  
*Mental Health Therapist*

[Read more](#)

[\*\*Read more\*\*](#)

# DDSC



## Registration Opens March 1!

Are you at least 5 years old?  
Do you love to swim and are  
comfortable in deep water?

Do you want to have an AMAZING summer?

Check us out on facebook

### Devon Dolphins Swim Club

[www.devondolphins.ca](http://www.devondolphins.ca)



# BRAD AGOTNES

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

 780-920-1893

 [bagotnes@leduc.ca](mailto:bagotnes@leduc.ca)

**My name is Brad Agotnes, and I am a Community Peace Officer with the City of Leduc.** I currently serve as the School Resource Officer (SRO) for both the Black Gold and STAR Catholic School Divisions, working with students from Kindergarten through Grade 6 in schools across the City of Leduc.

I want to build strong relationships with students, staff, and families, while promoting safety, respect, and community engagement.

My mission is simple: *to help create a fun, safe space where all students are able to succeed.*

I have several responsibilities while serving the schools. They include:

- School visits with students and staff
- Patrols of the school halls and playgrounds
- Interacting with parents inside and outside of the the school
- Proactive safety enforcement in the school zone
- Safety presentations
- Attending school events

If you wish to speak to me about specific visits, presentations, or concerns, you may contact me by either telephone or email.

# DISCOVERY NATURE PLAY

A Year-Round Outdoor Learning Adventure!



## WHO ARE WE:

We're Erica Frick and Amry Gavin, Directors of Discovery Nature Play – a play-based outdoor exploration program for children ages 3–7.

## WHAT WE OFFER:

Hands-on outdoor learning  
Nature-based play and discovery  
Builds confidence, independence, self-regulation, motor skills, communication & leadership

 Learn more: [www.discoverynatureplay.com](http://www.discoverynatureplay.com)

 Launching in September at Telford Lake!

 **Class Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays**

 **9:00am–12:00pm or 12:30pm–3:30pm**

 **Ages 3–7 years**





Families have the option to purchase Voluntary Student Accident Insurance through our Division's insurance partner, StudyInsured.

This extra insurance can help cover costs if your child is injured in an accident.

To learn more about the plans available and what they cover, please visit:

👉 [www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/compare-plans](http://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/compare-plans)

## A plan for every need

Whether your child is a star athlete, naturally rambunctious, or just accident-prone, we've got you covered. Choose the plan that works best for you, your family, and your wallet.

Family pricing available when insuring 3 or more siblings at the same school board.

Follow StudyInsured™ on Social Media:

[LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Twitter](#)

**Please note:**

This insurance is completely optional and is separate from the coverage already provided by the Division. It is for families who would like extra protection for their child.

