



EAST ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear East Elementary Families,

September was an incredibly active and wonderfully successful month here at East Elementary. As we settle into October, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything we have already accomplished together and express my gratitude for our wonderful school community.

Inside the classrooms, teachers and students have now settled beautifully into their routines and are fully engaged in their studies. Outside, our new Gaga Ball pit has been an absolute favorite! To make sure everyone gets a fair turn, we have implemented a daily recess rotation so each grade level enjoys a dedicated day to play.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher BBQ and Scavenger Hunt. We received wonderful feedback from families on the new format. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Leduc Lions Club for their help with the BBQ, as well as to our dedicated organizing committee for bringing the event to life.

We are also incredibly proud to share that we exceeded our fundraising goal for our Terry Fox walk and run! A big shout-out goes to everyone who participated and raised funds, as well as to the volunteers who kindly handed out freebies after the event.

I am deeply grateful to our parents, guardians, students, and staff for your collaborative spirit. Working together to make our school a success is what makes coming to work a tremendously positive experience each day.

As we head deeper into the fall season, I would like to gently reiterate a few important reminders from last month:

- **Safety First:** Keeping your children safe remains our top priority. Throughout the year, we practice standard Hour Zero emergency drills (such as evacuations and hold-and-secures) to ensure our students feel secure, confident, and prepared. You can find more information about this protocol here: [Hour Zero Emergency Response](#)
- **Dress for the Weather:** Fall in Alberta certainly loves to keep us guessing! We believe in the value of daily fresh air, so students will go outside for recess every day unless there is heavy rain or extreme weather. Please ensure your child comes prepared for changing conditions with layers, a warm coat, and appropriate footwear.

Thank you for a fantastic start to the school year!

Sincerely,
Stan Travník
Principal, East Elementary School



EAST EXPERIENCE



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Dress for the Weather

As the weather gets colder, please remember to layer your child with warm, weather-appropriate clothing each day. Students spend time outdoors for recess and play, so please ensure they have what they need to stay warm and comfortable outside.



Hot Lunch

- Oct 2 - McDonald's
- Oct 9 - Extreme Pita
- Oct 16 - Pizza 73
- Oct 23 - Subway
- Oct 30 - Hot dogs

Order online at

<https://healthyhunger.ca>



No School days

- Oct 12 - Thanksgiving
- Oct 13 - PD Day
- Oct 14 - PLC Day
(Kindergarten only)



Popcorn cards

Get ready for popcorn days! We are excited to offer popcorn to our students once a month. Division 1 and Division 2 will have their popcorn days on different days of the month.

Save money by purchasing a \$5 Popcorn Card, which makes each bag cheaper over time and keeps things simple on popcorn days. If your student prefers to buy popcorn on the day of, individual bags are \$1 each. Popcorn days are scheduled monthly, so please check our website's events calendar to see the exact upcoming dates for your student's division.





EAST

EXPERIENCES



On October 23, our Parent Association volunteers will be at the school for Lice Busters! This is a preventative head lice check that is done following extended weekends and school breaks to help reduce the spread of head lice in our school community.

Parents will receive an email with more information. If you do not want your child checked, please contact the school office. Otherwise, your child will be included in the Lice Busters check.



A big thank you to our Parent Association volunteers for helping us with this important service!

Pets are not permitted on the playground or field area during school hours (8:00 - 3:30) . We understand that walking to school is a wonderful opportunity to exercise all members of the family including the dog. We have a number of students in our school who are extremely allergic to or fearful of animals. As a result, we request that students and family members refrain from bringing their pets to school. Please ensure your pet is leashed and kept away from school property which includes all playgrounds and doors. An appropriate and safe distance would be to remain on the sidewalk alongside the road away from the buses. Please never tie your dog up outside the school and leave it while you come inside.



Have you ever wondered who helps make all that delicious popcorn on our Popcorn Days?

Meet Candice Bianic! 🍿❤️

A **HUGE** thank you to Candice for generously volunteering her time to pop popcorn for our students! Your time, energy, and willingness to help make these days so special are very much appreciated. We are so lucky to have you! 🍿❤️



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!



Meet the Family

BBQ & Scavenger Hunt

THANK YOU!

A big thanks to the Lion's club for cooking and serving the hot dogs and a huge thank you to Leduc Florists for donating the hot dogs, buns and water!





SCHOOL COUNCIL (SC)
& PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (PA)

SC & PA GENERAL MEETING DATES

Tuesdays, 6:30pm Art/Science Room #110

Oct 6 - SC 6:30pm
Nov 3 - SC 6:30pm
Jan 12 - PA 6:30pm, SC 7:30pm
Mar 2 - SC 6:30pm
May 4 - PA 6:30pm, SC 7:30pm
Jun 2 - SC Wrap-up 6:30pm

In person or at home; hybrid link sent prior to meetings.
Child Friendly; bring your own quiet games or books.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October

6 Tues - SC General Meeting (SC)
20 Tues - Council of School Councils AGM (SC)
20 Tues - Staff Appreciation, Coffee & Pastries (SC)
22 Thurs - Bingo, 5:30pm - 9:30pm (PA)
23 - Lice Busters TBD (SC)

November

1 Sun - Bingo, 11:30am - 3:30pm (PA)
3 Tues - SC General Meeting (SC)



SC & PA EXECUTIVES

School Council

Chair: Erin Dola
Vice Chair: Sheri Friesen
Secretary: Mandy Cook

Parents' Association

President: Alex Proctor
Vice President: Chrissy Anderson
Secretary: Mandy Cook
Treasurer: Tristan Nickel

Contact Us

SC General: ees.council@gshare.blackgold.ca
PA General: eastelementarypa@gmail.com
PA Bingo: eastbingos@gmail.com
PA Hot Lunch: eastelementaryhotlunch@gmail.com



STAFF APPRECIATION

Staff Appreciation Days: We are continuing with our much loved five ways and days to sprinkle our appreciation over the school year. Everyone is invited to help make these days wonderful. There are opportunities to donate items, food or time. **Scan the QR for Info.**

Staff Appreciation

- September 11 - 26 (2wks) school supply donations
- October 20 - Coffee & Pastries
- January 12 - Lunch, smoothies, wings, veggie lunch
- March 16 - Pastries, Coffee & Tea
- May 25 - sit down lunch

Lice Busters Our head lice education and screening runs three times a year (Oct., Jan, Apr) Available to volunteer Oct 23 email ees.council@gshare.blackgold.ca



PA, SUPPORT FUNDRAISING - ENTER/SIGN-UP

Hot Lunch & Bingo's are our 2 biggest fundraisers of the year! Your purchases and volunteering make a huge difference to our ability to support our school.



BINGO SIGN-UP

Bingo: Parents who fill Bingo positions for East Elementary earn points toward helping their child's class win a fun food party! We're changing our game this year - details to come soon! Give your child's class a head start towards a delicious prize! **Scan the QR** to sign-up or contact eastbingos@gmail.com

Hot Lunch: Register your student at www.healthyhunger.ca. Orders close 7 days before delivery date. Available to volunteer with hot lunch distribution Fridays 11:30 - 12:30pm? Check 'yes' at the top of your Healthy Hunger order or email Carrie at eastelementaryhotlunch@gmail.com



Thank you for all your donations
to the Terry Fox Foundation. We
raised a total of \$551.10



Terry Fox Walk



OCTOBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 LDAA Cross Country Meet	2 Custodian Appreciation Day Hot Lunch:	3
4	5 DIV 1 Popcorn Day	6 SC Meeting 6:30	7	8	9 Hot Lunch:	10
11 THANKFUL	12 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	13 NO SCHOOL PD Day	14 PLC DAY No Kindergarten	15	16 Hot Lunch:	17
18	19 DIV 2 Popcorn Day	20	21	22	23 Lice Busters checks Hot Lunch:	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween Dress-up Day! Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs	31 HALLOWEEN



Cross Country Season!

What an amazing season! We had some incredible finishes, including 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, while so many of our athletes achieved personal bests and reached their goals—from setting new times to simply finishing the race.

Every runner showed determination, teamwork, and great East Eagle spirit!

So proud of everyone for giving it their all and making this season so special!
A huge THANK YOU to our amazing parent volunteers for all your support, encouragement, and help throughout the season. We couldn't have done it without you!





Cross Country



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



Harmony



OUT OF SCHOOL CARE (OSC)

For children attending
♥ East Elementary School ♥



Our East Elementary
OSC program
currently has openings
for new club members!

For more information or to
register, please email

hi.eastelementary@gmail.com



\$525

Before and After
School Care

BEFORE SCHOOL : \$100

AFTER SCHOOL : \$425

Subsidy is available!

Hi!

Harmony In
Inclusion Foundation



Children
Kinder to
Grade 6

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.



When little learners
need a little more –
we're here



Black Gold School Division Preschool

Every child grows differently. Our early intervention preschool and Junior Kindergarten programs provide specialized support so children can build confidence, skills and a strong start to school.

Who is our preschool for?

- Students who are learning English as an Additional Language.
- Students who would benefit from early intervention support.

English as an Additional Language program

- If your child is learning English as an additional language, our **Junior Kindergarten** program will help them gain confidence and be ready for success in kindergarten.
- This program is a social, play-based, targeted learning program. Your child will grow, interact, imagine, experiment and explore while enhancing their English language skills.
- Junior Kindergarten is offered at **École Dansereau Meadows School** in Beaumont, and **Willow Park School** in Leduc - four days a week.
- This program is for students who will be **4 years old** by December 31, 2026.

Early Intervention Preschool

- If you've wondered about your preschooler's speech, learning, behavior, or development this program may be helpful.
- Early intervention builds confidence and skills. Small steps now can make a big difference for success later.
- A **free screening** can help you explore next steps.
- Our students enjoy learning in a happy, supportive environment in small class sizes. They grow in communication skills and social confidence.
- Students have regular access to specialists as needed (physiotherapy, speech language pathology, occupational therapy, psychology) and a certified teacher.
- Offered across the Black Gold School Division, our Beaumont location is **École Bellevue School**.
- This program is for students who will be **3 years old** by December 31, 2026.

Can families have a child in daycare AND in our preschool?

Yes! Many community daycares provide transportation to and from the daycare to our programs. Families can have the benefits of our preschool programming, while also enjoying the convenience and support of their daycares.

Are there fees?

There is no tuition cost. We do have a small monthly material enhancement fee:

- 3 year olds: \$8 per month
- 4 year olds: \$10 per month

More information?

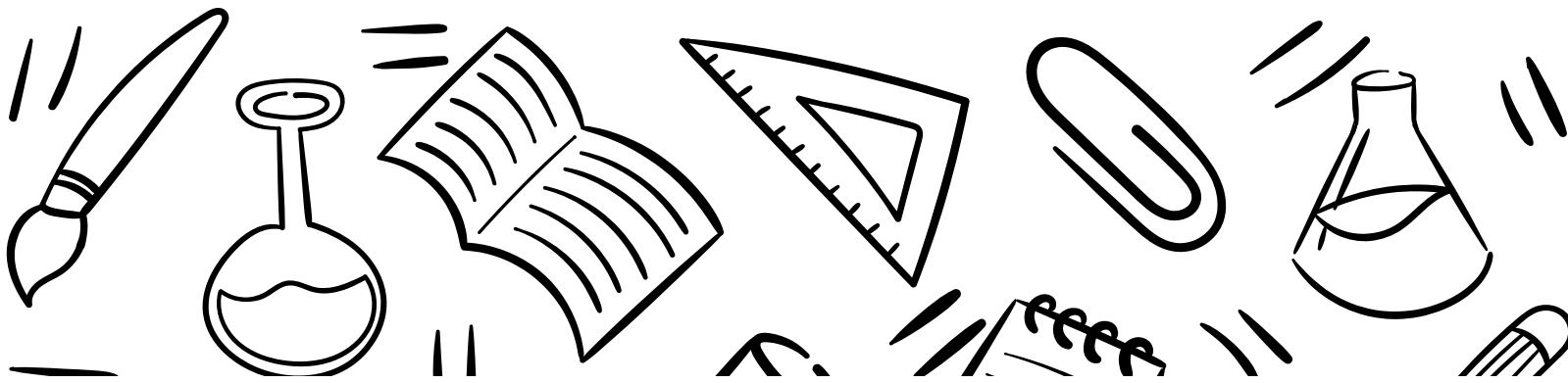


Junior Kindergarten



Early Intervention Preschool

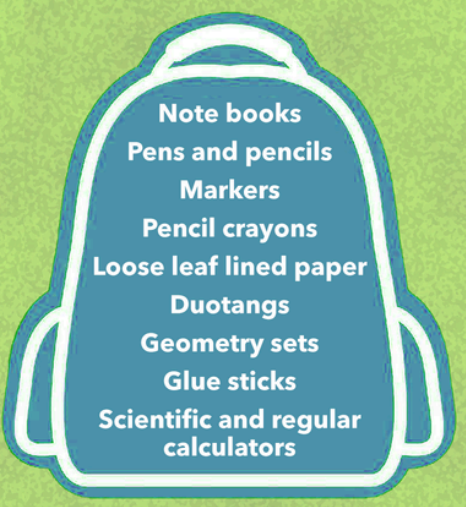
780.955.4532
www.blackgold.ca



Tools FOR School

HIGH NEED ITEMS

*Please ensure all supplies donated are new or unused



Tools for School provides backpacks filled with school supplies for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 for families needing support

If your child needs a backpack, contact the Leduc & District Food Bank to register:

780-986-5333
Director@ldfb.ca

For donations, Leduc Food Bank collection boxes are located in local grocery stores:



or donate online: www.ldfb.ca





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

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.



**CONTACT
US**



780.612.8577



intakes@familycounsellingcentres.com

After School

CONNECTIONS CLUB

Learn age-appropriate coping strategies for anxiety and engage in creative and play-based activities to promote social connection with peers at this FREE weekly group. Sign up for any number of sessions or all four!

- Nov 5 - Mindfulness
- Nov 12 - Anxiety Coping Strategies
- Nov 19 - Social Skills
- Nov 26 - Self-Esteem



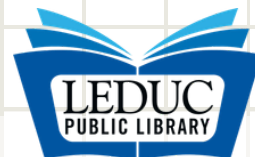
Leduc Public Library

4:30PM-5:30PM



REGISTER

Family
COUNSELLING
CENTRES



Beaumont Chiefs



Storytime



Beaumont Chiefs Storytime

Saturdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

October 17 & October 31

Ages 6-12.

Join players from the Beaumont Chiefs for a Special Saturday storytime at the library! Chiefs players will trade the ice for books, share some great stories, and join in a fun hockey-themed activity with participants.

Registration is required.