

NOVEMBER Newsletter 2023-2024



NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER 1:
PD DAY- NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 5:
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 6:
NO STONE LEFT ALONE CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 8:
SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

NOVEMBER 10:
REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 11:
REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 13-17:
MID-TERM BREAK- NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 29:
PARENTS ASSOCIATION & SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 6:30-7:30PM

*P*incipal's Message



Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

Life is full of many changes, some of which we enjoy and others we must deal with. This analogy applies directly to the change that happens in my home each October. My partner, Tricia, loves Halloween and all the aspects associated with it. There are pumpkins, candies, and many decorations strewn within our house, which makes her very happy. On the other hand, I find all of these items unsettling, not because I am afraid of a plastic skeleton, but because I find the time spent decorating and the work that goes into it unnecessary. Every October, I try to remember that this change in our household brings Tricia great joy, and it is something I have to endure.

When I look at our school, it is evident that our students work in a dynamic and changing environment. Our students experience success, and at other times, they may struggle with academics or social situations. Throughout these struggles, our staff works with our students to help promote resilience and build the strength to deal with those difficult moments. I encourage all of our parents and caregivers to do the same and continue to work on developing personal resilience in your child/children.

Have a wonderful November Break!

Mr. Chomlak



LINK:

ÉLJHS Counselling Corner

Mrs. Severson
ÉLJHS Counsellor

<https://sites.google.com/gshare.blackgold.ca/eljhs counselling corner/home>



City of Leduc Building Community

We host numerous programs, events and workshops to help residents connect with one another and enhance their quality of life throughout the year.

Workshops and Info Sessions;

We offer a variety of workshops and information sessions throughout the year to support Leduc residents.

✦ **GOOD NEIGHBOUR INITIATIVE:**

The Good Neighbours Initiative encourages neighbourly behaviour and community building through a number of events and projects.

✦ **ASSET BUILDING:**

The 40 Developmental Assets is an initiative that calls on the community to support our youth.

✦ **BLOCK PROGRAMMING:**

Under the Good Neighbour initiative, we offer the Block Party and Connector programs to help neighbourhood leaders create connections.

✦ **ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVES:**

Each year, we host Pink Shirt Day to show our support and solidarity with those who are being picked on, excluded, shamed, assaulted or gossiped about.

✦ **LEDUC UNPLUGGED:**

Leduc Unplugged program encourages and assists people in unplugging from technology to connect with themselves, their loved ones and the community.

✦ **EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES:**

Emergency Social Services is an emergency response program provided to assist those affected by disasters or emergencies in our community.

✦ **EVERYBODY GETS TO PLAY:**

Everybody Gets to Play is a national initiative to enhance the quality of life for families by offering subsidies and other forms of assistance for recreation, athletic and cultural opportunities.

✦ **SOCIAL PLANNING:**

Through social planning, we help identify what is happening in the community, and the current social needs and gaps in services. We work with local and regional organizations as well as residents to build partnerships and create a greater sense of belonging for our community.

<https://www.leduc.ca/building-community>

ÉLJHS REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023



The students and staff of École Leduc Junior High School will be observing Remembrance Day on **Friday, November 10, 2023** during two identical ceremonies.

The first ceremony will be at 8:45 AM, and the second ceremony will be at 9:45 AM, with a fifteen minute break between them. Everything will be completed by 10:30 AM.

8:45 am Ceremony: 7A, 7C, 7F, 8B, 8D, 8E, 8G, 9A, 9C, 9F, 9G

9:45 am Ceremony: 7B, 7D, 7E, 7G, 8A, 8C, 8F, 8H, 9B, 9D, 9E

If you are a family member of the ELJHS community, and are a past or present member of the Canadian Military, we would like to invite you to join our ceremonies, in uniform, if possible.

If you are a member of police, fire, or emergency services, and would like to attend in uniform, that would be appreciated as well. You are all welcome to attend one, or both ceremonies.

Email: grace.henderson@blackgold.ca to confirm your attendance.

11 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget



SCHOOL FEES



School Fees have been placed in student's accounts. Please ensure to check your child's PowerSchool Parent Portal for fees that may have been added and need to be paid. Fees should be paid ASAP. Outstanding fees may be sent to collections if not paid by end of April. If you require financial support please contact me in the school office:

Shoana Theriault: (780) 986-2184



STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS **2023/2024**

2023-2024 Student Enrollment Verification Form for Black Gold School Division is available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Please completed this process before **November 30th, 2023**. Completion of this form ensures that we have accurate information for emergency communication. If you fail to complete this form, your child's ability to leave school grounds for walking field trips, as well as participating in class/team photos or being recognized in other school materials may be compromised.

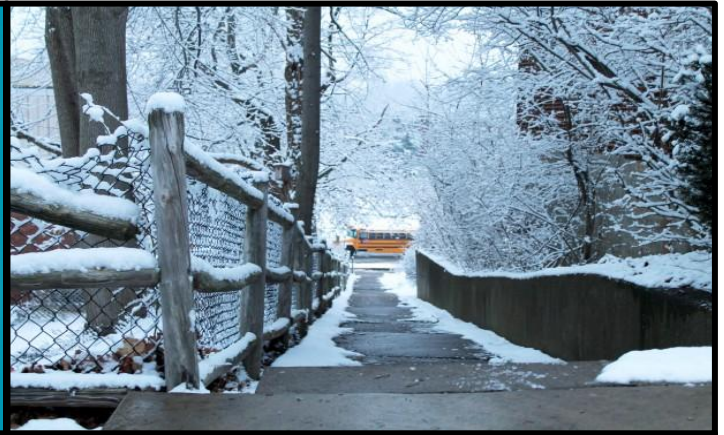
In order to confirm your child's registration with Black Gold School Division, you must have:

- An active PowerSchool Parent Portal Account.
- An Internet connected computer, tablet, or phone.

Important: If you do not already have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account please contact your school, during school hours, for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation!

WINTER SAFETY TIPS



- * **DON'T RUSH TO CATCH THE BUS:** When roads and walkways are slippery, plan to arrive a little earlier so you do not have to rush.
- * **BUNDLE UP:** Students need to keep warm. Coats, mitts, and hats are necessary on the cold days ahead. Dressing in layers prepares you for any situation, as winter weather can be unpredictable.
- * **PUT DOWN THE PHONE:** Not looking where you are walking, driving, or biking can have disastrous results. Watch for traffic and keep your phone in your pocket.
- * **GET A GRIP:** Wear footwear appropriate for conditions; boots, extra socks, etc.
- * **PAY ATTENTION TO WEATHER ALERTS AND SCHOOL MESSAGES:** As hectic as mornings can be, parents should be aware of weather alerts and bus cancellations or delays. Make sure your school has your contact information to receive late-breaking alerts, and be sure to check your school website or local media when inclement weather is expected.

WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY INCREASE RISK FOR INJURY.

PREVENT SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS BY PREPARING

FOR WINTER CONDITIONS AND TAKING EXTRA

TIME TO GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING!



Important

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you do not have access to PowerSchool Parent Portal please contact the office at 780-986-2184. The Parent Portal allows you to view your students' attendance, marks, pay fees online, among other features. If you have an existing account, you can add additional students to the same account. **If you have moved, changed phone number(s), or have any changes to personal information, please contact the office at 780-986-2184. It is important that we have your most current information on file.**

If your student will be absent from school, please notify the office so that we can enter the attendance accordingly. If it is after hours, please leave the message on the school answering machine.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LLC:



Look WHO'S Reading! CONTEST



The Library Learning Commons is running a contest from October to November to determine which books staff are currently reading or their favourite book.

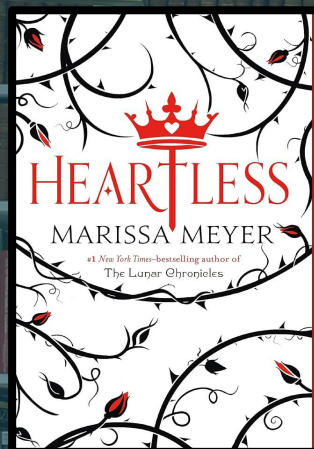
The student that matched the most books with their corresponding staff member won a candy jar from our Librarian, Mrs. Kern.

Contest Winner:

Will be announced in the December Newsletter!



Mrs. Kern's Book Recommendations:





ELJHS PARKING

The parking lot on the South side of the school is reserved for:

STAFF PARKING ONLY

If you are dropping off your child or visiting our school, there are parking areas along the street that run along the East, West, and North sides of the school yard. We have very little parking for our staff so we appreciate any cooperation with this.

WELCOME
TO THE TEAM!

ÉLJHS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS



COMING SOON!

Listen for announcements
November 27 - December 7

Meet Our NEW School Resource Officer



Cst. Cline

ÉLJHS SPORT HIGHLIGHTS:



VOLLEYBALL TEAMS



Congratulations to our Sr Boys Volleyball Team on their 3rd Place finish at the ÉLJHS Tournament on October 13th- 14th

COACH:

- Mr. Baulkham

THANK YOU for all of your support!



GOLF TEAM



Congratulations to our ELJHS Golf Team on their outstanding performance in the Wetaskiwin Tournament on September 21st

COACH:

- Mr. Bartlett

THANK YOU for all of your support!



X-COUNTRY TEAM



Congratulations to our ELJHS X-Country Team on their outstanding performances in the following races:

COACHES:

- Mrs. Jensen
- Mrs. MacPhail

THANK YOU for all of your support!



- Congratulations:**
- Alex Boute
 - Emily Ross
 - Jessica Rolof

- ★ Viking Run
- ★ Spartan Tough
- ★ John Bole Classic
- ★ LDAA X-Country Race

November 2023



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Ecole Leduc Junior High School has partnered with **myBlueprint** to provide you and your child with an engaging education and career/life planning tool.

myBlueprint Education Planner (7-12) includes many beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through their education including:

- ✓ **Who Am I** – Complete 5 assessments to learn and discover more about yourself, including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, and Motivations
- ✓ **High School** – Visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all destinations
- ✓ **Post-Secondary** – Explore post-secondary options and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs, and workplace sectors across Canada
- ✓ **Goals** – Set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans to help achieve them
- ✓ **Occupations** – Explore occupations and compare comprehensive information on job outlooks, salary ranges, and more, including the ability to identify occupations that are a good match
- ✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Record personal experiences, build resumes, and write cover letters
- ✓ **Money** – Build a budget to learn about income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- ✓ **Job Search** – Explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- ✓ **Portfolios** – Document and reflect on learning, keep record of important learning, and share your progress with parents, teachers, or future employers

To explore the features of myBlueprint, you can create a **Family Account** and link to your child's account (requires student permission). With direct access from home, you can get more informed and involved with your child's education, and support your child in making the most informed decisions about their future.

To create your **Family Account**, follow these simple steps:

1. Visit www.myBlueprint.ca
2. Click **Sign Up** at the top right corner
3. Enter your child's school Activation Key_“blackgold”
4. [Select Family](#)
5. Complete the sign up form
6. Invite your student to login to their account and click their name in the top right-hand corner. Select **My Links** and accept your link invitation

You can also watch a video about the Family account at myBlueprint.ca/support/videos.

We encourage you to get started today!

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school and ask for the MyBluePrint site lead.



Board Highlights

September 27, 2023

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Curriculum Manager, Terri Reid and Curriculum Lead Teacher, Greg Owens, provided a report to the Board outlining curriculum implementation at Black Gold Schools.

The BGSB Curriculum team (Curriculum Lead Teachers) provides professional learning to support mandatory and optionally implemented courses virtually and in-person on PD Days throughout the year. They also focus on effective pedagogy and assessment practices for all teachers.

There are Instructional Support Teachers (IST) at every school who work with the Curriculum Team at Black Gold's Division Office and they work together in order to support staff with curriculum implementation.

Black Gold School Division teachers will provide consolidated input for the feedback callout from the government with regards to the Social Studies curriculum.

SUMMER SCHOOL RECAP

Summer School offers Literacy and Numeracy camps to grades 1 - 9 as well as many high school courses to help students get ahead of their schedules or take more courses of interest during the school year.

Principal, Dan Lake, shared that there were 91 students who participated in grades 1-9 Summer School, Numeracy and Literacy camps between the Beaumont and Leduc sites and 1179 students enrolled in High School courses. High School programming generated 20% more credits in 2023 than in 2022.

MENTAL HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING (MHCB) SUMMER RECAP

A slide show was played as a summary of the camps that were provided over the summer. The MHCB Team was able to utilize rural schools as well as those in the larger cities.

The MHCB team hosted 7 different camps over the summer that took place three mornings a week

alternating between Calmar, New Sarepta, Beaumont and Leduc. Teen programming was also offered in the form of cooking and science classes. Program Director, Cherie Corcoran, noted that Mental Health programming is a part of all of the camps that the team puts on.

FACILITIES SUMMER RECAP & OHPAHO UPDATE

Director of Facilities, Robert Krahn, gave an overview of a very busy summer of projects completed by the Facilities Department to keep our schools safe and healthy.

The Ohpaho site completion (concrete, asphalt, etc.) is on track to be completed before winter and the final turnover is on schedule for May 31, 2024.

ALBERTA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (ATA) LOCAL 8 PRESIDENT GREETINGS

Kimberly St. Andre attended and brought forth greetings and discussion points:

- October 5 - World Teacher Day
- Working with Canadian Blood Services - hoping to have teachers donate under a Black Gold team name
- Save the Date Oct 24 – New Teacher Induction at the Holiday Inn
- Christmas meeting, followed by dinner, will be December 13 at the Leduc Golf Course

JR. KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

Early Years Consultant, Rebecca Aiken, explained that Jr. Kindergarten helps to enhance English language skills as identified. The program is taught by a certified teacher. The program is leveraging partnerships with settlement workers in schools and communities and with Family Resource Networks and liaisons.

SCHOOL, STUDENT & STAFF RECOGNITION

This month highlighted the many team-building and Welcome Back events for students and families hosted by schools as they start their new school year.

The Board Highlights are a summary of our Board of Trustees Regular, Organizational and Special Board Meetings. Please refer to the Black Gold School Division website to keep updated:

<https://www.blackgold.ca/about-bgsd/board/board-highlights/>



TRANSIT

>>> **SUBSIDY** <<<

Receive 50% off of a monthly Leduc Transit bus pass for low-income residents!

- Choose between a local, commuter, or LATS (*if eligible*) bus pass
- Must be a City of Leduc resident
- Must meet income eligibility requirement



For more information:

780-980-7109



YOUTH Talent Showcase

** AUDITIONS **

NOV. 4, 2023

1-4 P.M. * * * *

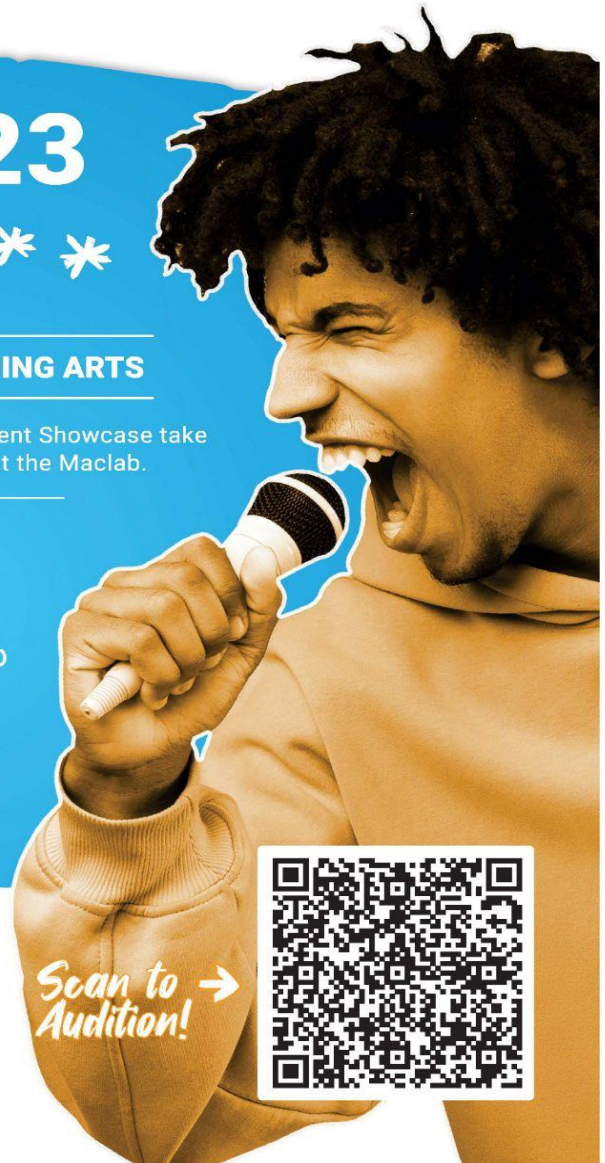
MACLAB CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Auditions for the Youth Wellness Symposium Talent Showcase take place on Saturday, November 4 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Maclab.

Talents we're looking for:

- Music
- Singing
- Dance
- Anything you'd like to showcase to Leduc!
- Acting

LEDUC.CA/YOUTH-SYMPOSIUM



Scan to Audition! →

JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

YOUTH COUNCIL

We give young people in Leduc ages 16–22 to participate an opportunity in local government by researching, advising, proposing, and planning actions in the community to City Council.

Apply today
leduc.ca/boards-committees



Young Women's Network

A group of women who work together to create charitable projects around the community.
Ages 13-18, free for youth within Leduc & Leduc county.

- VIRTUAL BI-WEEKLY PLANNING MEETINGS
- GREAT FOR RESUME BUILDING
- REFERENCE LETTER UPON COMPLETION
- VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



Info

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL JENNA
@YOUTHCOORDINATOR@BGCLELUC.CA

Bi-weekly meetings
(Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month!)
From 7:00PM-7:30PM

October 11 & 25
November 8 & 22
December 13 (In-person Christmas party)
January 10 & 24
February 14 & 28
March 13 & 27
April 10 & 24
May 8 & 22
June 12 & 26
In-person year end party: TBD



Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

November 2023



Alberta Health Services is proud to offer FREE online programming to caregivers of school-age children and youth as well as adults in the community who want to learn more about addiction and mental health topics.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

Caregiver Education Sessions

Building Executive Functioning Skills *Supporting Success in Learning*

For parents and caregivers of children in grades K-6

Part 1:
Wednesday, November 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:
Wednesday, November 8
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Technology and the Teenage Brain

Digital Wellness for Families

For parents and teens (grades 7-12) to attend together
Wednesday, November 15
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Adult Education Sessions

Silver Linings *Supporting Wellness in the Later Years*

Part 1:
Wednesday, November 22
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:
Wednesday, November 29
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Participant Feedback

"Thank you. So valuable in this crazy changing world. I really like that these sessions also point parents in the direction they can go for further help or supports."

"Really interesting session presented in a kind and thoughtful way. Thank you!"

Sessions at a Glance



Professional Practice & Education
Addiction & Mental Health
Edmonton Zone

For more information, visit www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Caregiver Education Sessions

November 2023



These free sessions are intended to provide parents, caregivers, and community members with information regarding addiction and mental health challenges that can affect children and youth. When topics are presented as a series, participants can attend one or all sessions.

Building Executive Functioning Skills

Promoting Success in Learning

In these Lunch & Learn webinars, we will review and discuss ways to support the development of your child's executive skills such as working memory, inhibition, and mental flexibility.

Part 1: The Impact of Executive Functioning

In this session, we will look at what executive functions are, their importance in our daily lives, and how executive skill difficulties may impact our children.

Date: Wednesday, November 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of children in grades K-6; for adults only.

Part 2: Supporting Executive Functioning Development

In this session, we will focus on three foundational executive functions and strategies for supporting our children as they grow in their skills.

Date: Wednesday, November 8
12:00 – 1:00 pm

For caregivers of children in grades K-6; for adults only.

Technology and the Teenage Brain

Digital Wellness for Families

Technology is a huge part of our children's lives. Come together to discuss how modern technology can impact the developing teenage brain. As we review some of the risks and benefits of technology use, parents and teens will reflect on ways to stay safer and more balanced in their use of technology to better support positive mental health.

Date: Wednesday, November 15
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

For caregivers and youth (Grades 7-12) to attend together.

Registration

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application.

A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to:

www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Participant Feedback

"Great presentation, material and helpful for professionals, parents or guardians."

"Great discussion, valuable information!"

"Thank you, this was great and easy to participate on a lunch break."



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Silver Linings

Supporting Wellness in the Later Years

As we age, we may face many stressors and challenges - we may not be as strong as we used to be, we may experience medical illnesses and loss associated with roles and loved ones. We may become lonelier, or it may be harder to cope with life transitions. This series will provide a basic overview of mental health challenges that older adults may face and some coping strategies and supports that can be used to overcome the stressors contributing to these challenges.

Part 1:

In this session, we will look closer at the common mental health challenges older adults face and some of the causes contributing to these challenges.

Date: Wednesday, November 22

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

Part 2:

In the session, we explore helpful strategies and supports that promote mental health wellbeing in older adults.

Date: Wednesday, November 29

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

Participant Feedback

“Great time. Beneficial and thought-provoking content. I'll keep on taking these courses. I'm 76 and still learning! Thanks.”

“I find the format of the virtual one hour - lunch & learn sessions to be a great option. Thanks!”



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Miss Vs On Main November

ART CLUBS & PROGRAMS

Miss Vs On Main offers after school art club for ages 4-9 & ages 10+, running Monday's and Tuesday's from 4-5:30 & 6-7:30.

We work on a variety of projects and mediums so each month the kids will take home pieces they can showcase.

November we will be working on acrylics, inspired by a favorite Canadian artist Adam Young.



FOR THE ADULTS

Adult classes are offered on Thursday 7:30-9:00 pm, we will be working on acrylics for November.

HALLOWEEN TOWN DOWN TOWN

We are so excited for all the fun fall activities happening here in our community! We are a big part of the fun.

Art club attendees will be taking part in hand crafting fall, and Halloween decor for main street and downtown businesses for display to the public.

The downtown businesses are offering trick or treating to the public on Halloween both day time & evening and we are creating all the decorations for it!



ANYONE CAN GET CREATIVE

We offer programming for all ages and experience levels, but we also offer programming for those who need support.

We offer options for low income families as well as families with disabilities. We strongly believe supporting everyone in the community is important as the people make our community thrive.



THE WORLD OF ACRYLICS

This month we will learn about acrylics. We will look at different artists and styles and use their techniques to make our own beautiful pieces.

We will learn a little bit of everything, from abstract art to some more structured form.



Our inspirational artists this month are Adam Young, an east coast acrylic artist who's art work is bright and whimsical. Kimberly Bickstock a unique artist who uses a very colourful and unusual way of creating art. And of course Sam from Vancouver with his contemporary landscapes and very unmistakable trees.

ART CLUB FOR ALL AGES

Art club is for everyone ! From toddler to adults we have you covered.

starting January we will be offering a mom's & toys group where mom's and their under 4 kids can come and get creative while making friends and messes !

After school art club runs 4-5:30 & 6-7:30 on Monday's & Tuesday's for Ages 4-9 & 10+

Thursday nights are for the parents we now offer adult classes from 7:30-9 PM.

ANYONE CAN GET CREATIVE

We offer support for those who need it. Whether its financial support or support with extra help for those with disabilities, we have you and your family covered.

COMMUNITY

We believe bringing the community together through creativity is important and always look for ways our program attendees can have their work showcased or incorporated into our community.



NEED A VISIT FROM SANTA?

www.leduc santashelpers.ca

Helping families in Leduc for 40 years

We believe every child should have a smile on their face at Christmas!

Registration will be open:

November 1 - December 12

To register online visit:

www.leduc santashelpers.ca/hamper-application/

To register via telephone call:

825-995-1008

Program Criteria:

- Must be a resident of the City of Leduc
- Must have children in the household under the age of 18
- Must meet the income guidelines:

Family Size	Maximum Income
Two Persons	up to \$45,000
Three Persons	up to \$47,500
Four Persons	up to \$50,000
Five Persons	up to \$52,500
Six Persons	up to \$55,000
More than Six People	up to \$57,500

Leduc Santa's Helpers



We are looking for NEW/Unused items to include with our Christmas hampers. Toys, Pajamas, Socks, Games, Mitt/Toque sets, etc.

All donations are greatly appreciated! If it is popular with your children it is likely to be on the wishlist of others.

Items that are generally in short supply include:

- Pajamas
- Socks
- Books
- Games
- Lego Kits
- Drones
- Bluetooth Speakers
- Headphones
- Make-up Kits
- Curling Irons
- Blow Dryers
- Electric Shaver
- RC Vehicles
- Art Kits
- Craft Kits
- Watches
- Model Kits
- Pencil Crayons
- Gift Cards
- Sports Items *(Basketballs, Soccer Balls, etc)*
- Power Banks
- Phone Acces.
- Blankets
- Hoodies/Sweatshirts
- Coloring Books
- Personal Care Kits

Items for 0 - 2 year olds that are generally in short supply include:

- Pajamas/Onsies/Clothes/Blankets
- Learning Toys: Vtech, LeapFrog, Fisher-Price
- Teething Toys
- Play Mats
- Stacking Toys

Check with your school for donation deadlines

Thank you for supporting Leduc Santa's Helpers and helping those less fortunate this holiday season.

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Monthly Calendar							Teacher Days	Student Days	Dates & Details	
AUGUST 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	4	2	August 28 & 29 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			August 30 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
	27	28	29	30	31					
SEPTEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	September 4 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)
	3		5	6	7	8	9			September 15 - PD Day: (No Students): (AM) Welcome Back & LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			September 29 - Day in Lieu - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
OCTOBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			October 10 - PD Day (No Students)
	8		10	11	12	13	14			Diploma Exam
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
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	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			November 5 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward)
	12						18			November 11 - Remembrance Day
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25			November 13 - 17 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)
	26	27	28	29	30					Diploma Exam
DECEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	December 4 - PD Day (No Students)
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			December 25 - 29 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
	24						30			
JANUARY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	18	17	January 1 - 5 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			January 8 - School Resumes
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			January 31 - PD Day (No Students)
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
	28	29	30	31						Diploma Exam & Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) Diploma Exam
Semester 1: Aug 31, 2023 - Jan 31, 2024							95	88	Semester 2 - Commences Feb 1, 2024	
FEBRUARY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	February 1 - Semester 2 Commences
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			February 8 & 9 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			February 19 - Family Day (Schools Closed)
	18		20	21	22	23	24			
	25	26	27	28	29					
MARCH 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	March 10 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward)
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			March 11 - PD Day (No Students)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16			March 25 - 29 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
	24						30			
APRIL 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	April 1 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13			April 2 - School Resumes
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			April 19 - PD Day (No Students)
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			Diploma Exam
	28	29	30							
MAY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	May 17 - PD Day (No Students)
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			May 20 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)
	19		21	22	23	24	25			
	26	27	28	29	30	31				
JUNE 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	June 21 - National Indigenous Peoples Day
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			June 26 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam & PAT
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			June 27 & 28 - Teacher Workday (No Students)
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22			Diploma Exam & PAT
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29			Diploma Exam
Semester 2: February 1 - June 28, 2024							99	92		
TOTAL = Operational Days-Teachers / Instructional Days-Students							194	180	Aug-Dec/23: 77 -T & 71 -S; Jan-June/24: 117 -T & 109 -S	

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