

LINSFORD PARK SCHOOL

"Building Healthy, Inclusive Relationships and Academic Competencies"



November 2023

PARENT NEWSLETTER

POWER SCHOOL REPORTING & PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All teachers in Kindergarten and grades 1-6 will use PowerTeacherPro to record and communicate student marks to parents/guardians. This is accessible by signing into your PowerSchool Parent portal on the Linsford Park website or through <https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html>. You will need your user name and password to access the portal for information about your child's marks. A copy of further instructions is attached to this newsletter and is also found on our website under PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Regular parent access of this reporting system is encouraged as marks will be added throughout the year. These marks will be accumulated into report cards twice in the year at the end of each term.

Students on more modified or adapted programming will not use this form of reporting. They will be receiving Individualized Student Program plans that outline both learning goals and progress. These will be shared at the upcoming parent-teacher interviews.

Term 1: Sept 1, 2023-Jan 30, 2024

Term 2: Feb 1, 2024-June 26, 2024

Parent/Teacher Interviews will occur for Kindergarten and Gr. 1-6 students early in November (2023) and February (2024). Information about the first set of conferences has already been sent home through your child's teacher. Please plan to attend as communication with your child's teacher is very important.



POPCORN SALE

November 7th

(K-Gr.6)

\$1.25 (exact change)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address:

4502—51 Street
Leduc, AB
T9E 7J7

Website: <http://lps.blackgold.ca>

Email: lps@gshare.blackgold.ca

Phone: 780-986-8474



REMEMBRANCE DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Remembrance Day will be acknowledged by students and staff on November 10th in a school wide assembly.



SAFETY PHONE

Our safety phone number is 780-986-8474. If a student will be absent from school due to illness, medical appointment or away on vacation, a parent must phone and leave a message on the answering machine. Please do not just email your child's teacher, as they may be away and the office will not get the message. It is not acceptable for a student to leave such a message.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY, REMEMBRANCE DAY & MIDTERM BREAK

The school will be closed November 1st for a Professional Development Day. It will also be closed **November 13- 17th** as students and staff enjoy a midterm break. It's also a time to reflect about the significance of Remembrance Day.

COLD WEATHER POLICY

With colder weather now present, it is time to review our policy regarding cold day procedures. All students are expected to go outside for all recesses unless the weather is considered too severe for their safety. On days when the air temperature and the existing wind speed produces a severe wind chill, students will be allowed to remain indoors and will be supervised in their classrooms. All students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather even if they ride the bus or are driven to school by car. Weather permitting, fresh air is an important part of a healthy lifestyle!

EDUCATION ASSISTANT DAY

Students and teachers at Linsford are very thankful to have exceptional Educational Assistants who support classroom learning and provide morning & recess supervision. We will celebrate their many contributions to our school community on November 8th.

Crazy Hair Day



Friday, November 24th is Crazy Hair Day at Linsford. We can't wait to see your wildest and craziest hair styles!



PICTURE RETAKES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Retakes for the whole school will be done on this day.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

On October 31st we encourage students to come to school wearing a Halloween costume of their favorite character from a book or movie. Please note that characters depicting violence or gore are not appropriate in a school setting. Weaponry is also not appropriate.

Our traditional Halloween parade will occur in the gym at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.



Next parent council meeting **Thursday**
November 2 at 6 pm in library

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent council survey. We appreciate all the feedback we received. **Congratulations to Kelsey Osborne** who won the \$25.00 gift card at Dark Kiss coffee!

BLACK GOLD DIVISION'S BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The September Board Highlights have been posted to our website at: [News](#). They are also posted to our [Board Highlights](#) website section.

The Board Highlights are a summary of our Board of Trustee meetings to communicate pertinent information to our staff, school councils, parents, students and stakeholders.



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-ip-sm-tips-make-imm-easier-child.pdf>

The immunization round dates at Linsford will be Nov 29 2023

*If your child is not present on the round dates 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

Miss Vs On Main November

ART CLUBS & PROGRAMS
Miss Vs On Main offers after school art club for ages 4-9 & ages 10+, running Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 & 5:30-6:30. 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.

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.

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

missvc.ca • Artclubs & programs • 4720 B 50 Ave Leduc • (780)707-1373

CONNECTIVITY DANCE LTD
IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE!
JOIN US FOR SOME FALL FUN!

CALLING ALL B-BOYZ & B-GIRLZ
BREAKING
WITH KIT DOHAYLO
FRIDAYS
6:15PM - 7:00PM
Ages 9 +

FALL BACK TO DANCE
Activity Camp
November 14, 15
Registration \$75 per day

HOLIDAY DROP IN SHOP & CONNECTIVITY DANCE
November 3-5pm - 10pm
December 9-10pm - 10pm
December 16-17pm - 10pm

TRICK OR TREAT
Halloween Costume Blowout

COME FIND YOUR HALLOWEEN FIT
FRIDAYS 5-8
SATURDAYS 9-3

BOU SPORTSCLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY
October 28
5PM to 6:30PM
\$29 per attendee

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connectivitydance.com
780-739-1142
dance@connectivitydance.com

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM/FACEBOOK @CONNECTIVITYDANCE

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
- Stacking Toys
- Play Mats

Check with your school for donation deadlines

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



NEED A VISIT FROM SANTA?

www.leducsantashelpers.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.leducsantashelpers.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

A donation box will be available to place your donations in the school office from November 13th to December 8th.

BULLDOGS BASKETBALL

PD Day Clinics

For Ages 8-12yrs Co-Ed
3hr. On Court Training Sessions

Scheduled each PD Day for the
2023/24 Black Gold School Division

Build your skills, confidence
& love for the game!

\$25.00/PLAYER

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
WWW.BACKYARDBASKETBALLACADEMYINC.COM



THE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING ASSOCIATION'S

6th Annual

Kids Poster Contest

YOU COULD
WIN A LAPTOP!

September 1st to December 15th, 2023
Show us what reducing, reusing, and recycling electronics looks like to you!

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING ASSOCIATION | 1.877.9EWASTE | WWW.ERA.CA



SCHOOL EMERGENCY PROGRAM

A Guide for Parents/Guardians

Schools are one of the safest places in our communities. Nonetheless, an emergency can strike anywhere, and at any time.

During an emergency, our first priority is the safety of our students and staff. In order to provide an effective response to any school emergency Black Gold School Division, in partnership with the Hour Zero protocols utilized by emergency response agencies throughout North America, has developed an Emergency Response Plan.

Since a school emergency could require the involvement of numerous agencies, the plan works in conjunction with other local emergency plans. Black Gold's plans do not replace the authority of law enforcement, fire or EMS – staff members work in full co-operation with these agencies. The plans created for individual schools and the Division, are reviewed both annually and after an emergency.

Along with the on-site emergency response team at each school, there is also a Division-based emergency response team that provides support and aid to schools at the time of an emergency.

Staff is trained on emergency protocols, and drills are practiced at each school; drills prepare students and staff to act quickly, and they help minimize confusion and fear during a real emergency.

This guide defines the emergency functional protocols in hopes of answering parent/guardian questions. I hope you find this guide helpful and informative. The Division appreciates your support and assistance in its continued safety efforts.

Sincerely,

William Romanchuk,
Superintendent of Schools/CEO

KEEPING SAFE AT SCHOOL

When a school is faced with an emergency, the Incident Commander (usually the principal) will assess the situation and implement the appropriate emergency protocol. The emergency protocols are listed below.

Lock-Down	Lock-Down is used when there is a threat or potential threat of violence to students and/or staff INSIDE the school. During a Lock-Down, all doors within the school are locked. Students and staff must respond very quickly to a Lock-Down command to get to a safe location before doors are locked. No one is permitted in or out of any area once it has been locked. Only law enforcement is permitted access to the building during a Lock-Down. No one is allowed in or out of a locked room, under any circumstance, until the Incident Commander issues the "All-Clear". Doors will be unlocked by the Incident Commander and/or police.
Hold and Secure	Hold and Secure is used when there is a threat or potential threat of violence to students and/or staff OUTSIDE the school. During a Hold and Secure, all entrance doors to the school are locked, with no one permitted in or out of the building. Movement is permitted inside the school, and inside activities can continue. No one, other than law enforcement, is permitted access to the building until the Hold and Secure has been cleared.
Shelter-in-Place	Shelter-in-Place is used when there is NO THREAT OF VIOLENCE but directing and controlling movement inside the school is prudent. A Shelter-in-Place may be called for any of the following reasons: an environmental emergency, severe weather, student, or staff requiring first aid/medical/focused attention. During a Shelter-in-Place, students and staff retreat to classrooms/safe zones to seek shelter or simply clear the hallways, allowing for both privacy of a student requiring attention and unrestricted access for emergency responders. This protocol may or may not include having students or staff who are outdoors come back into the school. Doors are not locked during this protocol. Students will not be released or dismissed until the situation has been resolved.
Evacuation	Evacuation is used when there is possible danger INSIDE the school, (no threat of violence) and it is safer to be outside the school than inside eg: fire, gas leak. This may mean only going outside and away from the building until it is safe to re-enter the school; in other cases, students and staff may need to go to an evacuation center. Parents will be informed of the alternate location through the school's Crisis Notification Network.
Dismissal	If necessary, a Controlled Student Release Procedure will be used to release students to an authorized emergency contact.

WHEN AN EMERGENCY OCCURS

Although your natural instincts in an emergency may be to go to the school to safeguard your child, please understand that doing so could impede the response to the situation. Going to the school may interfere with emergency crews' and school personnel's efforts to deal with the emergency. Extra vehicles and people at the site make the task more difficult. Please follow the instructions provided to you through the communications channels outlined below. **Please do not go to the school to pick up your child unless requested to do so.**

If you arrive at the school in the midst of an emergency, please respect the protocol in progress. While we understand personal circumstances or initial reactions might move you to do something contrary to the school's established procedures, we cannot compromise the safety of students or staff to accommodate individual requests that could put anyone at risk.

Please DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL and DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILD'S CELL PHONE. Parents are asked not to call the school or their child's cell phone during an emergency.

- Phone systems need to remain available for handling the actual emergency.
- Overloading the system may mean the school cannot communicate with first responders.
- Calling your child's cell phone during an emergency may be putting them at higher risk by disclosing their location or drawing attention to them during a lock-down.

KEEPING INFORMED DURING AN EMERGENCY

Black Gold School Division will inform parents by one of the following methods:

Crisis Notification Network

Parents will be alerted to emergency situations via our *SchoolMessenger* notification system. **In order to receive these notifications, please ensure your contact information is up-to-date.**

Website, Social Media

Black Gold School Division will also keep parents informed through one of our electronic notifications: the Black Gold School Division website or social media.

Website: www.blackgold.ca

Additional information regarding emergency procedures is included in your child's School Handbook. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school.

CONTROLLED STUDENT RELEASE PROCEDURE

We recognize that when an emergency occurs parents will be worried and want to be reunited with their child as quickly as possible. It is our intention to make this happen. However, to ensure every child's safety and the safety of staff, specific procedures have been established for releasing students.

Parents are asked to adhere to the parent-child reunification procedures listed below. Staff will work hard to ensure these procedures take place without delay. However, please understand the process will still take some time; we ask for your patience when you arrive at the Parent-Child Reunion Area.

Controlled Student Release Procedure

1. **A Parent-Child Reunion Area will be established.** When appropriate, parents will be notified of the Reunion Area's location. The location may not be at the school — the location will depend on the specifics of the emergency.
2. **Students will only be released to an individual designated as legal guardian or emergency contact** on the student's Emergency Form, which is completed at time of school registration. Please be sure to keep this information current with your school, as the school will only release a child to someone listed as an authorized Emergency Contact — there will be no exceptions.
3. **Valid identification is required to pick up your child.** This is required to protect your child from any unauthorized individuals attempting to pick up students. Even if school personnel know you, you must still present I.D. as the school may be receiving assistance from other schools or outside agencies.
4. **You will be required to sign for the release of your child.** This is extremely important, as it ensures your child, along with other students, is accounted for at all times. Please do not just take your child from the school or evacuation center without signing for his/her release.
5. **Once you have been reunited with your child, please leave the area immediately.** This is for your own safety and that of your child.
6. **If you are unable to pick up your child, he/she will be kept at the Parent-Child Reunion Area** until alternate arrangements can be made. Your child will be supervised at all times.



BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION
www.blackgold.ca

Viewing Student Grades and Learning Outcomes in PowerTeacher Pro

Parent Support Document

1. Sign in to PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/home.html>

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SchoolMessenger

Grades and Attendance: Last Name, First Name

Grades and AttendanceStandards Grades

Exp	Attendance By Class														Course	Attendance By Class				Absences	Tardies
	Last Week					This Week					Y1	T2	T3	Y4							
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F											
AM(1-5) PM(1-5)															Homeroom	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	18	0
P1(1-5) P2(4)															Science 6	1	1	1	1	4	0
P2-P3(1-2) P4-P5(4) P6-P7(3)															Physical Education 8	[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	0	0
P2(3,5) P3(4) P4(1-2)															English Language Arts 8	96	96	97	97	0	0
P5(1) P6(1,5) P7(4-5) P10(4) P11(2,4)															Health and Life Skills 8	91	100	100	98	0	0
P5(2) P6(4) P7(1)															Mathematics 8	98	97	98	98	0	0
P5(3,5) P8-P9(1,2,4)															Social Studies 8	93	98	91	96	0	0
P3-P4(3,5) P6-P7(2) P10-P11(1)															Mix Exploratory Studies 8			[1]		0	0
P8-P11(3,5)																					
Attendance Totals																			18	0	

Dates of all absences for Science 6 Exp. P1(2,4-5) P5(3) P6-P7(1) (SCN61400.1) for 18-19:

1. P1(4) - 09/20/2018 - M
2. P1(2) - 10/09/2018 - M
3. P1(4) - 10/11/2018 - A
4. P1(5) - 10/12/2018 - M
5. P1(2) - 10/23/2018 - M

8. When a 'View' appears in the last column, teachers comments are available for viewing by clicking on 'View'.
9. Flags may also appear after the Standards Icon. They are used to identify various messages outside of percentages and letter grades. The legend for these can be found at the bottom of the screen.

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Class Score Detail: Last Name, First Name

Grades and Attendance Standards Grades

Course	Teacher	Expression	Final Grade ¹
Mathematics 8	Last Name, First Name	P5(3,5) P8-P9(1-2,4)	98

Teacher Comments:

Section Description:

Assignments

Due Date	Category	Assignment	Flags	Score	Grade	View
05/29/2018	Numbers	Rates, Ratios, and Percents Unit Test	Standards Icon	10/10	100	
05/25/2018	Numbers	Ratios and Rates Check-In		10/10	100	
05/21/2018	Numbers	Percents Check-In		9/10	90	
05/02/2018	Patterns & Relations	Algebra Unit Test		10/10	100	
04/18/2018	Patterns & Relations	Linear Equations Check-In		9/10	90	
04/16/2018	Patterns & Relations	Graphing Linear Equations Practice		10/10	100	View
03/28/2018	Patterns & Relations	Solving Equations Check-In		10/10	100	View

Grades last updated on: 5/30/2018

Legend

1 - This final grade may include assignments that are not yet published, or may be the result of special weighting used by the teacher. Click to view additional information on special weighting

Icons: Standards | Has Description | Has Comment | Collected | Late | Missing | Exempt from Final Grade | Absent | Incomplete | Excluded

Flag Descriptions

Student Score Detail

Assignment Graphing Linear Equations Practice


Category Patterns & Relations

Assignment Description

Students turned in a photo of their line graph they created showing five different lines all crossing through one point.

10. Clicking the standards icon allows you to see outcomes that were addressed in that assessment.

Assignments

Due Date	Category	Assignment	
05/29/2018	Numbers	Rates, Ratios, and Percents Unit Test	EL <
05/25/2018	Numbers	Ratios and Rates Check-In	EL <
05/21/2018	Numbers	Percents Check-In	EL <
05/02/2018	Patterns & Relations	Algebra Unit Test	EL <
04/18/2018	Patterns & Relations	Linear Equations Check-In	EL <
04/16/2018	Patterns & Relations	Graphing Linear Equations Practice	i EL < ✓
	 8MA.PR.1 - Graph and analyze two-variable linear relations.		
03/28/2018	Patterns & Relations	Solving Equations Check-In	i EL <

11. Navigate back to the main page by clicking the student's name on the top, left corner.

