

# LINSFORD PARK SCHOOL

"Building Healthy, Inclusive Relationships and Academic Competencies"



December 2023

## PARENT NEWSLETTER



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday, December 4th, 2023  
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

### CHRISTMAS VACATION

The last day of classes will be Friday, December 22nd and continue through to January 7th, 2024 inclusive.



### POPCORN SALE

December 12th  
(K-Gr.6)  
\$1.25 (exact change)



### LINSFORD PARK WEBSITE

If you haven't recently had a chance to check out our school website, we encourage you to do so. It is a good way to connect and be informed about our great community. For example, this is where you will find our school's Assurance Plan, Assessment Plan, and school manual.

### COLD WEATHER POLICY

With the colder weather now beginning, 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.** Even if your child rides the school bus or is driven to school by car, students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather.

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## **CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

**Thursday, December 14 - Formal Wear Day for Concerts**

**Monday, December 18 - Christmas Sweater Day**

**Tuesday, December 19 - Christmas Hair Day**

**Wednesday, December 20 - Christmas Colors Day**

**Thursday, December 21 - Christmas Sock Day**

**Friday, December 22 - Pajama Day**

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

This year's Christmas Concerts will be **Thursday, December 14th**. The concerts will be at **1pm** and **6pm** in the school gym. For the evening concert, doors will open at 5:30pm. Students should be at school at 5:30pm in order to be ready for a punctual 6pm concert start.

**PARENT COUNCIL****UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

Pancakes  
and  
Pajamas



Pancake breakfast for all students and staff in the morning of **December 22, 2023**. Any donations are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATES**

*Family Movie Night Friday, February 16, 2024.*



Math night for parents and students hosted by **Box Cars and One-eyed Jack**. This interactive math game night will take place on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 6:15 pm- 7:30 pm**.

Mark your calendars as we look forward to seeing lots of parents and students at these events. More details to follow in the New Year!



**Linsford Park School Parents' Association is excited to announce our 50/50 cash prize raffle in efforts to raise money for our much needed new playground at Linsford Park school.**

**The current school playground is reaching the end of its lifecycle and must be removed. Playgrounds provide many learning opportunities through different types of play. Outdoor play allows physical, social, emotional, imaginative and cognitive development. Our goal is to build a new, inclusive playground that will benefit the students at Linsford Park School and community residents that utilize the park space.**

**Playground replacement is solely the Parents' association's responsibility to obtain financing and it is up to our parent society to raise the funds to make this project a reality. Please help us put a smile on our children's faces by supporting this fundraiser and helping us achieve our goal by purchasing tickets, sharing our raffle to friends, family and your social network.**

Link to purchase your tickets: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/lpspf>

**50/50 tickets prices:**

100 for \$100  
20 for \$50  
4 for 20  
1 for \$10

**Tickets can be purchased until Thursday, December 14 at 11pm. The draw will take place on Friday, December 15 at noon.**

**The winner will be contacted by email and phone to claim their prize.  
Thank you for your support!**



## GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE TICKETS

Attention all candy lovers:

Grade 5/6W will be having their annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser Raffle. The students are decorating 7 delicious houses and then raffling them off to raise money for our local Leduc Food Bank which then helps others in need during this Christmas season. Ticket sales at school will be from Dec. 5th -14th at 12:05-12:30pm in front of the office for \$1 a ticket. We will also have tickets on sale for the afternoon and evening concerts. The draw will take place at the end of the concert on Dec. 14th. You can't win a house if you don't buy a ticket.

**BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION**

**SAVE THE DATE | January 8, 2024**  
**2024-2025 Kindergarten registration begins!**

More info: [www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/kindergarten](http://www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/kindergarten)



## NUTRITION GRANT

This is the seventh year that an Alberta Education Nutrition Grant has helped us to not only educate, but also practice healthy eating. It allows us to supply snack, breakfast and lunch items to students if needed throughout the day. These practices are very well received by students and staff, noticeably helping students be more engaged in their learning and more positive in their interactions with others.

## HEALTHY LUNCH CHECKLIST!

Does your child's lunch include the following? If it's nutritional it should.

- Four food groups
  - Whole grains
  - Lower fat milk choices
  - Lower fat meat or alternatives
  - Foods that are NOT processed
  - Appropriate serving sizes for children
- Cold food kept cold and hot food kept hot until time to eat





# Miss Vs On Main

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Christmas is a magical time of year all over the world and every culture celebrated differently. We are going to take a look at how other cultures celebrate and talk about what Christmas really means to us.



From giant pinatas in Mexico to bright and colourful lanterns in the Philippines Christmas means something special to everyone.

We will look at the cultures and their celebrations and create beautiful artwork to showcase some of these unique traditions.

### WE ARE EXPANDING

We are excited to announce we are opening a second location in Spruce Grove. It will be open in January 2024, as we expand, we are also hiring and will have our new staff job shadowing and training with Miss V at the studio.

We are also hiring a part time staff to help with some of the programs at our Leduc location and look forward to introducing them during November / December.

### IN THE NEW YEAR

We offer after school programs for ages 4-9 & 10+  
 Mondays: Ages 4-9  
 4-5:30 & 6-7:30  
 Tuesdays: Ages 10+  
 4-5:30 & 7:30  
 Thursdays: Adults  
 7:30-9:30

### IN THE NEW YEAR

In the new year we are going to explore some new mediums such as oil pastels and have an expert in the medium joining us. She has many years experience and is excited to show us the ropes.

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## SETTLEMENT SUPPORTS FOR CANADIAN NEWCOMERS

Academic and School Supports	Personal Development
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with Canadian school expectations</li> <li>• Connection to school services and groups</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In school SWIS Programs</li> <li>• One on one Youth Talk (e-SWIS)</li> </ul>
Activities and Experiences	English Language Learning
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community events, sports, and activities</li> <li>• Summer camps</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Moms Group</li> <li>• English Classes</li> </ul>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION



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The Leduc Santa's Helpers assist many needy families in our community during what can be a difficult season for some. If you'd care to donate to this very worthy cause, a collection box is in our school office. Please bring items unwrapped and no later than December 8th. Thanks for caring!



# NEED A VISIT FROM SANTA?

## CALL 825-995-1008

### www.LeducSantasHelpers.ca

#### Helping families in Leduc for 39 years


Registration is open November 1 - December 6

Phoneline is open

Monday, Tuesday, Friday  
1 pm - 5 pm

Wednesday, Thursday  
3 pm - 8 pm

Apply Online scan QR code or visit  
<https://leducsantashelpers.ca/hamper-application/>




**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**  
419 Years Old Helping Families




*"Thank you for supporting Leduc Santa's Helpers and helping those less fortunate during the holiday season. We are requesting your support again for the 2023 campaign."*

*With your support last year we delivered 190 hampers and put smiles on 419 children's faces.*

**Thank You!**

We ask that our donations be received as soon as possible. Our deadline is December 15th so we are able to fulfill all the Christmas wishes.

**To Make a Monetary Donation Please Visit**  
**leducsassahelpers.ca**



**PayPal Giving Fund**

**Corporate Sponsor With List**

As a corporate sponsor, this year we are hoping that you would help by focusing on the age group of 12-17 years. We usually find about an donation for these children. Depending on the year, we need requests from 150 or more items during the annual campaign.

**Most Requested Items:**

"Hoodies/Sweatshirts" "Headphones" "Sports Items" "Books" "Arts & Crafts Kits" "Personal Care Items" "Make-up Kits" "Pyjamas, Socks, Toques, Gloves"



**Other Donation Suggestions:**

"RC Vehicles/Drones" "Bluetooth Speakers" "Blow Dryers/Curling Irons" "Shavers" "Wallpaper" "Gift Cards"

**HIGH NEED ITEMS**

Pyjamas - ALL SIZES, Craft Kits, Activity Kits, Books, Sports Equipment, Gift Cards

**Please visit leducassahelpers.ca for more gift suggestions and donation bin locations**

**Any new/unused donations are gratefully appreciated**

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**Please be assured that the children and families are very thankful to have community support during the holiday season.**

**Client Testimonials from 2022**

*"I just want to send a huge thank you to Santa's helpers. My kids were able to have a wonderful Christmas. I was so surprised that you were able to deliver gifts to my kids. I hope to pay it forward to your generosity. I am just so appreciative."*


*"We were first time receiving the Santa Helpers. The service was great and the gifts were exactly what we needed. My kids were so happy. I hope to pay it forward to your generosity. I am just so appreciative."*

*"I recently appreciated the service of the Santa Helpers. The gifts were exactly what we needed. My kids were so happy. I hope to pay it forward to your generosity. I am just so appreciative."*

*"Thank you so much. This support means the world to my family. I hope you have a great holiday season. I hope they bring the bottom out of my heart."*

*"You are an awesome team that you are helping the children in need. I hope you have a great holiday season. I hope they bring the bottom out of my heart."*

**Leduc Santa's Helpers**



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# Sharing the Joy of Christmas