

# LINSFORD PARK SCHOOL

"Building Healthy, Inclusive Relationships and Academic Competencies"



**March 2024**

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

March is here! Hopefully spring is also just around the corner, along with some warmer weather! We are all looking forward to Spring Break (March 25– April 1), with school resuming Tuesday, April 2nd.



### **POPCORN SALE**

March 12th

(K-Gr.6)

\$1.25 (exact change)

We are still accepting registrations for 2024- 2025 Kindergarten.  
The link to register your child can be found on the Linsford Park School website.



After a fun and successful 25 years, the Christian Program at Linsford will end this school year. Thanks to everyone's support of this program which has served the students and staff very well over these years.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## LINSFORD SPIRIT DAYS



### LINSFORD SPIRIT WEAR

March 7



### GREEN DAY

Students and staff are encouraged to dress in green on Friday, March 15th for St. Patrick's Day.

We will be recognizing World Down's Syndrome Day on Thursday, March 21st by wearing Funky Socks. Students are encouraged to wear wild, mismatched, tall, small, bright, tucked over your pants socks in support of this day. It will be a colourful day at Linsford Park!



### AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized at our school on Tuesday, April 2nd. Students and staff are encouraged to wear blue on this day.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be no school on Monday, March 11th as teachers participate in professional development activities.



Net sales of our Scholastic Book Fair totaled \$2,494.74. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success and to give the gift of reading to our school library.

## PARENT COUNCIL



## AND FUNDRAISING NEWS

Linsford Park School's next parent council meeting is **Thursday, April 4th at 5:30 pm** in our school library. Linsford Park parents are very welcome to attend. **There will be NO meeting during the month of March.**



Thank you to everyone that came out to the Movie Night. It was a success to assist in raising funds for our playground as well as a great opportunity for our Linsford families to connect.

Thank you to Red Swan Pizza, Bry's Electrical Inc, Chemco and Leduc Cinemas for your generous food donations! Thank you to our 50/50 cash raffle winner for generously donating her winnings back to the Playground Project. A huge shout to all the Parent's that volunteered their time to make this event so successful!

## FREE Family Math Games Night

### Linsford Park School

**Benefits for Kids:**

A fun way to review and strengthen basic math skills at home!  
Children who are secure in their math skills will grow in self-esteem and have greater success in school.

**Benefits for Parents:**

A motivating, simple and economical homework support that reinforces concepts taught in school.  
Your presenter will provide you with strategies, tips and tricks to help your child with math fluency.

**Games Reinforce:**

Counting

Basic Facts: +, -, x, ÷

Problem Solving

Place Value

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 5th, 2024  
6:15-7:30 PM (Doors Open at 6:00)

**WHERE:** Linsford Park School, 4502 - 51 Street, Leduc

**RSVP To:** [Lacy.Fontaine@blackgold.ca](mailto:Lacy.Fontaine@blackgold.ca) **By:** Feb 29th, 2024

**Linsford Park School Needs a New Playground!!**

Linsford Park School Parents' Association is a group of dedicated parents who are on a quest to replace our school's deteriorating playground. Our goal is to build an inclusive playground that will meet the needs of all students in Pre-Kindergarten - Grade six, as well as be enjoyed by the residential neighborhood in which it is located. The present playground has less than 2 years of life before it is deemed unsafe, with several unstable pieces of equipment already removed. It is the sole responsibility of Linsford Park School's Parents' Association to fundraise for a new playground, the cost being approximately \$250,000.00.

We are reaching out to your company for any financial support that you may be willing to donate to help us raise this large sum for a new playground. Depending on the sum of your donation, in turn we can promote your business. This may include advertising your company in our school's newsletter, recognition on our Facebook page, being part of a banner hung in our gymnasium or on a plaque on our new playground.

We look forward to hearing from you, including discussing how we can acknowledge your financial support! Please consider this very worthy way of giving to your community, by contacting us at [lps.council@ashare.blackgold.ca](mailto:lps.council@ashare.blackgold.ca) or call Sheree at 780-257-6679. Cheques can be made payable to Linsford Park School Parents' Association

Thank you from the Linsford Park School Parents' Association Board Members

Current Structure

Our Goal

If you haven't signed up for this event and would still like to come, please email [lacy.fontaine@blackgold.ca](mailto:lacy.fontaine@blackgold.ca). We will spend the evening playing a variety of math games for Grades K-6! Each registered family will receive a packet of math games to play along with the presenter.



We had our kickoff assembly for Jump Rope Heart last week and had guests from Connectivity Dance Studio come in to display their skipping skills. We will be running fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart until the end of March. Our goal is to raise \$2000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

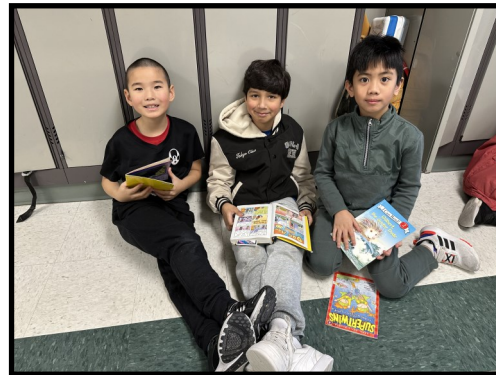
Our skipping week will be the week of March 4-8 when all students will spend time skipping.

If you would like to participate in the fundraising efforts or tracking online healthy habits, here is the link to join our school.

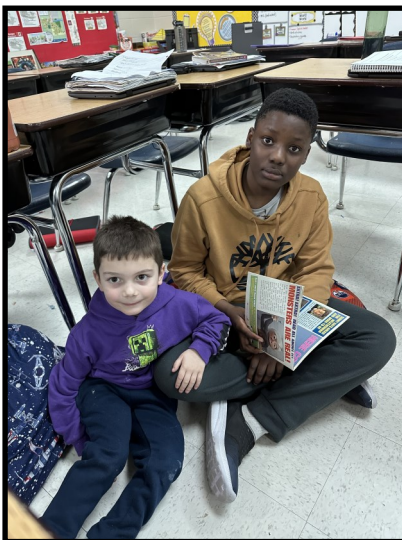
[Jump Rope Linsford Park School](#)







Students at Linsford Park participated in World Read Aloud Day on Wednesday, February 7. Students had the opportunity to watch and listen virtually as authors read stories they had written. Classes also partnered up with reading buddies and were able to read aloud to each other. Did you know that reading aloud at home and at school is one of the best ways to help children develop literacy? According to the University of Melbourne, daily reading aloud to children puts them almost a year head of children who do not receive daily read-aloud time. Reading aloud is an incredibly accessible and powerful way to help listeners of all ages build essential literacy skills.





**EAL Junior Kindergarten in Leduc!**

Willow Park School is now open for 2024-2025 English as an Additional Language (EAL) Junior Kindergarten intake.

**\*Space is limited, sign up today!**

The EAL Junior Kindergarten program is a social, play-based targeted learning program for children whose main language at home is not English. It allows your child to grow, interact, imagine, experiment, and explore while enhancing their English language skills.

For more info or to register, scan the QR Code or visit:  
[www.blackgold.ca/esl-junior-kindergarten](http://www.blackgold.ca/esl-junior-kindergarten)



**BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION**  
[www.blackgold.ca](http://www.blackgold.ca)



## PRE-KINDERGARTEN



## INTAKE

**FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

Do you have a pre-school age child who struggles with following directions, communication, separation anxiety, temper tantrums, changes in schedule or other developmental milestones? Consider having a screening and find out if your child can qualify for our \*free Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten program. More info: [www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/pre-kindergarten](http://www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/pre-kindergarten) and look for the following button.





# Linsford Park School Spirit Wear!



Check out our Linsford Park spirit wear store:

<https://linsfordparkschool.itemorder.com/>

Order your Linsford Park School Spirit Wear  
starting **Friday, March 1.**

The order **deadline is March 15.**

All items will arrive approximately 2 - 3 weeks  
from the **deadline** and will be sent home with  
students once the item(s) arrive.



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	<div><div></div> August 28 &amp; 29 - Teacher Workdays (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> August 30 - School Commences for ALL Grades 1 - 12 Students</div>						
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SEPTEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	19	18	<div><div></div> September 4 - Labour Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> September 15 - PD Day: (No Students): (AM) Welcome Back &amp; LSA Ceremony (To follow) PD Day</div> <div><div></div> September 29 - Day in Lieu - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> September 30 - National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</div>						
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OCTOBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	<div><div></div> October 9 - Thanksgiving Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> October 10 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>						
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NOVEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	17	16	<div><div></div> November 1 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> November 5 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks backward)</div> <div><div></div> November 11 - Remembrance Day</div> <div><div></div> November 13 - 17 - Midterm Break (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>						
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DECEMBER 2023	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	<div><div></div> December 4 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> December 25 - 29 - Christmas Vacation (Schools Closed)</div>						
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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	<div><div></div> February 1 - Semester 2 Commences</div> <div><div></div> February 8 &amp; 9 - ATA Teachers' Convention (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> February 19 - Family Day (Schools Closed)</div>						
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MARCH 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	16	15	<div><div></div> March 10 - Daylight Savings Time (clocks forward)</div> <div><div></div> March 11 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> March 25 - 29 - Spring Break (Schools Closed)</div>						
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APRIL 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	21	20	<div><div></div> April 1 - Easter Monday (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> April 2 - School Resumes</div> <div><div></div> April 19 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>						
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MAY 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	22	21	<div><div></div> May 17 - PD Day (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> May 20 - Victoria Day (Schools Closed)</div> <div><div></div> Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)</div>						
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JUNE 2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	20	18	<div><div></div> June 26 - Last School Day with Diploma Exam &amp; PAT</div> <div><div></div> June 27 &amp; 28 - Teacher Workday (No Students)</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam &amp; PAT</div> <div><div></div> Diploma Exam</div>						
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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							

Approved - February 22, 2023



# LA CRUDE RUGBY CLUB



APRIL  
**8**

APRIL  
**15**

APRIL  
**22**

## Come Try Rugby! Juniors Training Camp

Everyone belongs and is welcome at LA Crude Rugby Club.  
Your body type, skill level, and experience does not matter -  
we've got a place for you!

AGES U5 - U19

5PM - 6PM

NISKU TURF TRAINING CENTRE



Sign up for  
Try Rugby!



SPRING  
OUTDOOR  
SEASON

Weather permitting  
- starting the first  
week of May

Contact Troy at  
[lacrudejuniorvp@gmail.com](mailto:lacrudejuniorvp@gmail.com)  
for more info

Registration for the 2024 Season begins in March



# Choices Conference 2024

A small delegate of grade 6 girls from Linsford Park School enjoyed a day at the University of Alberta learning more about Science, Engineering, and Technology while meeting some amazing scientists and engineers.



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

Bocce, Golf, Softball,

Swimming in Sherwood Park Emerald Hills Leisure center 35555 Emerald Drive Sherwood Park. Monday 7:45 to 9PM \$80.00. Program will start in March, 1<sup>st</sup> day to be announced, you can register on line copy link

<https://forms.office.com/r/S7g7ytTgnL>

For more information [soleduc@gmail.com](mailto:soleduc@gmail.com) or call Alain 780 263 2245



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BEAUMONT MINOR BASEBALL  
ASSOCIATION

INDOOR SHOES REQUIRED  
BRING A GLOVE / BAT/  
HELMET IF YOU CAN!

BEAUMONT SPORT & RECREATION CENTRE

REGISTER AT: [FEMALDIRECTOR@BEAUMONTMINORBALL.COM](mailto:FEMALDIRECTOR@BEAUMONTMINORBALL.COM)

Scan here for information on our Girls Program

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**  
11:30 am - 2 pm

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**  
4 pm - 5:30 pm

**LOCATION**  
BEAUMONT SPORT & RECREATION CENTRE

## MHCB Spring Break Camp **Registration** **Opens 9:00 am Friday, March 1**

Grades 1-3 ~ Messy Play 9:00-12:00

<https://forms.gle/r77CKbx4LoVFMC3g9>

Grades 4-5 ~ Mad Science 9:00-12:00

<https://forms.gle/vnUZaquUXvptmMHC9>

Grades 6-8 ~ Art Antics 9:00-12:00

<https://forms.gle/a86zHiZUmn8NH4Be8>

Be prepared to get messy, so wear old clothes that can get stained!

Camp will be held at East Elementary School in Leduc.  
4503 45 Street, Leduc

If you have questions, please call Cherie at 587 590 4033



Mental Health  
Capacity Building

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### **Help In Tough Times Resource:**

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/Page16759.aspx>