



## 2026-2027 School Year SUMMER & SEPTEMBER INFORMATION THORSBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### CONTACT PROCEDURES DURING SUMMER

Please contact the principal at [tes@blackgold.ca](mailto:tes@blackgold.ca) or call the school at 780-789-3776 to leave a message. Your call will be returned the week of August 20-26, 2026.

### REPORT CARDS & POWERSCHOOL

Report Cards were made available on PowerSchool on June 24, 2026.

### APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR MARKS, CREDITS, REPORT CARDS

Not applicable

### JUNE NEWSLETTER

Please see [News](#) on our website for the June Newsletter.

### REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS

All new families are to register their child(ren) online via PowerSchool Registration which is available on the Black Gold School Division website at: [New Student Registration](#)

Our school office will be open on August 20th, 2026, for any questions or inquiries, and can be reached at (780) 789-3776 or by emailing [tes@blackgold.ca](mailto:tes@blackgold.ca).

### RETURNING STUDENTS - VERIFICATION FORM

Students who were attending a Black Gold School Division (BGSD) school in 2025-2026 and are returning to a BGSD school in 2026-2027 are automatically registered for the 2026-2027 school year.

**\*Please note that Pre-K students who will be attending Kindergarten are not automatically registered even if they attended a Black Gold school in the previous year. These students will need to register.\***

All BGSD families are expected to complete the Student Enrollment Verification Form for the 2026-2027 school year. In late August, parents/guardians will receive an email via SchoolMessenger with details on how to access this form during the first week of school.

### SCHOOL START DATE & TIMES FOR GRADES 1 - 12 STUDENTS

#### First Day of School

**Thursday, August 27, 2026**

Regular Day Morning Classes Warning Bell: 8:18 am

Regular Lunch Hour Times: 11:40 am-12:28 pm (Recess/lunch)

Regular Day Dismissal Time: 3:03 pm

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS): KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

### **KINDERGARTEN:**

- English Program - Half-day mornings, Monday to Friday
- Staggered entry dates for programs are August 27th-September 1st, as indicated in the summer email sent out to parents.
- The Start Date is September 2nd.
- Warning bell: 8:18 am
- Dismissal time: 11:25 am
- Watch for the email sent to Kindergarten families at the end of June. Kindergarten students do not need to purchase supplies except for a backpack, indoor shoes, and lunch and snacks for the day. Supplies are included in the Kindergarten fees.

### **Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK)**

Every child grows differently. Our Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK) provides specialized support for "little learners who need a little more" with communication, following directions, or social-emotional development. Available at Calmar Elementary, École Bellevue, École Corinthia Park, Linsford Park, Robina Baker, and Thorsby Elementary, our program helps children build the confidence and skills needed to thrive. Children may qualify as early as two years and eight months old (by August 31) if they meet eligibility criteria. Let us partner with you to give your child a strong start. Visit [www.blackgold.ca/pre-kindergarten](http://www.blackgold.ca/pre-kindergarten) to learn about our Alberta Education funded programming today; please return on August 24 to begin our free intake and screening process as we partner with your family for a strong start to school.

### **EI-PreK Program Groupings**

Oak Group - Monday-Thursday

Maple Group - Tuesday-Friday

Birch Group - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Pine Group - Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

Staggered entry dates: August 27 - September 8, 2025.

First day class by group: September 9, 2026

Parents will be notified by email prior to August 26, 2025. Regular classes start on September 9, 2026, for the assigned group.

### **English as an Additional Language (EAL) Junior Kindergarten:**

Every child grows differently. Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) Junior Kindergarten is a social, play-based program for children whose main language at home is not English. Led by a certified teacher and an Educational Assistant, this program focuses on increasing vocabulary through play and building communication skills in a happy, supportive environment. Offered at École Dansereau Meadows School (Beaumont) and Willow Park School (Leduc), children may qualify as early as three years and eight months old (by August 31) if they meet eligibility criteria. We celebrate the diverse cultures our families bring to the classroom! Visit <https://www.blackgold.ca/esl-junior-kindergarten> today to learn about our Alberta Education funded EAL programming; please return to the site on August 24 to begin our free intake and screening process as we partner with your family for a strong start to school.

To ensure a balance of strengths and needs across all programs, program times will be communicated directly by the school to all eligible families in September once school staff have had the opportunity to meet all the children in person and perform any necessary assessments.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School Supply lists are posted on our website : [School Supply List](#)

### TIMETABLE & TIMETABLE CHANGES

Not Applicable

### POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL CLASSROOM PLACEMENT

Classroom placement information will be provided at our Welcome Back/Meet the Teacher night on August 26, 2026, from 4-6 pm. PowerSchool will be available to parents on August 26, 2026.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[tes.blackgold.ca](https://tes.blackgold.ca)

### TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

Have questions about busing? Start with our [FAQ page](#) — it's the quickest way to find answers to common questions.

For instructions on how to apply for transportation for the 2026–2027 school year, visit:

<https://www.blackgold.ca/apply-for-transportation-Black-Gold-Students>

For all other inquiries — including address changes, bus stop concerns, or missing application forms — please email us at [transportation@blackgold.ca](mailto:transportation@blackgold.ca). Be sure to include your name, phone number, child's name, and bus number (if known) so we can assist you efficiently.

For more information on how to reach the Transportation team, visit: [blackgold.ca/contact-transportation](https://blackgold.ca/contact-transportation)

**2026-2027 School Year information will be posted to our BGSD website in late August.**