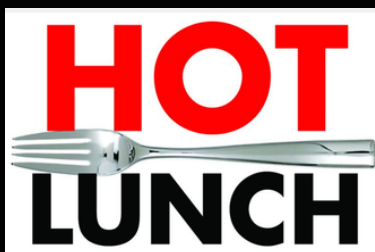




NEWS UPDATE DEC. 15TH-19TH

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4th-19th Christmas Theme Days
- Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd-School Closed Christmas Break
- Jan. 5th -First Day back to school



**Orders for January
Due. Dec. 17th**

[Hot Lunch Order Link](#)

SafeArrival

[Reporting your Absences](#)

2024-2025

Yearbooks for Sale
on PowerSchool

\$11

[Now Available in Office](#)

Friendly Reminders

Phone: 780-789-3776

- Doors open at 8:10 am for drop-off; please do not leave your children unsupervised
- Any changes to end-of-day instructions for your children need to be reported to the office before 2:45 pm.
- School Drop-off and Pick up- **DO NOT** use Staff Parking, **do not block driveways** and be considerate of other drivers.
- **Do not use bus lane**
- **(8:00-8:30, 2:30-3:15)**
- **Birthday Treats:** Our school guideline is that treats must be commercially produced to ensure safety and lessen contamination.





DECEMBER 2025

12 Days of Christmas

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4 Baby, It's Cold Outside! Wear your favourite plaid or flannel shirts.	5 Jersey Day! 
8 Holiday Hats! 	9 Wintery, White, blue and sparkly too! 	10 Christmas Concert Day	11 Dress like a Christmas Carol 	12 Milk and Cookies Day 
15 Santa Day Wear Red! 	16 Cozy or Christmasy Socks 	17 A Candy Cane Christmas 	18 Naughty or Nice? Christmas Sweater Day	19 'Twas the day before Christmas Break PJ DAY!!
22	23	24	25	26



Mental Health Symposium

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INTERNET CHILD EXPLOITATION PRESENTATION



Mental Health Symposium

Parents and guardians from all Black Gold schools are invited to attend this year's Mental Health Symposium. This event is designed to equip you with valuable resources, information, and direct connections to the mental health services, organizations, and support networks available within our community.

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts

Door prizes to be won!

INTERNET CHILD EXPLOITATION PRESENTATION



JOIN US

DATE

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

TIME

Starts immediately following the Symposium (approx. 7:00 p.m.)

LOCATION

Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts, Leduc

PRESENTERS

Constable Stephanie Bosch (Edmonton Police Service) and Constable Scott Sterling (RCMP) from ALERT's Northern Alberta Internet Child Exploitation unit (NAICE).



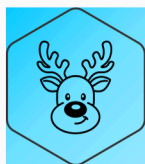


Arctic Spas
**RECREATION
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introduces

Beyond the Bell

We are proud to introduce our new after school program, *Beyond the Bell*. This weekly program is fun drop-in style play, geared toward children aged 7-12. With planned activities, games, and crafts there's no need to bring anything but your passion for play.

Wednesdays 3-4:30pm



Christmas Special

Wednesday, December 17th 3-4:30pm

Reindeer Games

Get ready to jingle all the way! Kids, you will be put to the test with challenges like the "Sleigh Pull Relay" and "Rudolph Nose Toss." It's an afternoon of teamwork, friendly competition, and holiday magic. We can't wait to see which reindeer team has what it takes to guide Santa's sleigh this season!



Why Come Play?



Beyond the Bell is a local program for the youth of our community to come engage in enriching activities. Children will participate in planned recreation and meet new friends.

- ✓ Local After School Activity
- ✓ Boredom Buster
- ✓ Social Enrichment
- ✓ Staff Supervised

\$2 per participant. Children under 7 must be accompanied by a chaperone.**



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thorsby.ca/recreation



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EACH OTHER'S WRITING JOURNEYS. COME CONNECT WITH FELLOW
STORYTELLERS AND LET YOUR CREATIVITY FLOW!

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY

OCTOBER 9

6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

Black Gold Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten



Our Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten program intake is now open!

Do you have a preschooler who faces challenges like...

- following directions
- communication issues
- anxiety
- developmental delays

If yes - then early intervention is crucial.

Don't wait for things to get harder—take action now to give your child the best start to their education career. Invest their future success by applying for a screening to find out if your child can qualify for our Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK) program!

Space is limited, sign up today!

For more information, contact Early Childhood Services Coordinator **Rebecca Aiken** at **rebecca.aiken@blackgold.ca**
www.blackgold.ca/programs/pre-kindergarten



Family drop-in

Thorsby

Leduc County Family Resource Network

Our Family Resource Network hosts weekly family drop-in programs offering a variety of activities, tools and resources to support childhood development. Get more information at www.leduc-county.com/frn

- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Referral
- ▶ Coffee
- ▶ Snacks
- ▶ Crafts
- ▶ Games
- ▶ Wifi
- ▶ Computer use
- ▶ Programs
- ▶ Supports
- ▶ Kid Kits
- ▶ Much more

Drop in location

Thorsby: 4711 48 Ave.
In the modular building across from
Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

Tuesdays from 2 to 8 p.m.
Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All families welcome!

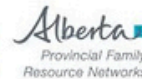


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AGES AND STAGES DEVELOPMENTAL CHECK IN

Online

Have you ever wondered about your child's development? The Ages and Stages Questionnaire provides a fast and helpful look at how your child is doing in important areas like communication, social skills, motor skills and problem solving skills. Screening can identify your child's strengths, uncover new milestones to celebrate and reveal any areas where your child may need support. It helps you understand your child's development and know what to look for next.

The ASQ and ASQ:SE questionnaires are designed to help you monitor your child's development at regular intervals from 2 months to 5 years of age. To access these questionnaires, go to our website below.

www.leduc-county.com/en/living-here/early-learning-and-care.aspx

For more information, please call 780-979-2385 or email frn@leduc-county.com.



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