



2025-2026 School Year

SUMMER & SEPTEMBER INFORMATION

THORSBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



CONTACT PROCEDURES DURING SUMMER

Please contact our Principal, Nicole Russett, at 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, 2025.

REPORT CARDS & POWERSCHOOL

Report Cards were made available on PowerSchool on June 25, 2025.

APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR MARKS, CREDITS, AND REPORT CARDS

Not applicable

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Please see [Principal's Corner](#) 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, 2025, for any questions or inquiries, and can be reached at (780) 789-3776 or by emailing tes@blackgold.ca.

RETURNING STUDENTS - VERIFICATION FORM

Students who were attending a Black Gold School Division (BGSD) school in 2024-2025 and are returning to a BGSD school in 2025-2026 are automatically registered for the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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 & PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN:

- English Program - Full Day Tuesday/Thursday and Wednesdays starting in March
- Staggered entry dates for programs are August 29 and September 3rd, as indicated in the Summer Package sent out to parents.
- The Start Date is September 5th.
- Warning bell: 8:18 am Lunch hour at 11:40 am-12:28 pm
- Dismissal time: 3:03 pm
- Watch for the Summer package in the mail

Kindergarten students do not need to purchase supplies except for a backpack, indoor shoes, lunch and snack for the day. Supplies are included in the Kindergarten fees.

Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK) is offered at Calmar Elementary School, École Bellevue School, École Corinthia Park School, Linsford Park School, Robina Baker Elementary School, and Thorsby Elementary School. If you have a preschooler who faces challenges like following directions, communication issues, anxiety, or developmental delays, early intervention is crucial. Our Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK) program provides specialized support to help your child thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Children may qualify as early as two years and eight months old by August 31st of the respective school year if they meet the criteria. Please go to <https://www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/pre-kindergarten/> to enter the intake for free eligibility screening.

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Junior Kindergarten:

The EAL Junior Kindergarten program is a half-day program, four days a week, led by a certified teacher with an Education Assistant at École Dansereau Meadows School in Beaumont and Willow Park School in Leduc. Children may qualify as early as three years eight months old by August 31st of the respective school year if they meet the criteria. Please go to <https://www.blackgold.ca/esl-junior-kindergarten/> to enter intake for free eligibility screening.

IEP program

Oak Group - Monday-Thursday
Maple Group - Tuesday-Friday
Birch Group - Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Pine Group - Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

Staggered entry date: August 27 - September 9, 2025. Parents will be notified by email prior to August 23, 2025.

Regular classes start on September 10, 2025, for the assigned group.

Start time for IEP students is 8:50 am, and dismissal is at 11:30 am.

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.

IEP students do not need to purchase supplies except for a backpack, indoor shoes, water bottle and snack for the day. Supplies are included in the IEP fees.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

[School Supply Lists](#)

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, 2025. PowerSchool will be available to parents on August 26, 2025.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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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 2025–2026 school year, visit:

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. 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

2025-2026 School Year information will be posted to our BGSD website in late August.