

# Home Based School

June 2026



## A Message from Principal Holbrow

We are tremendously proud of the students who are graduating this year. We know that each of them has had a remarkable journey that has finally led to the completion of high school. Some of our students found regular classroom instruction overwhelming with too many kids or too many distractions. Some of our students did what they could in the classroom, but it was not enough and needed to come to us to finish those pesky courses they could not



complete. Some of our students had busy and challenging lives outside of school and needed more flexibility to complete their learning.

No matter what their story, they found a place that allowed them to do what they needed to do. And as many of you know, this learning is not easier than the classroom environment. Just different. Our students have to learn to be much more independent, to motivate themselves, to commit to finding time to work on the materials.

We know we contributed a little to each student's success, and we know that many of our students have a support network that contributed to their success, but ultimately, each student did the work. For those not graduating this year, look at their success as your inspiration. Those feeling like they have too much left, know that every step gets you closer. You have a couple of weeks left to finish work this year. Hand in those final assignments. Come in and write those exams. Find your own success that takes you to the next level towards finishing high school.

We believe in you.

Mr. Holbrow  
Principal

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# dates to Remember

## Put This On Your Calendar...

2025-2026 School Year

**June 9 Year End BBQ 2:00 - 7:00 All Students and Families are invited!**

June 21 National Indigenous People's Day AND Father's Day



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## Home Based Events

We want to thank all those who participated in the school events, and look forward to seeing you next year for some more monthly fun together.



## Fun Fact!

- The name June came from the Roman goddess Juno who was the goddess of marriage, childbirth, and love.
- June is the beginning of Summer whereas it is the beginning of [Winter](#) in the Southern Hemisphere (below the equator).
- Each year March and June ends on the same day of the week.
- In the United States, the month of June has a bug named after it, the June Bugs or June Beetle.
- No other month in the calendar year (leap years or not) begins on the same day of the week as June.
- June is a popular name for girls.
- June was called *sera monath* by the Anglo-Saxons, which translated to "dry month".
- More Nobel prize winners are born in June, than in any other month.
- Some of the famous people throughout history or today with June birthdays are Anne Frank, Che Guevara, George H. W. Bush, Morgan Freeman, Johnny Depp, Nicole Kidman, Angelina Jolie, Neil Patrick Harris, Marilyn Monroe, Elon Musk, George Orwell, Chris Pratt, and Ariana Grande.

## Teen Skill Building Programs

### STELLARA THERAPY CO.

Small group virtual programs designed to help teens (13-17 years of age) build emotional regulation, confidence, and practical coping skills for every day life and school challenges.

**Program Details:**

- Format: Virtual small group sessions
- Group size: Min. 4 and max. 8
- Program length: 6 weeks
- Session time: 60 minutes



**About the facilitator**

Alyssa Cole, MACP  
Alyssa works with teens experiencing anxiety, ADHD, ASD, BPD, trauma, and emotional regulation challenges. Her approach is trauma-informed and focused on helping teens develop coping skills and confidence.

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### REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

**Email:** [info@stellaratherapy.com](mailto:info@stellaratherapy.com)

**Website:** [stellaratherapyco.ca](http://stellaratherapyco.ca)

**Registration form link:**

<https://form.jotform.com/260634994531059>

**Program Costs:** \$240 with options to upgrade



### Stellara Teen Skills Lab

A 6 week skills program helping teens understand emotions and develop tools to manage anxiety, stress, and relationships.

**Teens will learn:**

- Understanding emotions and stress responses
- Skills for managing anxiety and overwhelm
- Challenging negative self talk
- Healthy communication and boundaries
- Confidence and self-compassion skills
- Practical coping tools for everyday stress

**Ideal for teens who:**

- Feel anxious or overwhelmed
- Struggle with confidence or self-criticism
- Have difficulty managing emotions
- Want stronger coping skills for stress and relationships

### Stellara Executive Function Lab

A 6 week skills program focused on helping teens develop focus, organization, and planning strategies.

**Teens will learn:**

- How the ADHD and executive functioning brain works
- Strategies to start tasks and reduce procrastination
- Time awareness and planning tools
- Emotional regulation during academic stress
- Creating a personal focus and organization system

**Ideal for teens who:**

- Struggle with organization or missed assignments
- Procrastinate on school work
- Feel overwhelmed with academic demand
- Have ADHD or executive functioning challenges

# PROJECT GLOW

## STELLARA THERAPY CO.

A 6-WEEK GROUP PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP TEEN GIRLS BUILD CONFIDENCE, EMOTIONAL SKILLS, AND SELF-WORTH IN A NUTURING & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.



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- SESSION TIME: 60 MINUTES
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### PROJECT GLOW SUPPORTS WITH:

- BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND POSITIVE SELF-IMAGE
- DEVELOPING HEALTHY BOUNDARIES & RELATIONSHIPS
- MANAGING STRESS, COMPARISON, AND PEER PRESSURE
- IDENTITY EXPLORATION & INNER STRENGTH
- LEARNING COPING TOOLS FOR EVERYDAY CHALLENGES

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## Home Education Wellbeing Lessons

Online video-based content to help you **discuss mental health** with your children

This resource will provide you with **tools to support** your children's mental health.

These online lessons are for children aged 5-18, and showcase **documentary videos of real youth** sharing stories of overcoming challenges.

These videos are followed by exercises to help you generate **discussions with your children** about wellbeing, resilience, and your own family values.



Watch this short introduction!

### Benefits for your Family:

- Help your children build resilience
- Boost your children's self-esteem
- Give your children skills to overcome challenges

### Topics Include:

- Worries, Anxiety & Resilience
- Frustration, Motivation, and Growth Mindset
- Friendship Challenges



*My family has found great benefit from the Open Parachute resources. The material is laid out clearly and parents can create the pathway that they believe will work best for their child. The computer is handed off and the child works through the videos either with me sitting there, or on their own and we talk about it later. It has been a real blessing for our teenager suffering with anxiety...we're having really valuable conversations as a result of her now feeling she isn't alone and that there are some answers for her. Looking forward to utilizing the program more in the year ahead.*

— WISDOM mom

Register for **FREE** Resources:\*



[optam.ly/AISCA](https://optam.ly/AISCA)

In Partnership with:



**You are in the driver's seat!** You determine which lessons your children access.

\* We respect your privacy, we do not track or store your family's data!

openparachute®

## New Resource to Consider!



[CanadianHomeEducation.com](https://CanadianHomeEducation.com)

*What's new at CHER?*

**Lots and lots and lots!**

Looking for the newest homeschool curriculum from our exceptional suppliers? Hoping to find fresh resources that elevate your educational journey? At CHER we have been busy gathering exciting options for you to peruse.

We are proud to offer the largest variety of homeschool resources in Canada. Our goal is to provide this extensive selection with the intention of supporting and enriching your learning experience in every way that we can.

Visit our website to see what new-to-CHER resources we have recently added to support you and your family. Is there a product that we don't carry but you think we should? Let us know! We would love to share your favorite resource with others in the homeschooling community.



The poster features a yellow background with a blue starburst in the top left corner containing the text 'SAVE THE DATE'. The title 'MHCBC SUMMER PROGRAM' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'MHCBC' in blue and 'SUMMER PROGRAM' in red and blue. To the right of the title is an illustration of a cooking pot. Below the title, a red box with a calendar icon contains the registration date: 'Registration date JUNE 5TH @ 9AM'. A blue box to the left of the schedule states: 'DUE TO HIGH DEMAND WE ARE LIMITED 1 CAMP PER CHILD'. The 'SCHEDULE' section, located in a teal box with a paint palette icon, lists: 'July 14, 15, & 16 - Art Camp in Beaumont (Gr 4-6)', 'July 21, 22, 23 - Nature Camp in Beaumont (Gr 1-3)', 'July 28, 29, 30 - Cooking Camp in Leduc (Gr 4-6)', and 'Aug 4, 5, 6 - Lego Camp in Leduc (Gr 1-3)'. It also notes '\*\*\*FREE\*\*\*' and 'All camps are 9am-12pm'. At the bottom, a dark blue oval contains the text 'Also...Teen Tuesdays & Family Events coming up throughout the summer', accompanied by an illustration of three children playing with blocks at a table.

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Find Hidden Mascots

Learning Lab

Reading Challenge

Win Prizes

SCAVENGER HUNTS

# JULY 6 - AUGUST 7

# SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

Ages 0-12

NEW  
ACTIVITIES  
EACH WEEK

Make a splash this summer at the Leduc Public Library! Dive into reading, creativity, and discovery with ocean inspired weekly themes like Pirates & Mermaids or Sharks, Whales & Creatures of the Deep. Find hidden mascots around the library, visit our hands-on Learning Lab packed with fun science, art, math and literacy activities, track your reading and earn chances to win great prizes along the way. ALL FREE!





## Looking for a fun summer experience? Join the Beaumont Agricultural Society Youth Committee this summer!

**For Ages 14 to 22!**

### **Come to our Youth Info Nights!**

Held in the evenings, at the beginning of the month in February, March, & April.

- \* Snacks
- \* Games
- \* Prizes
- \* Info about our program

### **Opportunities Include:**

- \* Youth Market Farm
- \* Youth Committee
- \* Work Experience Event
- \* Volunteer Experience
- \* Even more, decided by you!



Scan the QR code for access to our Linktree for more info and to sign up for our Youth Info Nights!



Interested?

Email Elin Engen at: [volunteer@beaumontagsociety.com](mailto:volunteer@beaumontagsociety.com)

Instagram: @badasyouth

Facebook: Beaumont & District Agricultural Society



FULL WEEK  
**\$175**  
 SHORT WEEKS  
**\$140**



Leduc



**BGC**  
**SUMMER**  
**CAMP**  
**2026**

[BGCLEDUC.COM](http://BGCLEDUC.COM)

- WEEK 1 (June 29 – July 3) 🚀 Space Week (closed July 1)
- WEEK 2 (July 6 – 10) 🌿 Nature Week
- WEEK 3 (July 13 – 17) 🍳 Cooking Week
- WEEK 4 (July 20 – 24) 🐛 Animal & Insect Week
- WEEK 5 (July 27 – 31) 📖 History Week
- WEEK 6 (August 4 – 7) 🌱 Science Week (Closed August 3)
- WEEK 7 (August 10 – 14) 🗺️ Adventure & Discovery Week
- WEEK 8 (August 17 – 21) 🎪 Carnival Week



  
 LRC Site  
 Linsford Site  
 Willow Site  
 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM



Campers will enjoy a variety of fun activities:

- Making new friends
- Outdoor adventures and games
- Indoor play and activities
- Swimming
- Park visits and playground time
- Creative arts and crafts
- Off-site field trips and community adventures
- Two healthy snacks provided each day

**Check this out!**



# Your School's Digital Library



School's Out? Reading is IN!  
How much can YOU read?



## How to find Digital Resources?

On the Library homepage, use the dropdown to select preferred format



Search by title, author or topic, and embark on your digital reading adventure!

## Did you know...

- You can borrow any ebook or audiobook using any device **ANYTIME, 24/7**. Just log in with your student account!
  - There are 5000 different ebooks to choose from, and 1412 different audiobooks!
  - Ebooks and audiobooks will **NEVER** be late! Automatic returns on item due dates.
  - Ebooks will have this icon 
  - Audiobooks will have this icon 
- Ask your **librarian** for help!  
Visit [destiny.blackgold.ca](http://destiny.blackgold.ca) for access!

## TIGER PRIDE SUMMER

# BASKETBALL CAMP



JUNE 29 - JULY 2

GRADES 4-6

\$225

BEFORE

JUNE 15

AND 7-9

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Leduc Composite High School

To Register Contact:

[raelynn.mryglod@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:raelynn.mryglod@gshare.blackgold.ca)

For Questions or  
More Information

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780-721-7481

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# dogs!

A SCIENCE TAIL exhibition

OPENS MAY 2



# Summer SCIENCE CAMPS



Register at [twose.ca/summercamps](https://twose.ca/summercamps)







# HOME LEARNING

## Teacher Directed Moodle Classroom

We will be utilizing our Moodle Capacity this year. Students and parents are required to watch the Moodle Tutorial video below. Please familiarize yourself with the video. The Moodle Site can only be access with the student's Blackgold account. It is the same log-in credentials that you use to check your Blackgold email (same username and password). You can access all of your materials digitally, watch video tutorials, and scan in your work all by using Moodle.

Website <https://moodle.blackgold.ca/> . We will also be requesting that work submitted digitally (scanned or pdfs) be uploaded through the Moodle dropboxes. Instructions are found in each Moodle course. Please don't hesitate to ask for help!  
How to use Moodle to Submit your Assignments.

**First**, download a free version of Adobe Scan free from the App Store.  
Watch a quick tutorial here: [Adobe Scan Tutorial](#)

**Then**, go to your Black Gold Moodle at: <https://moodle.blackgold.ca/>  
Log in with your BGSD login and password.

Here is a quick tutorial to watch: [Moodle Video](#)

Remember, we have already added you to your classes. If you are missing a class, email Mrs. Andersen at [nicole.andersen@blackgold.ca](mailto:nicole.andersen@blackgold.ca).

You will be looking for the “Dropboxes” in the menu. That is where you will upload your assignments.

For example, “**Assignment 1A**” goes in the “**Assignment 1A Dropbox**”.

*PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE UPLOADING THE CORRECT ASSIGNMENT IN THE CORRECT DROPBOX*

Please note your teacher will enroll you in the courses - you are NOT required to self enroll - ignore that part in the video.

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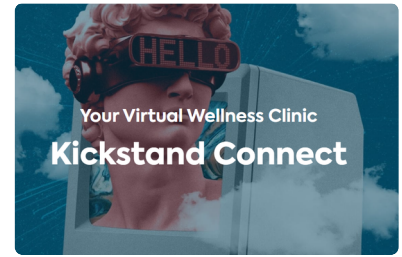
## Health & Wellness



# Wellbeing

## Kickstand

Kickstand Connect is a virtual walk-in clinic for Albertans aged 11-25 (but they said their age range is soft; kids will not be denied if they are older or younger than that). Their services are provided by Alberta-certified providers, and there is NO COST associated with them.



There is NO limit to how many times a kid can access the walk-in services; they will be directed to further support if their needs are more intensive. This program has a TON of connections to other mental health support programs in the province.

<https://mykickstand.ca/connect/>

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## Jack.org

**Jack.org** is a Canadian youth mental health organization dedicated to ensuring young people feel supported throughout their mental health journey. Our work focuses on early intervention, helping prevent crises before they happen by equipping youth and the adults who support them with practical knowledge and skills.

The logo for Jack.org, featuring the word 'jack' in a bold, blue, lowercase font, followed by '.org' in a smaller, blue, lowercase font. The dot is a small orange square.

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## Community Wellness in Leduc



**A well community fosters connection, belonging, and mutual care, ensuring that every member feels supported to thrive.**

Share your thoughts and enter to **Win a \$50 Gift Card**



**Your feedback will help inform future initiatives and programs related to community wellness.**

Tell us about your experiences, concerns and ideas about community well-being, connection and belonging in Leduc.



Complete the survey before August 31, 2025 and be entered for a chance to win a \$50 Walmart gift card.



### Leduc County Family Resource Network (FRN)

Leduc County Family Resource Network (FRN) offers permanent drop-in hours at its two facilities, located in Devon and Thorsby.

All families are welcome to drop in and join FRN staff for:

- coffee and snacks
- resources and referrals
- monthly prize draws
- free Wi-Fi and computer use
- games and crafts
- programs and supports

FRN facility locations

Devon: 5 Jasper Court in the Old Robina Baker School

- Open Mondays from 2 to 8 p.m.

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

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

*Please note: drop-in hours will be closed when school busses are not running.*

For more information, contact Leduc County FRN at 780-979-2385 or [frn@leduc-county.com](mailto:frn@leduc-county.com)

# INDIGENOUS NEWS

*tânsi | abawashded | wotziye | boozhoo | taanishi | oki*

Please take some time to read the [Newsletter](#) prepared each month by our division Indigenous Coordinator Michael Swampy.

**Cree Word of the Month:  
tapahtêyimowin Humility**

[Words of wisdom shared by Betty Simon, from Maskwacis AB. Translation here](#)

Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of creation.

We feel humbled when we understand our relationship with creation

Never think that we are more important than anyone

We are not above or below others in the circle of life

Learn from mistakes, change for the better

Work on creating your self esteem

We will lose ourselves when we do not live in humility

It is humbling to be poor

Freedom from pride and arrogance

Not to continually talk of past achievements, you have not done enough if you must

Always be humble and strive for excellence

Humility is to live your life free from arrogance, to not be boastful, and to have a modest sense of your own worth

“We are just a strand in the web of life” and we respect and value life

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# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Community Events

### CHALLENGER BASEBALL IS BACK!



**DATES: SUNDAYS MAY 3 - JUNE 21**  
**LOCATION: FOUR SEASON DIAMOND 2**  
**TIME: 4-5 PM**  
**COST: 40 PER ATHLETE**



**ATHLETES AGES: 5-17 YRS OLD**  
**JOIN OUR TEAM!**  
**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**



**REGISTRATION IS  
NOW OPEN!**  
**SCAN HERE**



### ABOUT



Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball/softball program that empowers individuals living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. In this program, baseball is used to enhance connection, courage, independence and love of physical activity.

Challenger is new programming we started last year in partnership with the Jays Care Foundation and we are hoping to grow in 2026. The program is for individuals living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities



# Board Highlights

January 24, 2024

2026 Board Highlights can be found here: <https://www.blackgold.ca/board-highlights>

If you cannot access the Board Highlights from the links above, please view them from our website as follows:

- [www.blackgold.ca](http://www.blackgold.ca)
- Board
- Board Highlights



## Board Highlights

February 18, 2026

### Anderson Boundary Update

The Board of Trustees approved the designation of the Anderson development to Linsford Park School (K-6 English), École Leduc Estates School (Grades K-6 French Immersion), École Leduc Junior High School (Grades 7-9 English and French Immersion), Leduc Composite High School (Grades 10-12 French Immersion) and Ohpaho Secondary School (Grades 10-12 English).

### Skills Canada Pre-Approval

The Board of Trustees granted final approval for the attendance of any BGSD student who qualifies for the Skills Canada National Competition to be held in Toronto, Ontario, May 28 & 29, 2026.

### Eight Black Gold Schools Selected to Receive Complexity Teams

Black Gold School Division has learned the Government of Alberta will provide eight Complexity Teams, as a part of the Class Size and Complexity Grant, announced on February 12.

The province has selected the following BGSD schools to receive a Complexity Team:

- École Dansereau Meadows School
- West Haven Public School
- École Bellevue School
- École Corinthia Park School
- East Elementary School
- Willow Park School
- École Leduc Estates School
- École Horizon Heights School

Each team consists of one teacher and two educational assistants who will support the academic, behavioural, social, and emotional needs of students. Complexity teams will provide additional support to students and staff, helping ensure safe, supportive learning environments where all students can succeed.

### Stakeholder Engagement Sessions

Black Gold's School Board and senior leaders are thankful to students, and parents / caregivers of students, for sharing their insights with the Division - about their experiences receiving additional supports in their learning journeys.

Board Chair Devonna Klaassen says, "Classroom complexity has become an increasingly important consideration throughout the province, and in our school division as well. We are thankful for the opportunity to have heard so many valuable insights."

Click here to read more about the stakeholder engagement underway in Black Gold:

[www.blackgold.ca/news/black-gold-school-board-holds-stakeholder-engagement-sessions](http://www.blackgold.ca/news/black-gold-school-board-holds-stakeholder-engagement-sessions)



\*\*Kindergarten registration is underway for both French Immersion and Regular programming. Learn more on our website at [www.blackgold.ca/programs](http://www.blackgold.ca/programs)\*\*

# STAFF DIRECTORY

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## ↓ Helpful links ↓

[Come Visit Us](#)

[Home Based School Website](#)

[How to Use Moodle - Tutorial Video](#)

[Division School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook](#)

Home Education Handbook

Parent Directed Reimbursement Information

Virtual Open House



*I am a  
Visible Learner  
when I...*

- Show a positive attitude
- Take responsibility for my learning
- Persevere with challenges
- Share what I am learning and why
- Ask questions and seek feedback
- Learn from mistakes
- Understand my next learning step
- Know what to do  
when I don't know what to do
- Support others to learn

*The most important thing to know  
is that I am always learning*



## Black Gold Home-Based School

Our Schools • Your Children • The Future



## Mission Statement

Black Gold is a leading school division in creating innovative programming to inspire and create success for students. Black Gold Home-Based School is committed to providing flexible learning options so every student can achieve. Home-Based education choices work in cooperation with students, parents and Black Gold Schools to ensure quality program planning and transition. Home-Based School provides opportunities for Parent-Directed or Teacher-Directed programs and is respectful of parent choice and collaboration. We believe to achieve their full potential, children must be the center of all decisions related to learning and provide course work online or in print in a variety of environments. Home-Based education allows for a personalized learning opportunity for students who require flexibility.



**Nicole Andersen**

Nicole is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters