

# HOME BASED SCHOOL

November 2023 News



*Hello,  
November!*

## **What's happening this month at Home Based School**

How is it November already? Can you believe some students are finished courses and starting others already? Some are writing mid-terms, others are trying their BEST to complete! It is very important that students connect with their teachers at their weekly meet to ensure they are getting the guidance needed to be successful. November also marks the halfway point of "Semester 1". Progress reports will be available as well. It is a good habit to keep up-to-date on PowerSchool, checking in regularly, to see your child's progress.

On **Tuesday, November 7th** all teacher gradebooks will be up-to-date for parents to access through the PowerSchool parent portal. Overall course marks and comments are not included in this interim report. Please check student marks and look for any missing assignments.

Full report cards will be released at the end of each semester (end of January & June).

As per usual, if you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

November also brings us... MIDTERM BREAK☺! That means no school for us for a whole week! No school for the week of **Monday, November 13-Friday, November 17**. See you on Monday, November 20th!

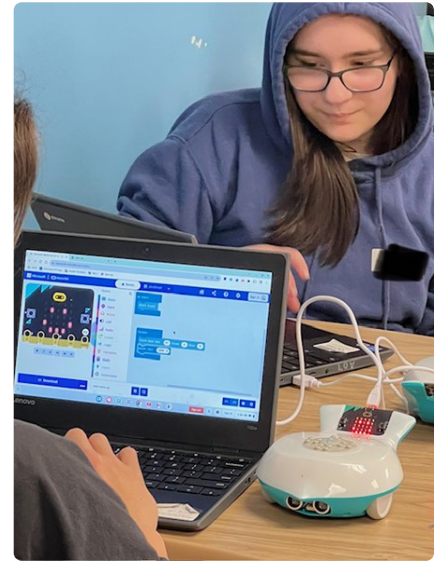
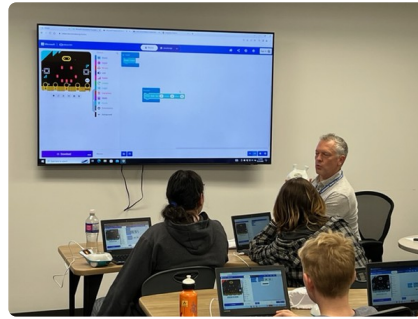
# Special Events

## **Robotics Event was a BLAST!**

Micro:bits 🍷 & FinchBot 🐦 Robots were a HUGE hit! The event was jam packed with cool learning from Black Gold's very own Mr. Darren Maltais.

Our students unleashed the power of technology and creativity with Micro:bits to code FinchBot Robots! In this hands-on activity, they had an opportunity to code and bring their robots to life through a series of engaging challenges.

Thanks to our awesome Home Based staff: Mrs. Kniesel, Mrs. Gilchrist, Mrs. Hay, and Mrs. Shaikh for organizing!

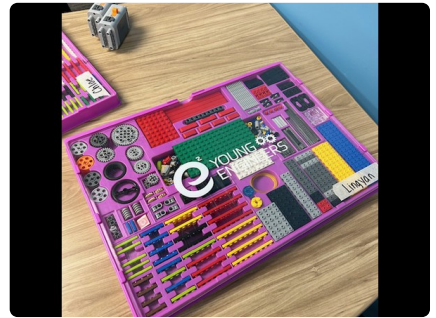


Don't forget about the Home Based Special Events that happen every month, here on site! Our next event is STEM Lego on **October 26!** To ensure that we have the appropriate room and resources to run our events, sign-up is required for each event. All of the dates of our November events can be found below in the "Calendar" section of the newsletter. Click the link below and sign up today:

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

## STEM Lego Special Event!

Young Engineers came by on Thursday for a very special STEM Lego event for our Home Based kids! It was AWESOME! The students were very engaged and so creative! Want to participate in our Special Events coming up? Click the green "Sign Up Here" button above! Can wait to see you for the next ones!





## Accessing your Moodle

All digital course material & video links can be found on our new **Home-Based School Moodle Website** <https://moodle.blackgold.ca/> .

We will also be requesting that work submitted digitally (scanned or pdfs) be uploaded through the Moodle dropboxes. Student logins are provided in their Program Plans and are the same as their email/computer logins. Instructions are found in each Moodle course. Please don't hesitate to ask for help!



## November Activities

Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed by Canadians and other members of the Commonwealth since the end of the First World War in order to remember all those who have fought and died in the line of duty to keep us free. Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember more than 2 million Canadians who have served,

and continue to serve, Canada during times of war, conflict, and peace. If we do not remember, their sacrifice is meaningless.

Looking for ways to participate in the Act of Remembrance?

The Legion's [website](#) can help you:

- Watch the National Ceremony live
- Find a Local Ceremony
- Wear your poppy
- Observe 2 minute of silence
- Veterans' Week Learning Resources (free) [link](#)

Included below are a few videos about Remembrance Day. Try to draw your BEST poppies by watching the video and then maybe you will want to enter the Poster Contest? All info is included below!

What is Remembrance Day for Kids?

# Remembrance

# Day

## for Kids

How To Draw Poppies

# how to draw





## Remembrance Day - JLA Kids

FREE Remembrance Day learning resources for kids!

[kids.joyfullearning.net](http://kids.joyfullearning.net)

## Remembrance Day Poster Contest

Participants are challenged to exercise their artistic ability to create a poster on the theme of Remembrance.

Winning entries at the Legion Branch level move forward to the Legion's Provincial level contests. Finalists are then forwarded to the Legion National Foundation in Ottawa to be judged at the national level.

The First-Place entries are displayed at the Canadian War Museum from November to October of the following year. The entries winning Second-Place and Third Place are displayed in the foyer of the Parliament Buildings during the annual Remembrance period in November. Work will be returned to the artists through The Royal Canadian Legion, National Headquarters at the end of the display period.

Please see the link below for more details.

### Legion-NYRC-Contest-Guide-Poster-EN.pdf

[Download](#)

228.9 KB

## Relentless Martial Arts for kids - Leduc

### HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

We will offer 2 free trial classes on a Tuesday and/or Wednesday from 2 to 3 PM. Notify us of interest in trial classes via an email to [relentlessmartialartsleduc@gmail.com](mailto:relentlessmartialartsleduc@gmail.com).

If you or another member are interested in **coordinating** a group of 10 - 16 students for the **trial classes**, we'll be happy to offer a **free 4 class punch card** as a thank you!

The cost is \$50 for a 4 class punch card with each one hour class that will run 1 day a week. We will run classes with a minimum of 10 students registered and paid.

No extra equipment, uniform or gear is required.

Located at:

2, 4913 52 Avenue, Leduc, AB, Canada, Alberta (across from the grain elevator).



**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS  
AT RELENTLESS**

HOMESCHOOLERS PLAN  
\$50 - 4 CLASS PUNCH CARD  
WEEKLY, ONE HOUR CLASSES



Thursday 2 - 3 PM (current class)  
Other group options considered  
4913 52 AVE, Leduc, AB

relentlessmartialartsleduc  
Facebook, Instagram, @gmail.com  
780 497 9800

SIGN UP FOR 2 FREE TRIAL CLASSES  
[relentlessmartialartsleduc@gmail.com](mailto:relentlessmartialartsleduc@gmail.com)

### Teacher Directed Programming? Need a Chromebook?

If your child is registered in our Teacher Directed program, and is in need of a refurbished Chromebook for school use, please let the office know. We may be able to get our hands on a couple.



<https://www.vecteezy.com>



# dates

to Remember

## Put This On Your Calendar...

Tuesday, October 31 - HALLOWEEN

Wednesday, November 1 - No School - PD Day

Sunday, November 5 - Move clocks back 1 hour - Daylight Savings Time

Saturday, November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 13-17 - Mid-Term Break School Closure

Monday, November 20 - Classes Resume

Thursday, November 30 - Glass Art Special Event!

Monday, December 4 - PD Day - No school for students

December 25 - January 5 - Christmas Vacation - School Closure

Monday, January 8 - School resumes



# STAFF DIRECTORY

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# ↓ Helpful Links ↓

[Home Based School Website](#)

[2023-2024 Division School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook 2023-2024](#)

[Parent Directed Reimbursement Information 2023-2024](#)

[Virtual Open House](#)



## 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.



**Tracy Melnyk**

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