

# HOME BASED SCHOOL

October 2024

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My favorite color  
is October.

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## **A Message from Principal Holbrow**

I know many people love the summer heat, the long days and laying on a beach. That's not me. The thought of living in a place like Texas or Florida does not appeal to me because they spend too much time in the hot weather. To me, the chill of October is perfect. I like to have to wear a light

jacket and still feel the coolness on my arms. And except for those three weeks in February when we cannot leave our houses, I like the winter months, too.

There are different types of people. While I think most people prefer the summer, some, like me, don't feel as productive at that time. I feel like I am more capable of accomplishing my goals when the weather is a bit chillier. The same goes for our education. Many students and families prefer to be in an environment with classrooms and a set structure with daily interactions with their teacher. That's summer.



You are the autumn of education. You have made a choice for something different, and if you can pardon the pun, it makes you cool. We believe very strongly in what we do at Home-Based and at Outreach and know that our students have made a choice that will make them better, stronger, more independent and definitely resilient.

Thank you for choosing to support your child by allowing them to try something different. And let us know how we can support you and your child during the school year.

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# dates to Remember

## Put This On Your Calendar...

**September 30 - NO SCHOOL - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

**October 11 - PD DAY - No school for students**

**October 14 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day**

**October 31 - Happy Halloween**

**November 1 - PD DAY - No school for students**

**November 3 - Daylight Savings Time (Turn your clocks back)**

**November 11 - NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day**

**November 12 - 15 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break**

**November 18 - Classes Resume**

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## HBS Special Events!

Come and check out our first SPECIAL Event of the school year! We are happy to bring back the very popular STEM Lego. Remember, spaces are limited. Please sign up if you can fully commit to attending. We want to ensure that anyone who wants to attend, can attend!

Please sign up and commit by using the link here: <https://forms.gle/CbwxSiwZ2Cd5UpzJ7>



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## Teacher Directed Learning

**HOME LEARNING**

Those students who are registering in the Teacher Directed Program for grades 1-9, your Program Plan Meetings can be scheduled now. Please email Mrs. Melnyk to set them up [tracy.melnyk@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:tracy.melnyk@gshare.blackgold.ca)

## 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. Melnyk at : [tracy.melnyk@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:tracy.melnyk@gshare.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 Mrs. Melnyk will enroll you in the courses - you are NOT required to self enroll - ignore that part in the video.

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## Parent Directed Home Education

# Homeschooling



## Parent Directed Program Plan Meetings

Parent Directed Home Ed Program Plan Meetings can be scheduled now. Please email Mrs. Melnyk to set them up [tracy.melnyk@gshare.blackgold.ca](mailto:tracy.melnyk@gshare.blackgold.ca)

## Parent Directed - Home Education Reimbursement Information

Are you enrolled in the Parent Directed Home Education Program with us? We have included an easy checklist for your Home Education Reimbursements. The PDF below is attached. The reimbursements are for this school year only. Receipts must be dated for August 2024 - May 2025. Deadline to submit reimbursements June 1, 2025. For all other information, check out our website here: <https://hbs.blackgold.ca/parents/standards-for-home-education-reimbursement/>



**Reimbursement-Claim-Form-Checklist-2019-2020-3.pdf**

**Download**  
848.3 KB

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## Mental Health & Wellness

# Your Mental Wellness Matters



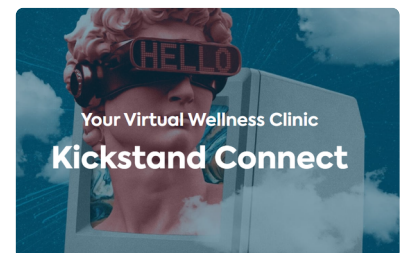
## Open Minds / Open Pages at the Leduc Public Library

Good Morning from the Leduc Public Library,

I wanted to bring to your attention to a great mental health wellness program for teens and/or caregivers - Open Minds/Open Pages. Caregivers are welcome to attend on their own. All info and registration can be found at <https://leduclibrary.libcal.com/event/3818808>. It involves professional guest speakers and pizza.

## 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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## Electronic Recycling Association (ERA) Poster Contest

**Hey kids** - We are excited to invite your school district to participate in our 7th Annual Kids Poster Contest, which aims to raise awareness among students about the importance of electronic waste recycling and environmental sustainability.

**Contest Overview:**

- **Theme:** "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"
- **Submission Deadline:** December 15, 2024
- **How to Enter:** Entries should be submitted online by teachers. Posters can be hand-drawn or created digitally. [Click HERE](#) to submit entries.
- **Prizes:** For every 1,000 entries, there will be 100 winners, and winning students will receive a refurbished laptop. Their artwork will also be featured on ERA's website and social media.

#### Judging Process:

- Entries will be judged by public voting, with winning posters showcased on our social media platforms.

For updates, you can follow us on:

- **LinkedIn:** @ElectronicRecyclingAssociation
- **Instagram:** @ElectronicRecyclingAssociation
- **Facebook:** @Electronic.Recycling.Association
- **Twitter:** @DonateRecycleIT



electronic.recycling.association

# 7TH ANNUAL KIDS POSTER CONTEST

Show us what reducing,  
reusing and recycling  
electronics looks like to you!



YOU COULD  
**WIN A  
LAPTOP!**

#### Why Enter the ERA Kids Poster Contest?

- ✓ Show Off Your Students Talent
- ✓ They could Win a Laptop
- ✓ Be Part of a Creative Community



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING ASSOCIATION | 1.877.9EWASTE | WWW.ERA.CA

# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Fall programs Sept 10-Oct 16

### Tuesdays

Parented (6 classes)  
1-2:30PM  
\$160

Created for children to attend with an adult and experience the farm together.

All ages welcome  
Siblings under 2 free



### Wednesday- Drop off

6-10 yr (6 classes)  
4-6:30PM  
\$245

Sept 11-Oct 16



Fun with  
Mini  
Horses



Cuddle  
kittens  
and baby  
goats



Gardening  
and Seed  
Harvesting



Art and  
Games



Feed  
chickens  
and  
collect  
eggs

### What Does Each Class Include

Start the day off with a group activity and a discovery walk. Explore the hidden treasures in nature while learning about plants and animals. Each class will have special nature theme which we will learn about and explore



Feed the horses, chickens and goats. Play with baby kittens! Brush, braid, paint, bath and learn horsemanship skills with Pete and Mango



To Register  
email us at:  
[charnesacres@gmail.com](mailto:charnesacres@gmail.com)  
24039 TWP 510 Leduc county



# TUESDAYS @ BELLEVUE

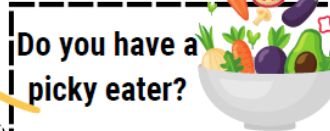
Sept-Dec 2024



Open to families in Leduc County

## What's Happening at Ecole Bellevue School on Tuesdays?

| SEPT/OCT     |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| TUE. SEPT 24 | Sturdy Foundation-Brain Builder |
| TUE. OCT 1   | Supporting Better Sleep         |
| TUE. OCT 8   | Supporting Toilet Training      |
| TUE. OCT 22  | Stress and/or Anxiety           |
| TUE. OCT 29  | Supporting Picky Eating         |



| NOV/DEC     |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| TUE. NOV 5  | Executive Function ✈️             |
| TUE. NOV 19 | FRN- Screen Time                  |
| TUE. NOV 26 | Holidays on a Budget              |
| TUE. DEC 10 | Avoiding Unrealistic Expectations |



**Plan to Come!**  
Mornings: 9:00am to 10:00am

📍 Ecole Bellevue School  
5103 50th Ave, Beaumont AB



## Community Events

[Beaumont Library Calendar](#) - Art Escapes, Book Clubs, Chess, Teen Resume Help  
Beaumont Public Library Scavenger Hunt!

**Loaner BSRC Family Membership** - Want to borrow a family membership for a week? Contact the HBS!

CARC Virtual Webinars ([Link](#)) - Free & online!

Leduc City [Guide](#)

Leduc Fieldhouse [Schedule](#)

[Leduc County Calendar](#) - Family Paint Nights, PD Day Hangouts, Family Fun Sports Days, Grief Support

[Leduc Library Calendar](#)

Telus World of Science Edmonton - <https://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/>

Royal Tyrrell Museum - [link](#) for more info



# Board Highlights

June 19, 2024

## June 2024 Board Highlights

The June 19, 2024 Board Highlights are attached and have been posted to our website at: [News](#). They are also posted to our [Board Highlights](#) website section.

The Board Highlights are a summary of our Board of Trustee meetings to communicate pertinent information to our staff, school councils, parents, students and stakeholders. To be environmentally friendly, paper copies are not provided to the schools and School Council Chairs. The minutes of the regular meeting and organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees are also posted to our Division website.

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 - June, 2024 & School News

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# STAFF DIRECTORY

## The HBS Staff Contacts

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# ↓ Helpful Links ↓

[Come Visit Us](#)

[Home Based School Website](#)

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

[2024-2025 Division School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook 2024/25](#)

[Home Education Handbook](#)

[Parent Directed Reimbursement Information 2024/25](#)

[Virtual Open House](#)

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*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.



**Tracy Melnyk**

Tracy is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters