

Cougar Chronicle - January 21st, 2024

New Online Student Absence Reporting Form

We now have an <u>Online Absence Reporting Form</u> live on the school website. This gives parents and caregivers another way to communicate upcoming absences with the office which will hopefully alleviate some of the extra calls and emails home every day.

You can find the form in the "Popular Pages" section on the main page of the website, as well as under the "Parents" section.

2024-25 Black Gold Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Registration for 2024-25 Pre-Kindergarten opens on Thursday, February 1. Eligible children may begin our Early Intervention Programs (EIP-PreK) in a school within the Division in September if they are four (4) years of age as of December 31 of the respective school year. Children who qualify for Program Unit Funding (PUF) may qualify if they are three (3) years of age as of December 31 of the respective school year and meet the criteria for PUF. Click <u>here</u> for more information or to register your child for the upcoming school year.

2024-25 Black Gold Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Kindergarten for the upcoming school year is still open. Children may begin Kindergarten in a school within the Division in September if they are at least 4 years 8 months old as of August 31 of the respective school year. For more information, please visit the <u>Black Gold School</u> <u>Division website</u>.

School Fees are Now Overdue

School fees are now past due. Please log onto your PowerSchool account to view and pay your child's school fees. If you have trouble paying the full amount, please call the school to make payment arrangements or to request to have your fees waived. Fees for the school year are:

Grade 1- 3 Technology Fee - \$20.00 Grade 4-6 Technology Fee - \$50.00 Kindergarten Enhanced Program Fee - \$100 PreK 3 Year Old Program - \$60 PreK 4 Year Old Program - \$80

Other school fees may be charged for field trips, sports and special events throughout the school year. A full list of all possible fees is available on our website under **Parents - Fees and Payments - 2023/24 Student Fees. We still have <u>31 Student Fees that have not been paid!</u>**

Black Gold School Division Leduc Reconfiguration

At their Special Board Meeting on November 3, 2023, the Black Gold School Division's Board of Trustees voted to approve the Administration's recommendations for boundary and grade configurations for its schools in Leduc (excluding *Covenant Christian School and the Leduc Outreach School), as presented. Full details can be found on the Black Gold website https://www.blackgold.ca/leduc-schools-boundary-and-grade-configuration-review/

Report Cards

Reporting Period 1 Report Cards will be available online on Wednesday, January 31 at 9:00 am. The school **will not** be emailing report cards home anymore. Please log into your PowerSchool Parent

Portal, and under the Navigation pane on the left-hand side click **Student Reports** to view your student's report card.

Bus Status

With the extreme cold temperatures the last two weeks affecting bus schedules, it is important that all parents whose children take the bus to and from school sign up for notifications when their bus is delayed or canceled. Notifications will not be sent to parents unless you sign up to be notified. To set up notifications, sign into your <u>Bus Planner Parent Portal</u>, and under My Account, check the box to receive email alerts.

Dress for the Weather

Winter is definitely here, so please ensure your student is prepared for the colder temperatures by wearing appropriate outdoor clothing to school every day - gloves, toque, jacket, scarf, snow pants, and boots. We have seen lots of kids outside with thin "magic mittens" and these do not provide enough protection from the elements - insulated gloves or mitts are preferred.

Free LRC Pass

Spend some fun time with your family! We have a **Family LRC Pass** that can be borrowed from the Library to use. You can check it out just like a library book! Contact our librarian, Mrs. Bendfeld, to get your name on the list to borrow the pass. Her email is: jennifer.bendfeld@blackgold.ca

School Council & Parent Association News

Our next School Council and PA Meeting takes place on Tuesday, January 24th @ 7:00 pm in the library. Come and meet our executive and find out what we are doing to support École Corinthia Park School students! We are always happy to welcome new faces and hear new ideas - thank you to everyone who has come out to a meeting so far this year.

Bake Sales

Thank you to all of the parents who have provided items for our bake sales so far this year. We have had a tremendous response! All items at the bake sale are priced at 50¢ each.

Our next Bake Sale is on February 20 and will be hosted by **Gr. 1/2 Huber & Gr. 2 Boisvert - 18** items each. Click <u>here</u> to see the full schedule for this year's bake sale.

Bakers: Please

- Our Bake Sale is "NUT-FREE" so please don't send things with nuts.
- Label your baking if it is catered to certain dietary needs (gluten free / dairy free).
- Label containers & reusable bags so they can be given back to the students.
- Cookies, brownies, squares, etc. need to be individually packaged (ex. Ziploc bags, plastic wrap) for safe food handling and distribution.

Buyers: Please

• Try to only send change for your child to purchase items. No bills (especially \$10/\$20 bills). We aren't always able to make change for bills.

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch takes place each Friday (Thursdays if there is a PD day). Hot Lunch is available for students **GRADE 1-6 ONLY.** If you would like to order lunches for your child, please go to <u>Healthy</u> <u>Hunger</u>. **Hot Dog** orders are open for **Kindergarten - Grade 6** students. The order deadline is five days before the lunch date (Saturdays for Friday lunches). No refunds are available. If your child is absent on a hot lunch date, you may come and pick the lunch up at noon or donate it to the school to feed a child in need.

If you have any questions, concerns or feedback about the Hot Lunch Program, please email <u>marleemoreau@hotmail.com</u>.

Popcorn Day

Our next Popcorn Day will be February 29. Students can purchase a bag of popcorn for 50¢ with a maximum of two bags per child. Money can be sent with your child prior to or on the day of the sale. Popcorn Day - Schedule

Volunteers Needed for Hot Lunch, Bake Sales and Popcorn Days

We are in need of Volunteers to make these programs a success. Please sign up through Sign Up Genius to join the crew! Click on the link below or sign up on our website under the Parents Tab and then Bake Sale, Hot Lunch or Popcorn Day. One time or on a regular basis - everything helps! The school requires that you have a Volunteer Form completed prior to starting. Thank you for your support!

Popcorn Day Volunteer

Hot Lunch Volunteer

Bake Sale Volunteer

Community & Parent Information

Early Childhood Development Expo

The <u>Early Childhood Development Expo</u> on February 7th is an event for parents, caregivers, and educators to explore the valuable resources available for their children in Leduc County. Think of it as a one-stop destination for individuals seeking programs, services, and insights to support their child's developmental and school readiness journey.

Family Oriented Programming

The Black Gold Occupational Therapy Team is presenting three topics related to supporting children from PreK through Grade 3. The first topic - Supporting Better Sleep - will be presented at ÉCPS on February 1. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

AMH Caregiver Education Jan/Feb 2024 Newsletter

To find more information on Virtual Education Sessions that are offered please click the link below. <u>AMH Caregiver Education</u>

Free MacLab Events

- The MacLab Centre offers free family events throughout the year. There are three more wonderful events coming up in the new year. They are free, however, tickets are required and are available at the library. All events take place at the Maclab Theatre. Please click on the links below for more information:
- Sika Sings Free Event Jan. 31/24
- Daniel Gervais Free Event Mar. 11/24
- BachTots-Zoo Dance Fee Event April 7/24

See below for upcoming Important Dates!

- Jan. 24th: Hot Dog Day
- Jan. 24th: PA/SC Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 25: Ski club @ Rabbit Hill (Grades 4-6)
- Jan. 26th: School Spirit Day Dress like a Superhero
- Jan. 26th: Hot Lunch Day
- Jan. 26th & 27th: Girls Basketball Tourney @ ÉCPS
- Jan. 30th: PA Movie Night @ 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 31st: Report Cards will be available on your Parent Portal PowerSchool Account @ 9:00 a.m.
- Jan. 31st: NO SCHOOL PD Day
- Feb 2: Hot Lunch Day
- Feb 5-7: ÉCPS Carnaval
- Feb 8 & 9: ATA Teachers' Convention NO SCHOOL
- Feb 14: Grade 4C, 4S, & 4/5R Skating (LRC)
- Feb 15: Ski Club @ Rabbit Hill (Grades 4-6)
- Feb 16: Hot Lunch Day

• Feb 19: Family Day - NO SCHOOL