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Weekly CES Update - Friday, Oct 25 /2024 / Ed #9

Important - NEXT NEWSLETTER Ed #10 - will be posted Monday, Nov 4 /2024

Note from the Principal

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support of our school, teachers, and support staff. Your commitment to our school community makes a significant difference in the lives of our students and enhances their learning experiences.

Together, we are fostering a positive environment that helps our children thrive. We truly appreciate everything you do!

General Notes:

Grade 4,5 & 6 CTF: UPDATE / EXCITING NEWS

Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) provides students in grades 4-6 the opportunity to explore their interests within various areas and technologies. CTF started this week on Wednesday, Oct 23rd. Here is a brief description of each CTF option. All grade 4-6 students will rotate through each option, switching every 5 weeks.

- **Strategy Games (Mrs. Hodge):** Hands-on strategy games are engaging activities that promote critical thinking, teamwork, and strategic planning. These games often require players to make quick decisions based on limited information, use various problem-solving techniques, and have students apply mathematical techniques/ tools. Integrating strategy games into CTF offers a dynamic way to enhance learning experiences. These games foster essential skills in a fun, competitive environment while connecting students to various curricular goals and peers.
- **Minecraft Coding (Mr. Walker):** In Mr. Walker's CTF option class, students will dive into the world of coding using Minecraft Education. Along the way, students will also develop essential computer skills, including problem-solving, logical thinking, and digital collaboration. This hands-on approach will help students understand the applications of coding while engaging their creativity and critical thinking.
- **Arts & Crafts (Mrs. Dublanko):** In this CTF course, students will explore a variety of arts and crafts techniques, enhancing both creativity and problem-solving skills. They will engage in hands-on projects that allow them to experiment with different materials such as paper, fabric, clay, and recyclable items. This course will encourage students to develop craftsmanship and attention to detail while working on individual and group projects.



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- **Competitive Gaming (Mr. Lewis):** Competitive Gaming is an engaging experience with computer games that promote fair play, teamwork, and good sportsmanship. It also emphasizes developing strategies for self-calming and relaxation, ensuring a balanced and positive approach to healthy competition.
- **Lifelong Recreation & Leisure (Mr. Jones):** In this CTF course, students will participate in a variety of cooperative games based on strategy, teamwork, and movement skills that will build their confidence to be active in a variety of recreational activities as they get older. Dances such as the "Cha Cha Slide", "Cadillac Ranch", and "The Basic Two-Step" will also be incorporated into this course. Students will be given some say in which dance movements we learn!
- **Thank you for your support of our Scholastic Book Fair!!!**
 - We had over \$5500 in total sales!!!
 - With profits of over \$1800 to go towards new books and resources for our school!!!
- **Watch for our upcoming Purdy's Christmas fundraiser,**
 - brochures will be going home next week.
- **The LRC Family pass is available to borrow.**
Email your child's teacher or tammy.vandenberghe@blackgold.ca for more information.
- **We still have a few 2023-2024 Yearbooks available for \$21.**
Login to your PS account and purchase one.
<https://powerschool.blackgold.ca/public/>

Important Dates:

- **Monday Oct 28th PUMPKIN CARVING and PIZZA Night**
 - Doors Open at 5:30 / event runs for 2 hours (7:30 end time)
 - Free Pizza
 - Carving tools available
 - Door prizes
 - Cotton Candy Machine (starting at 6:00)
 - Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising their own children/family



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- **CES Halloween celebration** will be held on **Thursday, October 31st, at 9:00 am.**
 - We are asking that you send your child fully dressed in their costume
 - (this includes hair and makeup).
 - Classes will be called down to the gym, where they will have a parade and show off their costumes.
 - Parents are also welcome to dress up and join us for the assembly.
 - Guns, swords, and any other toy weapons are not allowed at school, even if they are part of a costume. Please leave them at home.
- **Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates**
 - Nov 8 - McDonald's
 - Nov 18 - Hotdogs
 - Nov 22 - Power Play
 - Nov 29 - Boston Pizza



We need your help to make our hot lunch program a success!

Volunteering is a great way to get involved, meet other parents, and support our students. Whether you can serve, prepare, or lend a hand with delivering, your contribution makes a big difference!

👉 [Sign up here](#) 👈

Thank you for your support! Together, we can create a wonderful lunchtime experience for our kids!

- **Fall Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30- 7:00**
 - Wednesday, November 6th
 - Thursday, November 7th
 - Please go to: <https://ces.schoolappointments.com/> to register and sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher.
 - Need assistance: [Parent guide](#)
 - If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher
- **Individual School Photos: SMART Photography**
 - **Thursday, Nov. 21** - Pre-K, New students and Retakes



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- **FUNDRAISING IS DUE TUESDAY OCTOBER 29th !!!!**

CES Growing Smiles Fundraiser is coming to a close but there is still time to order!
The perfect way to start your Christmas shopping and decorating!

If you'd like to support us by purchasing some very beautiful poinsettias, wreaths, or planters for friends, family, and yourself, please use the link below:

<https://calmarelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

We will also be accepting paper order forms with cash only.

Deadline for orders is Tuesday, October 29th.

Pickup will be on Thursday, November 21st.

Community Events

- The Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts in Leduc has a free family show, "Candy Bones Theatre - Ideas Bobert" on November 3rd. It stars a silent character similar to Charlie Chaplin. Tickets are available [online](#) or for pickup at the Leduc Public Library.

