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## This week:

#### Mon, August 25

- No School Office is Open
- 5-6 pm School Supply Drop Off

#### Tue, August 26

• No School - Office is Open

#### Wed, August 27

- Grades 1-6 First Day of School
- Kindergarten Staggered Entry

#### Thu, August 28

Kindergarten Staggered Entry

#### Fri, August 29

- Kindergarten Staggered Entry
- 12:51 Welcome Back Assembly Parents are welcome to join us!



# **Upcoming Events**

- Sep 1 Labour Day No School
- Sep 3 5:30-6:30 pm Welcome Back BBQ
- Sep 3 6:30-7:30 pm ELES School Council AGM
- Sep 3 7:30-8:30 pm ELES Fundraising Society
- Sep 11 School Photo Day
- Sep 19 PD Day No School for Students
- Sep 25 BGSD X-Country meet @EHHS
- Sep 29 Orange Shirt Day
- Sep 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation -No School
- Oct 7 LDAA X-Country meet @Peace Hills

## What's New

Welcome Back ÉLES Families! See you Monday, Aug 25 at 5 pm for School Supply drop off & Meet the Teacher!

We are so excited to welcome you all back for a new school year full of learning, fun, and adventure! We've been busy getting everything ready and can't wait to see our halls filled with students again.

This year, we are focusing on our PRIDE values: Participating, Respectful, Independent, Determined, and Empathic. These values are at the core of everything we do at École Leduc Estates School, guiding our students to be the best they can be both in the classroom and beyond.

We have a year of great events planned, starting with our Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 5:30 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and meet new families. Immediately following the BBQ, we encourage all parents to attend the School Council Annual General Meeting. Your involvement helps us make ÉLES an even better place for our students.

We want all of our caregivers to know that your children are valued and cared for at ÉLES and we can't wait to see them this week. We are looking forward to another fantastic year together!

New Procedure for Absence Reporting – To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. This system will be implemented as of August 27, 2025. For more info please see our website main page eles.blackgold.ca under "What's New"

**Student Insurance Available** – The Division's insurance partner, Studylnsured, has Voluntary Student Accident Insurance that is optional for parents to purchase. Please see the website below for further details on the types of plans parents may purchase and the types of coverage available.

https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/compare-plans/

# Meet the School & Counsellor



Hello, everyone! My name is Kyla Donovan, and I am the school counsellor here at ÉLES. I received my BEd in 2014 and my MEd in school counselling in 2021. This year I will be providing individual counselling, while our MHCB team provides whole-class and small-group support.

My role as school counsellor includes supporting students' emotional, social, and academic development. I provide a safe space for children to express their feelings, help resolve conflicts, and offer guidance on issues like bullying and peer relationships. I also collaborate with teachers and parents to create a nurturing environment that promotes each child's well-being and success in school. My ultimate goal is to ensure that every student has the support they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom. If you need any support for your child or family, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:kyla.donovan@gshare.blackgold.ca">kyla.donovan@gshare.blackgold.ca</a>.