



PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” **Oct. 23–Nov. 3 – PARENTS**

<u>Monday Oct. 23</u>	<u>Tuesday Oct. 24</u> Rep @ Wilson Boys 4PM Girls 5:15 Dev hosts Wilson Both games 4 PM	<u>Wednesday Oct. 25</u>	<u>Thursday Oct. 26</u> Leadership 6 bake sale Rep hosts RIBMS Boys 4PM Girls 5:15 Dev at Wilson Both games 4 PM	<u>Friday Oct. 27</u> Picture Retakes Student Center Dev teams at Wilson Rep teams at Lakie Tourney (Chinook)
<u>Monday Oct. 30</u>	<u>Tuesday Oct. 31</u> Halloween Dress Up Day Gr 6 activities Haunted House	<u>Wednesday Nov. 1</u>	<u>Thursday Nov. 2</u> Tiger Spirit Day Pep Rally Block 7 Rep hosts FLVT Boys 4PM Girls 5:15	<u>Friday Nov. 3</u> Staff Meeting

Other news...

- Have you registered for:
PowerSchool? <https://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public/>
School Cash Online? <https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com/>
Safe Arrival? http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/documents/general/SafeArrival%20Parent%20Portal%20Instructions_1.pdf
- **Reporting Student Absences - Did You Know?**
 The Safe Arrival **Mobile App** is a quick and painless way to enter your child’s absence. Once you’ve downloaded the App, you are just a few ‘taps’ away from logging current and future absences, lates, and early dismissals. We know that sometimes ‘life’ gets in the way and you may have forgotten, or not been able, to report an absence. At a pre-determined time (usually between 10 AM and 11 AM) Safe Arrival will send out automated notices to the student’s first and second contact. Although these calls may seem intrusive, they are designed to *ensure the safety of your child*. **Please note the calls will stop once you’ve listened to the whole message and responded accordingly.** You do not need to follow up with the school. A report will be generated and your information will automatically be sent to the office.
- Check out our **website** at <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/> or follow us on twitter @GilbertPaterson for more information on school happenings.
- **June 2017 PAT results** – Follow the link below to access our school results.
<http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/documents/general/PAT%20Newsletter%20report.pdf>
- **Remembrance Day Assembly** – Our assembly will be Thursday Nov. 8th at 10:30 in the Large Gym. Parents are invited to help us remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.
- **Picture Retakes** – Oct. 27 – You can had in picture packages in the office or order online.

- **Parent Council** – The next meeting is Mon. Nov. 13 at 7 PM in the Library. Check here for council minutes and agendas. <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/School%20Council.php>
- **School Fundraiser** – Our annual school fundraiser kicked off Oct. 6th and run from Oct 6-20. We hope to have all the forms and books returned by the end of the week on October 27th. Thank you for your support. Remember, there is the option to make a donation using school cash online.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Volleyball season for all of our teams is heading towards the playoffs. The last day for Junior Club is October 26th. Basketball ID camps will begin on November 21. Congratulations to the Zone Cross Country Team on their South Zone 1J championship that was won in Medicine Hat!
- **Fine Arts** – We will be taking a charter bus to Calgary on Nov. 21 to see Theater Calgary’s production of “A Christmas Carol”. Seats are limited on a first come basis and available using school cash online. The cost is \$60 for ticket and transportation. See Mr. Leavitt for more information.

Our silver collection at the Fall Band concert raised \$1036.20 for the Canyon Church Camp in Waterton to help with the losses suffered in the recent fire. Thanks to Grade 7 and 8 band for a great night!

- **Leadership** – We raised over 1500 pounds of food during the Feed the Bug Bingo – that’s triple from last year! Great job, students and families! Our grade 6 leadership is sponsoring a bake sale on Thursday Oct. 26 to support those affected by the BC wildfires. All items will be \$1. Thanks for your support. Each grade level met this week with their class reps to discuss what they love about Paterson School and ideas for growth. It was a great first meeting and ideas will go back to classrooms and staff. Leadership students are also putting on a fun Haunted House on Halloween for students to check out.
- **Halloween Dress Up Day** – Tuesday October 31st. Show your Halloween spirit!
- **Counselling** - This month the Counselling Team has been going into classrooms and having mini discussions about Mental Illness. What is it? How do people view it, act about it, feel about it, and deal with it. Different types of mental illnesses such as anxiety and depression have been discussed. The Counselling staff has built a bulletin board outside their offices that features some apps that can be downloaded on your phone. These apps provide information and strategies in coping/dealing with mental illness. We invite you to check out the informative video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUIBZuQ2c0Q>
- **Dr. Eva Olsson presentation** – On Thursday, we had the honor of listening to holocaust survivor, Dr. Eva Olsson, speak to our students about the effects of hate and to share a message of care, compassion and kindness. Her powerful message received a standing ovation.

