



PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” **Oct. 22–Nov. 2 – PARENTS**

<u>Monday Oct. 22</u>	<u>Tuesday Oct. 23</u> Rep Vball host RI Baker Boys 4PM Girls 5:15 Final Club Vball 3:15	<u>Wednesday Oct. 24</u> FNMI Parent Night 7PM Victoria Park High School (see below)	<u>Thursday Oct. 25</u> Rep @ St. Francis Girls 4PM Boys 5:15 Dev host St. Francis Both games 4 PM	<u>Friday Oct. 26</u> Picture Retakes Student Center Dev teams at Wilson Rep teams at Lakie Tourney
<u>Monday Oct. 29</u>	<u>Tuesday Oct. 30</u> Rep hosts FLVT Boys 4PM Girls 5:15 Developmental B/G wrap up 3:15	<u>Wednesday Oct. 31</u> Halloween Dress Up Day Gr 6 Halloween Centers (AM)	<u>Thursday Nov. 1</u> Rep hosts FLVT Boys 4PM Girls 5:15	<u>Friday Nov. 2</u> Tiger Spirit Day Pep Rally Block 4

Other news...

- Have you registered for:
PowerSchool? <https://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public/>
School Cash Online? <https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com/>
Safe Arrival? <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
- If you have not registered for **PowerSchool**, your child will receive a letter to bring home with your log in information. PowerSchool allows you to track grades, attendance and receive e-report cards. Please register! **School Cash Online** lets you pay for any fees, hot lunches or other activities easily and hassle free. **Safe Arrival** lets you easily report a student absence through the website, toll free number or mobile app. If you have any questions or need assistance, call Leanna or Luana in the office at 403-329-0125. **Please update any changed contact information for your child or family with our office.**
- Check out our **website** at <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/> or follow us on twitter @GilbertPaterson for more information on school happenings.
- Paterson Positive Spaces / GSA Club** – GPMS will be facilitating a Gay/Straight Alliance/Positive Spaces Group in support of our LGBTQ students and their friends. It is our hope to provide a safe, welcoming, supportive, and inclusive environment for all students, including those who belong to diverse family units. At GPMS, we firmly believe that just as our school supports a variety of other student groups, it is also important to support a GSA. We would like to emphasize that like any student group in our school, participation is always optional and the groups are school staff supported and facilitated by Christine Oviatt (Teacher Counsellor) and Daneel Harkiss (Making Connections Liaison). We are excited to join all other Lethbridge School District #51 middle and high schools in their support of our students. If you, as a parent or guardian, have any questions or concerns that you would like addressed, or would simply like to express your support, we would encourage you to contact Darryl Christiansen, Principal at Paterson. Thank you for your support in caring for ALL youth, as we begin what we believe to be a very important venture. The club will meet every other Thursday at noon starting Oct. 25th.
- Picture Retakes** – Friday Oct. 26 – You can hand in picture packages in the office or order online.

- **Parent Council** – The next meeting is Mon. Nov. 19 at 7 PM in the Library. Check here for council minutes and agendas. <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/School%20Council.php>
- **School Fundraiser** – Thank you to all of the students and families who supported our ADmazing coupon book fundraiser this year. We were able to raise over \$10,000 towards school projects.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Volleyball season for all of our teams is heading towards the playoffs. The last day for Junior Club is October 23rd. We have had a great turnout for club this year! Basketball tryouts will begin on November 14. Congratulations to the Zone Cross Country Team on their South Zone 1J championship that was won in Cardston! If any students are interested in volunteering to be basketball scorekeepers for the upcoming season, please let Mr. Christiansen know in the office.
- **Fine Arts** – Thanks to the Grade 7/8 Bands for a wonderful Fall Concert on October 17th! It was a great way to kick off our fine arts programs this year.
- **Leadership** – We raised over \$2500 worth of food and donations during the Feed the Bug Bingo. Great job, students and families! Our grade level room reps continue to meet regularly to help plan school activities.
- **Halloween Dress Up Day** – Wednesday October 31st. Show your Halloween spirit!
- **Alberta Health Services** - monthly November parent newsletter. Click below for more information. <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/school/csh/if-sch-csh-nov-2018-healthy-children.pdf>
- **FNMI District Wide Parent Night** – Wednesday Oct. 24th at Victoria Park High School (1515 5th Avenue South). Join the FNMI District Staff for awesome door prizes, BBQ dinner and arts and crafts activities!
- **CANstruction** – Are you interested in supporting this venture? The Grade 7 team is interested in registering a team for this years CANstruction competition as hosted by Career Transitions. Teams of 10 meet with local engineers to design and plan a structure made entirely of cans that are then donated to the Lethbridge Food Bank. The build day for this year will be May 22 at Centre Village Mall. Each structure of canned goods costs approximately \$1500.00 to build and we are looking for sponsors to secure that amount before the registration deadline of October 31. Charitable tax receipts are available. Please contact Ms. Hagen at the school if you are willing to help fund this worthwhile community project at our school.
- **June 2018 PAT results** – Follow the link below to access our school results. If your child wrote them at Paterson last spring, you will receive a detailed individual report sent home with your child on Oct. 22. <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/documents/general/2017-18%20PAT%20Results.pdf>
- **Remembrance Day Assembly** – Our assembly will be Friday Nov. 9th at 10:30 in the Large Gym. Parents are invited to help us remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.
- **District Fruit and Veggie Enhancement Programs** - Lethbridge School District looks forward to working with Superstore Lethbridge to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to all 24 of our schools monthly in the 2018/19 school year. The goal of this program is to enhance the profile of fruits and vegetables in our schools, provide healthy nutritional options and education around making healthy nutritional choices. They are delivered to us once a month and we distribute them in various ways to our students. This month, we received apples and sharing them with our students at break time, lunch time and at the end of the day.

