



PATERSON PRESS "All the news that's fit to print!" Jan 21-Feb 1 PARENTS

<u>Monday Jan. 21</u> School Council 7PM Foods Room Grade 6 Scientists in Schools (all week)	<u>Tuesday Jan. 22</u>	<u>Wednesday Jan. 23</u> Hot Lunch Junior Basketball Wed Club 2:15-3:30 P/T interview bookings open	<u>Thursday Jan. 24</u> Parent Math Help sessions 6:30-7:30 8J French movie (off campus)	<u>Friday Jan. 25</u> Junior Basketball Fri Club 12:10-1:30
<u>Monday Jan 28</u>	<u>Tuesday Jan. 29</u>	<u>Wednesday Jan 30</u> Junior Basketball Wed Club 2:15-3:30 (final) Bell Let's Talk Mental Health Day Gr. 6 Trip fundraiser Pizza \$3 a slice at lunch	<u>Thursday Jan 31</u> Pep Rally Block 7 Tiger Color Day Parent Math Help sessions 6:30-7:30	<u>Friday Feb 1</u>

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 Kathy in the office at 403-329-0125. **Please update any changed contact information for your child or family with our office.**
- Parent Council** – The next meeting is Mon. Jan. 21 at 7 PM in the Foods Room. Check here for council minutes and agendas. <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/School%20Council.php>
- District Town Hall Meeting** – Any parents interested in attending the Annual District Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday Feb. 5 at Victoria Park High School from 6:30-9:00 PM, please contact darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca This forum gives feedback to the District and Board of Trustees for future directions and planning.
- Tiger Athletics** – Our Basketball teams have wrapped up the first half of the schedule and all of our teams have been successful. We have many athletes coming out to Junior Club on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our teams conclude LSAA play Feb. 14th and badminton will begin Feb. 15th. There will be more information in early February regarding badminton.
- MATH HELP FOR PARENTS** – If you are looking for tips and information on how to help your grade 6-9 child with math, Joy Morris from the University of Lethbridge and a Paterson parent, will be hosting math tutorials at GPMS.

Drop-in

Math Help Sessions for Parents!

One-on-one help

Games and activities

Refreshments!

Information

Encouragement

Best skill training

What is my kid learning in math?
I wish I could help my kid with math.
Can math be less painful?
Can it even be fun?
Come and find out!

Kids of all ages are welcome with Parents!

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
January 10-February 7, 2019
Gilbert Paterson Middle School
2109-12th Ave. S.

Joy Morris is a math professor who is also a parent. She will be assisted by math education students from the university. Information will be aimed at middle school math, but all parents, all abilities, and all questions are welcome!

With support from the Pacific Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Lethbridge School District 51, and the University of Lethbridge.

- **Sherlock Holmes** – Tickets will be available from School Cash online now for our Fine Arts production of “Sherlock Holmes” that takes place in our small gym from Feb. 11-13th. We are excited to have the production in our small gym with some new staging and other production values. The students have been working hard! If you are interested in being a **fine arts sponsor** through your business, see the information below on how you can support our school theater production and have your business advertised in our community.
<http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/documents/general/Fundraiser%20letter.pdf>
- **LEADERSHIP** – Home Room Rep Leadership are working on some school wide leadership themes for February with Pink Shirt Day. This group meets regularly to see how they can support school activities.
- **Parking, Traffic and Student Safety** – We all recognize that like most schools, our street is busy with cars, busses and students before and after school. We will be reminding students on announcements regarding proper crossing of the streets and safety awareness. It is always good food for thought for us all so if your child is dropped off or crosses busy streets, please remind them to use crosswalks and watch for traffic. Thanks!
- **P/T Interviews** – Parents will be able to sign up for interviews beginning Wednesday Jan 23 at 8:00AM. The interviews take place on Feb. 7 (4:00-8:00PM) and Feb. 9th (8:00AM-Noon). Follow the link to make your appointment time: <https://paterson.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>
- **District Scholarship Breakfast – For the Love of Innovation - Lethbridge School District No. 51**, in partnership with the **Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce**, invites the community of Lethbridge to be a partner in recognizing student innovation. This is in keeping with Lethbridge School District No. 51’s new vision, “*Learners are innovative thinkers who are successful, confident, respectful, and caring.*” This year’s scholarship breakfast will be held on **Thursday Feb. 14, 2018**, Valentine’s Day, at **The Coast Hotel**. It promises to be a great event with an excellent opportunity for local businesses to associate themselves with innovation in our schools. In keeping with the spirit of the day and the **Canada 150 ICE Awards**, the theme for the breakfast will be “**For the Love of Innovation: Paying it Forward.**”. More information can be found below:
<http://www.lethsd.ab.ca/Canada%20150%20ICE%20Awards%20Scholarship%20Breakfast.php>
- **Alberta Health Services January Newsletter item** – Attached is information regarding vaping from AHS. We see this from time to time at the middle school level and treat it the same as smoking.
<http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/documents/general/2019%2001%20AMH%20News%20Vaping.pdf>
- **Healthy eating at GPMS** – Our tuck shop has introduced new healthier options in the new year and more such as wraps and salads are on the way. Our vending machine is also offering expanded choose more often options as well. As part of the district’s fruit and vegetable program, our school received carrots this week. Students tried carrot soup, carrot muffins and carrot slaw at lunch. Thank you, Ms. David!
- **January 30 – BELL Let’s Talk Day** – Our counselling and Wellness team will have information and activities on this day to help end the stigma surrounding mental health issues. We look forward to students contributing in a positive way to the conversation.

