



**PATERSON PRESS** “All the news that’s fit to print!” Sept 9-21 PARENTS

<u>Monday Sept. 9</u>	<u>Tuesday Sept. 10</u>	<u>Wednesday Sept. 11</u>	<u>Thursday Sept. 12</u>	<u>Friday Sept. 13</u>
Alice in Wonderland Auditions begin afterschool Fall fundraiser continues until Sept. 20	Gr. 6 Band Clinic 3:15-5:00  Club volleyball 3-4:30	Parent Evening 7-8PM  Voyage Quebec Parent Meeting 6:00-6:45	PICTURE DAY Gr. 6 Band Clinic 3:15-5:00  Volleyball league games begin	
<u>Monday Sept. 16</u>	<u>Tuesday Sept. 17</u>	<u>Wednesday Sept. 18</u>	<u>Thursday Sept. 19</u>	<u>Friday Sept. 20</u>
School Council - 7PM Foods Room – all invited	Club volleyball 3-4:30			Terry Fox Day – see below for toonies for Terry info Grade 7 Corn Maze Fall fundraiser ends – please place all orders on School Cash Online

Welcome back Paterson families!

Instead of a month end newsletters, we send home the “Paterson Press” every second Friday. The idea is to keep you informed of happenings in our school more regularly. If you have feedback, please let us know! Call (403-329-0125) or email [darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca)

- Have you registered for:
  - PowerSchool?** <https://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public/>
  - School Cash Online?** <https://lethbridge.schoolcashonline.com/>
  - Safe Arrival?** <https://go.schoolmessenger.com> (Please check the letter on page 3)
- 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 Jennifer in the office at 403-329-0125. **Please update any changed contact information for your child or family with our office.**

We will be opening PowerSchool on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your patience as we have been experiencing many issues and did not want there to be unnecessary errors when parents go on. There may still be some gaps in term 2 or 3 options and those will be addressed in the coming weeks.

- **Hot Lunch** – Hot lunch for September has been moved to Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> The deadline for orders is Sept. 18. Orders must be placed through school cash online. Thank you to our School Council for their time and effort to provide this lunch.
- Check out our website at <http://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/> or follow us on twitter @GilbertPaterson for more information on school happenings.
- **First Spirit Day** – On Friday Sept. 6, we had our first ROAR Day to celebrate our Tiger Spirit at Paterson. Homerooms took part in a variety of community building challenges and activities.

- **Rock Band Club** – See Mr. Bexson (room 210) if you are interested in **Rock Band**.
- **Parent Evening** – Please join us on Wed. September 11 starting at 7PM for an informal evening to meet your child’s teaching team. Each class will have two sessions from 7-7:30 or 7:30 to 8:00 to allow you to visit multiple classrooms if needed. We will have directions and guides at the front door and of course students are encouraged to bring out their parents!
- **School Council** – The first meeting of the year is Monday September 16th at 7 PM in the foods room. Come on out and find out about what is happening at Gilbert Paterson and how you can be involved!
- **Picture Day** – Pictures take place Thursday September 12th. No packages or funds are needed on this day. Students will receive proofs and package information at a later date.
- **School Fundraiser** – Our annual school fundraiser kicked off on Friday Sept. 6 and run from Sept 6-20. We will be selling **GPMS PowerCards** for \$20 that give discounts and coupons at local businesses. Your child will be bringing home a package on Friday Sept. 6. Students will have the chance to win some great prizes. All funds raised will go towards grade level field trips and activities, classroom reading libraries and an improved gym sound system. **Please read the directions carefully as all purchases of cards are made through School Cash Online.** Thank you for your support
- **Fall Awards Night** - We will be handing out academic, athletic and fine arts awards for last year to current grade 7 and 8 recipients on Wed. Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a synervoice message invitation if your child is receiving an award that evening by the end of next week.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Volleyball ID tryouts are underway. All students who come out will be given the opportunity to learn and play on either a rep, developmental or junior team. Check the website for more information. Thank you to our dedicated coaches:  
Rep Boys – Mr. Wood    Rep Girls – Mr. Lam  
Development Boys – Mr. Mansbridge, Mr. DeMartini    Development Girls – Mrs. Nelis, Mrs. Greve  
Junior Boys / Girls – Mr. Gamble, Mrs. Froese, Ms. Fox  
Cross Country begins right away in our PE classes with the LSAA meet taking place Sept. 25 AM at Nicholas Sheran Park. Students will qualify for age group teams through PE runs.
- **Toonies for Terry** - Grade 6 Leadership is running the Toonies for Terry Program again this year! Please send Loonies and Toonies from September 16-20 to help us support the Terry Fox Foundation and Cancer Research! Our school will be running the Terry Fox Run on the morning of September 20 so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Thanks for all your support!
- **FINE ARTS INFO**  
**Beginner Band Clinics** start up September 10<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Lewis’ emails for more information. This year’s theater production, **Alice in Wonderland**, will hold auditions starting Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>. We have enjoyed meeting with many students this week about our production of Alice in Wonderland during our pre-production meeting in the Library. It was a treat to see so many interested in working on this production - either on stage or back stage. During this meeting there was a lot of important information given out and discussed, such as how and when to audition for a role, and what our schedule and expectations are. If you were unable to attend this meeting, and would still like to audition for a role in our upcoming production, please see either Mr. Leavitt or Mme. Bryden for the information and an important letter that will go home regarding the production.