



PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” Jan 6-17 **PARENTS**

<p><u>Monday Jan. 6</u></p> <p>Welcome Back! Happy New Year! Intramural Indoor Soccer starts at noon</p> <p>Gr. 7/8 Basketball 3:10-4:30</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Jan. 7</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Jan. 8</u></p> <p>Gr. 6 Basketball 2:15-3:30</p>	<p><u>Thursday Jan. 9</u></p>	<p><u>Friday Jan. 10</u></p> <p>Human Sexuality Unit begins in Health for all grades</p> <p>No grade 6 basketball – Staff Meeting</p>
<p><u>Monday Jan 13</u></p> <p>Gr. 7/8 Basketball 3:10-4:30</p>	<p><u>Tuesday Jan. 14</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday Jan 15</u></p> <p>Pizza Lunch – limited quantities \$3 slice \$5 for 2 slices</p> <p>Gr. 6 Basketball 2:15-3:30</p>	<p><u>Thursday Jan. 16</u></p>	<p><u>Friday Jan. 17</u></p> <p>Parent Teacher interview requests for Jan 30/31 open 8AM</p> <p>Gr. 6 Basketball 12:10-1:30</p>

Other news...

- Have you registered for:
PowerSchool? <https://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public/>
School Cash Online? <https://lethbridge.schoolcashonline.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 Jennifer 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.
- **Parent Council** – The next meeting is Mon. Jan. 20 at 7 PM in the foods room. **THANK YOU** to all the parents who sent food for the staff appreciation lunch on Nov. 27 and to Mrs. Hazelwood for organizing the event.
- **Tiger Athletics** – We are excited to have over 85 players coming out to our Grade 6/7/8 basketball club. Our Rep and Developmental teams are off to a great start to the season. The Rep Boys won gold and the Rep girls collected Silver medals at the recent Tiger Classic against some tough competition and the Developmental girls captured the consolation side of the St. Francis tourney. The January basketball schedule is available on the athletics website. Paterson wrestlers compete with the other middle schools and high schools in various competitions as well. Congratulations to Solomon Prenevost and Payton Shields who medalled at the LCI Green and Gold tournament recently.
- **FINE ARTS - THANK YOU** – Your support of our fine arts during the Christmas season was again outstanding. The Band Winter concert and the Choir and Handbells concert were amazing and we congratulate Ms. Lewis, Mr. Leavitt, Ms. Toews, Mrs. Miller and of course, all the students, for wonderful evenings! Congratulations to the following choristers who were selected to the Southern Alberta Children’s Choir: Alexis Jones, Maeve Jensen,

Victor Motte, Marlow Hendry, Anna Skretting, Melora Bowie, Sariah Still, Nyla Butler, and Macee Hall. Quite an accomplishment for our choir!

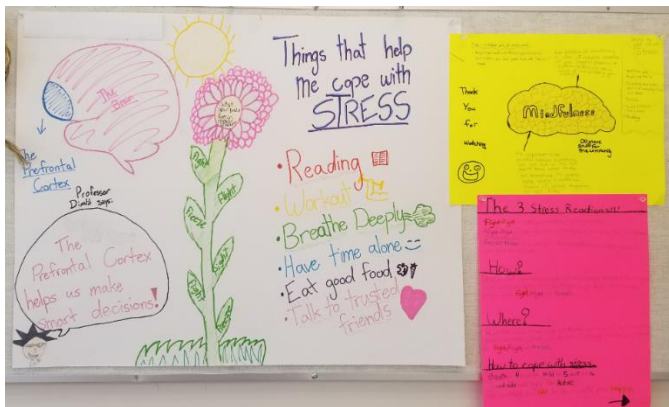
- **NEW YEAR STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS** – We want to wish Mrs. Nelis all the best as she begins her maternity leave in January from 7AB. We are please to welcome Mr. Zach Wanner to our grade 7 team as he takes over the teaching duties in these classes! We will also be hiring an acting Vice Principal in the New Year as Ms. Hagen will be going on a maternity leave in the early spring. Thank you as well to our Intern teachers who are completing their term with us at Christmas. Good luck Ms. Fox, Ms. Toews and Mr. DeMartini in your future teaching!

- **HEALTH CLASSES** – Students will be starting the Human Sexuality component of Health on January 10th. It will run January 10, 17, 24 and Feb. 7. If your child did not already have signed consent from the registration package to participate, you will receive a synervoice confirming your response on Jan. 6th.

- **ROCKIN' THE RED CROSS** – Congratulations to our Rock Band students who participated in a Dec. 17th benefit concert at G.S. Lakie with the Lakie and Wilson Middle School rock bands to help raise over \$1300 for the local Red Cross! What a great show and a great cause!



- **MAKING CONNECTIONS – Grade 7 “Kids Have Stress, Too” Project** – Jillian Hannigan, our Making Connections liaison, has been working with grade 7 classes this fall on this project. She writes:



Even the most nurturing school and home environment can't completely protect children from a range of everyday stressors that can be both challenging and motivating. Over the past two months I have had the opportunity to talk with several of the grade 7 classes about positive and negative stress. At the end of the lessons the students had the chance to present the things they have learned to their fellow classmates; the results have been phenomenal! -- Jillian

- **TERM 1 HONORS** – Congratulations to all of our Term 1 honors students. Our honors list is posted on the bulletin board in the large gym showcase. Honor roll letters will be passed out on Jan 6th to all recipients. Thank you to all students for your hard work!

- **TALENT SHOW** – Our Dec. 19th *Paterson's Got Talent* show was excellent! Thanks to the student performers and staff volunteers for a great show! It was a great way to end off our Christmas week!



- **THANK YOU TO THE TIM HORTON'S LETHBRIDGE SOUTH RESTAURANTS** – As part of their “Pay it Forward” Christmas campaign, they gifted us with 150 Tim’s cards to use to reward for kindness, mindfulness and other good deeds this holiday and into next year! What a great community partner – thank you for thinking of us during the holiday season!

students and staff

- **PATERSON CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SPIRIT** – We had some great Christmas community initiatives going on at school this month. The Gr. 7 Leadership had pictures with Santa at the noon hours with the money raised going towards buying Angel Tree gifts. The Gr. 8 leadership group sold almost 200 Candy Cane grams with the money raised going to the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen. The leadership group also visited our school neighbors with treats and holiday wishes! Our counselling department spearheaded a school wide food drive to make hampers for Paterson families at Christmas and staff, students and families contributed Angel Tree gifts to the cause as well. Thank you to Mr. Bardock’s U of L Men’s Soccer Team for their contribution to our Paterson families as well. Our “Me to We” group ran a holiday winter gear drive. They collected donations of toques, mittens, scarves, socks and winter headbands. All donations will be going to the Happy Surprise Company in Lethbridge. They are a group that helps people in need in our community by doing acts of kindness, providing clothes as well as food when possible. It is a small, but meaningful organization that the Me to We students have chosen as part of their local community project. We also celebrated the season with Red/Green and Christmas Sweater Days, Movie Mill PJ Day as well as classroom carolling from our choirs. Below are some pictures from our school holiday activities.

WE WISH A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY TO ALL OF OUR PATERSON FAMILIES!

