



**PATERSON PRESS** “All the news that’s fit to print!” Jan 20-31 PARENTS

<p><b><u>Monday Jan. 20</u></b> School Council 7PM Foods Room</p> <p>P/T Interview bookings begin 8AM (see info below)</p> <p>Theme Week – fun theme days daily (see below for more info)</p> <p>Gr. 7/8 Basketball 3-4:30</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Jan. 21</u></b> Bob Kittel presentation 1PM</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Jan. 22</u></b> Junior Basketball Wed Club 2:15-3:30</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Jan. 23</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday Jan. 24</u></b> Beach Day</p> <p>Beach Day Dance 12-2PM Small Gym \$2 or food item</p>
<p><b><u>Monday Jan 27</u></b> Gr. 7/8 Basketball 3-4:30 (final)</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Jan. 28</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Jan 29</u></b> Junior Basketball Wed Club 2:15-3:30 (final) Bell Let’s Talk Mental Health Day</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Jan 31</u></b> Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-8:00</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Feb 1</u></b> Parent Teacher Interviews 8:00-12:00</p>

**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 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. Everyone is welcome!
- **District Town Hall Meeting** – Any parents interested in attending the Annual District Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday Feb. 11 at Victoria Park High School from 6:30-9:00 PM, please contact Mr. Christiansen. [darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca)  
This forum gives feedback to the District and Board of Trustees for future directions and planning. With the political and economic climate, it will be important to hear priorities and views from all stakeholders as the board makes priorities for next year.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Our Basketball teams have wrapped up the first half of the schedule and all of our teams have been successful. Our rep teams sit in first place in their league and our development teams are improving each time out. We have many athletes coming out to Junior Club on Wednesdays and Fridays. Our teams conclude LSAA play Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and badminton will begin Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 former Paterson parent, is hosting math tutorials at Senator Joyce Fairbairn. Check the district link <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/news/post/math-fun-sessions-set-to-begin-on-wednesday-jan-8-at-fairbairn>
- **Alice in Wonderland** – Tickets will be available from School Cash online now for our Fine Arts production of “Alice in Wonderland” that takes place in our small gym from Feb. 10-13 at 7PM. We are excited to have the production in our small gym again this year with our newer staging and other production values. The students have been working hard! All students will also have the opportunity to view the play and watch their friends and classmates during matinees. Thank you for supporting our productions.
- **LEADERSHIP** – Home Room Rep Groups and Leadership classes are working on some school wide leadership themes for January. Next week there are fun theme days daily culminating on Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> with a Beach Day and Dance. There will be food, prizes and fun at the dance!

Mon Jan 20	Hat or Toque Day
Tues Jan 21	Wacky Outfit Day (crazy colors, prints, etc)
Wed Jan 22	Meme Day – can you dress as your favorite meme?
Thurs Jan 23	Throwback Thursday – dress from your favorite decade
Thurs Jan 24	Beach day – dress in beach gear Dance from 12-2 Small Gym \$2 or food item for admission

- **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. With the cold weather, please review the importance of dressing for the outdoors, even if you are getting a ride or taking the bus. Thanks!
- **Parent Teacher Interviews** – Parents will be able to sign up for interviews beginning Monday January 20 at 8:00AM. The interviews take place on Thursday Jan 30 (afterschool 3:30-8:00PM) and Friday January 31 (8:00AM-Noon). An email was sent out specifically to French Immersion and English students on Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> to outline the different process for each group. Follow the link that was sent out earlier to make your appointment time: <http://qp.lethsd.ab.ca/download/208478>
- **STAFFING INFORMATION – Congratulations Mr. Matt Brunner**  
With the upcoming maternity leave in the spring for Vice Principal Lindsey Hagen, we are pleased to announce Mr. Matt Brunner will be Acting Vice Principal. Mr. Brunner has been teaching math, science and option programs at Paterson for 14 years. We look forward to having him continue to provide leadership, relationships and student learning in this new capacity. See the full district announcement below.  
<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/news/post/brunner-appointed-acting-vice-principal-at-gilbert-paterson-middle-school>
- **January 29 – 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.
- **GUEST SPEAKER – Bob Kittel – January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Bob is speaking at Wilson in the morning and here at Paterson at 1PM. He speaks to students about appreciation, connecting to others, setting goals and how to listen, among other topics. We hope that our students will find the connections to our ROAR philosophy in his talk.
- **SHELLY MOORE presentation for parents – Wilson Middle School – Tues Jan 21 – 6:30-8:00**  
Our district is offering this presentation to parents by Shelly Moore, who is a well-known speaker on inclusion, learning and curriculum. To find out how to register for this free presentation, follow the link.  
<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/news/post/division-set-to-host-shelley-moore-for-a-january-presentation>