



PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” Sept 12, 2020 - PARENTS

In the past we have sent out a Paterson Press every second Friday with a calendar of events for the two-week period and other information. As there are no clubs, fine arts, general activities or sports to start the year, the calendar feature is not required right now so the Press will look different. This fall, we will send it out **every Friday during September** with updates and important information. If you have feedback, please let us know! Call (403-329-0125) or email darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca

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, activities or school gear easily and hassle free. **Safe Arrival** lets you easily report a student absence through the website, toll free number (866-879-1041) 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.

Student Illness at School – Please be sure you are aware of these School Division procedures – Thanks!

Please remember to use the attached screening tool before sending your child to school.

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionnaire-english.pdf> If you answer yes to any of the questions, your child should not attend school that day. If your child comes to school and becomes ill during the day, we will use the screening tool to assess your child. Schools must keep records of a student’s known pre-existing conditions. If your child has a pre-existing condition that could cause symptoms, please let us know in the office for our records. If a student develops symptoms in or outside of the program that could be caused by COVID-19 or by a known pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies), the student should be tested for COVID-19 at least once to confirm that it is not the source of their symptoms before entering or returning to the school. This Division policy is designed in consultation with AHS to help keep our schools open and avoid an outbreak.

- **Picture Day** – Pictures take place Thursday September 17th. No packages or funds are needed on this day. Students will receive proofs and package information after pictures are taken. There will be an opportunity for at-home learning students to come and get their pictures taken as well on this day. We will communicate these details prior. Lifetouch Photography will be following all protocols for sanitization and safety.
- **Fall Awards** - We usually hand out academic, athletic and fine arts awards for last year to current grade 7 and 8 recipients in an evening ceremony at the end of September. We will be replacing that with grade level assemblies over Microsoft Teams at the end of the month where students receive their awards in their classes. We will also send a printable Fall Awards program home to families.
- **Terry Fox Day**– Students will be finishing Terry’s journey across Canada that was cut short in Thunder Bay over 40 years ago. The laps we walk as a school will be added to our Canada map until the journey is complete. Starting Monday September 14th, PE teachers will be collecting Toonies for Terry in there classes so please donate to Terry’s dream.
- **Student Drop-off and the Parking Lot** – For safety, please do not enter the staff parking lot or block the entrances when dropping students off. We have Access-A-Ride and students walking in this area. Thanks!

- **Dismissal Reminder** – If your child walks home at the end of the day, please remind them that they are to leave the school grounds and come home unless they have permission from you to go elsewhere. We do not want students staying and playing unattended at the school playground or fields. Thank you.
- **Fine Arts** - Mr. Leavitt and Ms. Lewis are providing virtual choral for grades 6/7/8 and virtual band for grades 7/8 afterschool in the coming weeks. They will be sending home information to their respective students about these opportunities to stay connected to music.
- **Parking and School Streets** – Please take extra care when driving around the school as students are dismissed from all doors. Please be aware of all crosswalks and speed limits and that students don't always pay attention. Thank you for your assistance.
- **Re-Entry GPMS Handbook** – This was sent out in August and can be found on the website as well. It contains many frequently asked questions about school protocols and start up.
<https://gp.letbsd.ab.ca/home/news/post/gpms-handbook-2020>
- **Meet the Teachers** – Due to Covid protocols, we will not be having a parent night here at the school. The homeroom teacher will be reaching out to their homeroom parent group over the first weeks of school.
- **School Council** – School Council will be starting in October. Our first meeting will be Monday October 19th. Details on a virtual option are also being worked out and we will communicate them in early October.

First Day – Welcome back to school!

