



PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” Sept 18, 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.

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We continue to have a successful start to the year as our students, staff and families continue to adapt to our protocols and routines. The weather has really cooperated and allowed us to get outside for PE, lunch and other breaks. Staff continue to adjust to the social, academic and wellness needs of students. Our Counselling team has made visits to all of our classrooms to introduce themselves and talk about wellness and how we can take care of each other. As we are approaching the end of our third week, we continue to assess what is working, the needs of our students and how to maintain the overall health and wellness of students and staff.

- **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. These presentations will take place on Monday Sept. 28
- **Terry Fox Day** – Thank you for your support of our Terry Fox week. Students continue to push across Canada to support Terry’s dream. They are almost in Saskatchewan with their combined walking kilometers.
- **Orange Shirt Day** – Students will be recognizing the important of truth and reconciliation as we celebrate Orange Shirt Day on **Wed. Sept. 30**. Students will be learning about the significance of this day prior through activities. Please remember your Orange Shirt on this Day.
- **School Council** – School Council will be starting in October. Our first meeting will be Monday October 19th. Details will be communicated in early October.
- **Friday Sept. 25 – JERSEY DAY** – Wear your favorite team, sport or activity jersey and maybe win a prize!
- **Thanksgiving Week** – The Division has consolidated October holidays, professional learning and interview into one week from October 12-16. There are no classes for students during this week. The days breakdown as follows:
 - Mon. Oct. 12 – Thanksgiving holiday
 - Oct. 13-14 – Professional learning and collaborative learning communities for staff
 - Oct. 15-16 – Parent / Teacher Interviews. We are finalizing our plans for interview protocol across the division and will be sending out information by the end of next week.
- **Feed the Bug – FOOD DRIVE** – It will look a little different this year with safety protocols but we will still be doing our annual Food Drive for the Food Bank the week of Oct. 5-9th. Watch for more information.
- **Picture Retakes** - If you missed picture day on Thursday, retakes are Oct. 26.