



PATERSON PRESS "All the news that's fit to print!" Oct.19-30 PARENTS

Starting October 2nd, we will send this calendar out every two weeks with updates and important information. If you have feedback, please let us know! Call (403-329-0125) or email darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca

<u>Monday Oct. 19</u> School Council 7PM (see below)	<u>Tuesday Oct. 20</u>	<u>Wednesday Oct. 21</u>	<u>Thursday Oct. 22</u>	<u>Friday Oct. 23</u> Grade 7 Morning Announcements
<u>Monday Oct. 26</u> Picture Retakes	<u>Tuesday Oct. 27</u>	<u>Wednesday Oct. 28</u>	<u>Thursday Oct. 29</u>	<u>Friday Oct. 30</u> Grade 6 Morning Announcements Halloween Dress Up Day (see below)

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**, please contact our office. 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,

As we return to school after the fall break for students, we are seeing a surge in local Co-Vid cases in our community. Our main priority continues to be the safety of all students, staff and families and keeping our students in school. We want to be sure that we do not become complacent in our protocols at this time so we will be emphasizing with all students and families in the coming weeks:

- Daily use of the Co-Vid screening tool prior to attending school and an understanding of the different measures that need to be taken depending on any symptoms. Please see the following links for updated information from AHS <https://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/home/news/post/ahs-self-assessment-tool>
- Continued focus on consistent hand washing and/or hand sanitization
- Continued mask use inside the school with appropriate breaks during eating or silent activities. Our students have demonstrated they can do this effectively.
- Mask use on the busses
- Outside masks may be taken off when students are able to social distance. We want students to understand their responsibility to each other in this regard and will be emphasizing this next week
- After School – students are asked to leave the school grounds to be picked up or to walk home immediately upon dismissal. The school playground will not be open before or after school. If a student is waiting for a ride, they are asked to wait in a socially distanced manner or to wear masks when with others.

- As gym class moves inside, we will ensure that our classes have a dedicated space and daily activity. Activities will be designed to provide as much social distancing as possible and students may be required to wear masks during certain low impact activities where distancing is not possible

We will continue to emphasize the importance of a school community approach to taking care of each other. We have seen the impact of a quarantine situation on classes of students and staff at other buildings. Our goal is to avoid these situations for our students and staff and keep families safe. We also know that Co-Vid fatigue is real for all of us and count on your support and help in our protocols.

Sincerely,

Darryl Christiansen -Principal

- **Virtual Band and Choir** – Thank you to the students taking part in these after school activities that are helping to keep that musical connection going. Thank you to Mr. Leavitt and Ms. Lewis for their efforts.
- **School Council** – School Council will be starting in October. Our first meeting will be Monday October 19 at 7PM in the small gym. Social Distancing and mask protocols will be in effect. An invite was sent this week
- **Parent Teacher Interviews** – Thank you for your assistance in making these safe and successful. We appreciated the opportunity to meet with parents and discuss your child’s progress this past week
- **Feed the Bug – FOOD DRIVE** – Last week we brought in 1157 pounds of food and \$156 for the Interfaith Food Bank through our Homeroom Bingo. That comes to a total donation value of about \$3200. Thank you, Tigers!
- **Picture Orders and Retakes** – If your child missed picture day, retakes are Monday Oct. 26.
- **Fall and Winter Weather** – We have enjoyed a wonderful fall and have taken advantage of outstanding weather. As things change, we ask that your child be prepared to be outside at breaks. We are putting plans in place for winter footwear storage and lunch activities for the weather change.
- **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Lethbridge School Division Pivot Point** - On Thursday, Oct. 15, a Pivot Point form will be available on the Lethbridge School Division website. The form is to be filled out **ONLY** by parents who wish to request a change in the learning model their children are currently engaged in (in-school learning or at-home learning). The form will remain on the website until 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21. For students requesting a change, the transition to their new learning model will take place from Tuesday, Nov. 10 to Friday, Nov. 13. On Monday, Nov. 16, classes will begin for students that requested a change. The Request for Change – Pivot Point 1 form is located at <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/news/post/pivot-point-survey-open-for-elementary-and-middle-school-students>
- **Halloween Dress Up Day – Friday Oct. 30** – Students are invited to dress up on this day and show their Halloween spirit. We ask as always that students wear culturally appropriate costumes that do not have any toy weapons, gore or violence. Our students do a great job with this expectation and their creativity is fantastic! Please be sure your child can incorporate their face mask in their costume – a costume mask is not a replacement for a proper face covering and should be left out for this year. Please remember that students are unable to bring any treats from home for their class this year. As a result, we will provide each class with individually packaged treats that will be distributed with proper protocols. We look forward to some fun classroom activities and Halloween spirit on this day!
- **Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly** - Plans are underway for a virtual assembly featuring our students to mark this important day on our school calendar. It will be put together and shared throughout the school at a common time on Tuesday November 10th through YouTube. The link will also be made available for parents as well.

