




PATERSON PRESS "All the news that's fit to print!" Nov. 1-12 – PARENTS

<u>Monday Nov. 1</u>	<u>Tuesday Nov. 2</u>	<u>Wednesday Nov. 3</u>	<u>Thursday Nov. 4</u>	<u>Friday Nov. 5</u>
<u>Monday Nov. 8</u>	<u>Tuesday Nov. 9</u> Student Social Media and Cell Phone presentation for students and parents (see info below) Rep Volleyball playoffs TBD	<u>Wednesday Nov. 10</u> Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly 10:30 AM Volleyball Rep Finals at WMS times TBD	<u>Thursday Nov. 11</u> Remembrance Day no school 	<u>Friday Nov. 12</u> School Division Wide Non-operational day no school

Welcome back Paterson families! Instead of a month end newsletter, we send home the "Paterson Press" every second Friday. 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 any questions or need assistance with these services, call Leanna or Lucie in the office at 403-329-0125. 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. Nov. 15. We will hopefully be holding our meeting in person with vaccine exemption protocol at 7 PM along with a Zoom option to attend. We will send out final details the week prior.
- **Term 1 assessment and reporting** – As we approach the end of term1 on November 26th, parents can be checking PowerSchool for updated grades and progress comments attached to specific assignments or tests. This feedback is part of the ongoing assessment feedback at middle school. Thank you for your active participation in your child's progress and please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Volleyball League Finals for our rep teams wrap up November 10th with both teams vying for city championships. Congratulations to our Rep Girls who recently won the Fairbairn tourney while our Rep Boys placed 3rd. Our developmental teams have had a great year of skill development and growth and recently hosted a fun middle school jamboree with our city schools. We had a large group of students out for club volleyball all year which concluded this week. We were excited to have spectators back at the games this week and thank parents for their cooperation and patience over the season with our protocols. Basketball camps will begin on Monday November 15th. We will send out basketball information and camp times next week.
- **Fine Arts – Just a reminder of our Winter Concert dates** - Choir/Handbells are Dec. 14 and Band is Dec. 16. We will convey more information regarding the most current Division and AHS spectator protocols as they evolve and the event approaches.

- **Remembrance Day Assembly** – Our school assembly will take place on Friday Nov. 10th at 10:30 AM virtually with a YouTube link that all students will watch at the same time in their classrooms. Performances by our Grade 8 Band and Choir will highlight the assembly. We will provide that link to our community as parents, grandparents and community members are invited to help us remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Just a reminder that November 11th is the Remembrance Day statutory holiday and Nov. 12th is a District Wide non-operational for students and staff.
- **Learning Commons Book Fair** – Thank you for your support of our Scholastic Book Fair last week. With over \$4000 worth of sales, this year’s book sale was a wonderful success. Over 120 new books have already been purchased for Gilbert Paterson’s learning commons and some beautiful new makerspace items will be added later this year. Thank you so much for the support from students and parents.
- **Middle School Social Media and Cell Phone Presentation** – Our Division middle schools are going to share a Zoom presentation focused on these topics from Ted Emmett on Tuesday November 9th in the morning. We are looking forward to using this as springboard to more conversations and activities at the classroom level on these topics. Parents are also invited to an evening presentation that will be geared towards information and strategies on navigating these topics with our children from 6:30-8:00PM. We will provide the link to parents next week with more information.
- **Angel Tree for Kids** - At Lethbridge Family Services, we collect new, unwrapped toys during November and December and distribute them to children and youth in Lethbridge and area whose families need help at Christmas. **If you wish to register for Angel Tree for Kids:** Children (18 years and under) are eligible to receive gifts. Families living in Lethbridge and area who need extra help at Christmas. Register online at www.lfsfamily.ca (<https://www.lfsfamily.ca/content.php?p=92>) from October 4 - November 30, 2021.
Gilbert Paterson will again be a community gift collection site for donations.
 If you wish to drop off toys/gifts, our school will be collecting from November 8 – December 15. Paper angels will be available on NOVEMBER 8 in the main office or from the Wellness Team (Christine Oviatt or Cheryl Smith) and are identified by gender and age group (Note: although they use blue and pink angels as identifiers, the referral and online forms offer gender identity options). Due to visitor restrictions in the school, please ask your child to bring one home or email a Wellness Team member to send one home with your child. Donors choose an angel, purchase a new toy/age appropriate gift (see the FAQ section for gift ideas or follow this pdf link [Gift Ideas](#)), and return the new unwrapped gift to the main office or Wellness Team.
- **Rock Your Mocs** is coming and we want to celebrate Indigenous culture! Rock Your Mocs was started in 2011 by Jessica Jaylyn Atsye (At-sigh) from New Mexico in the U.S. Jessica created a positive social media event for her friends to wear moccasins to promote her culture. Since then, it has become a world-wide event through social media to promote indigenous culture and showcase the diversity of nations. On November 15, Gilbert Paterson will celebrate Rock Your Mocs to honour diversity and indigenous cultures around the world. You are invited to wear moccasins that day. Everyone will also receive a Turquoise Awareness Ribbon to wear to honour indigenous peoples worldwide.
- **Oct. 25-28th Theme Week!** – We had fun with hats, twin day, wacky hair and a throwback day leading up to Halloween Friday. Watch for some fun Halloween photos next week!

