



**PATERSON PRESS** “All the news that’s fit to print!” **Nov. 21-Dec. 2 – PARENTS**

<p><b><u>Monday Nov. 21</u></b> Term 2 Begins</p> <p>School Council 7PM Learning Commons or Teams (see below)</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Nov. 22</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Nov. 23</u></b> Grade 6 Basketball Club 2-3:15PM</p> <p><b>WORLD CUP KICK OFF!</b> <b>Wear team Canada gear or colors!</b> Talent Show auditions after school</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Nov. 24</u></b> Grade 7/8 Basketball Club (future date/time TBD)</p> <p>Talent Show auditions after school</p>	<p><b><u>Friday Nov. 25</u></b> Twin Day sponsored by Leadership 7</p>
<p><b><u>Monday Nov. 28</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday Nov. 29</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday Nov. 30</u></b> Grade 6 Basketball Club 2-3:15PM</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday Dec. 1</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday Dec. 2</u></b></p>

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](mailto:darryl.christiansen@lethsd.ab.ca)

Have you registered for:

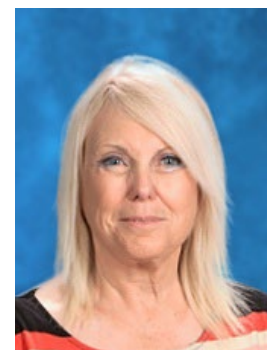
- PowerSchool?** <https://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public/>
- School Cash Online?** <https://lethbridge.schoolcashionline.com/>
- Safe Arrival?** <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>

If you have any questions or need assistance with these services, call Leanna or Jennifer in the office at 403-329-0125.

**Paterson Clubs / Activities – Times and Places** – We will update club information here in the Paterson Press.

GSA Club	Mondays – lunch hour – art room – starts Oct. 26th
Jazz Band	Mondays / Wednesday – lunch hour – band room
Treasure Island Production	Mondays / Wednesdays – 3-4:30PM – drama room (2 casts)
Handbells Club	Mondays / Wednesdays – lunch hour – choir room
Basketball Clubs	Gr. 6 – Wed 2-3:15, Gr. 7/8 - TBD
E-Sports Club	Tuesdays – 3-4:30PM– learning commons
Indigenous and Allies Club	Tuesdays – lunch hour – learning commons
Select Choir	Tuesdays / Thursdays – lunch hour – choir room
Rock Band Club	Tuesdays /Thursdays 3-4:30PM – room 210
Podcast Club	Wednesday – 2-3PM – learning commons
Maker Space Club	Thursdays – lunch hour – learning commons

- **BEST WISHES, MRS. LITWIN** - I would like to wish **Mrs. Litwin** all the best as she has decided to retire at the end of December and join her husband in their next adventures. Congratulations on her career that included almost 25 total years at Gilbert Paterson! We appreciate and value all your commitment to the students over the past years.



*Congratulations*

- **Parent Council** – The next meeting is Mon. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM in the Learning Commons or on Teams link. [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting\\_M2U2NWEyWMtZWYyNi00MjA0LTllYzMtNmJhZDBiMjhiNmFl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223c0e8b63-e64e-4c8d-a40f-1d213b670472%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221a02de44-c373-49ff-b4c8-2c20a38c4098%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetupjoin/19%3ameeting_M2U2NWEyWMtZWYyNi00MjA0LTllYzMtNmJhZDBiMjhiNmFl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%223c0e8b63-e64e-4c8d-a40f-1d213b670472%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221a02de44-c373-49ff-b4c8-2c20a38c4098%22%7d)
- **Term 1 assessment and reporting** – As we approach the end of term1 on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions. Term 2 options begin on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>.

- **Tiger Athletics** – Volleyball League Finals for our rep teams wrapped up November 9<sup>th</sup> with both teams bringing home silver medals after battling with Fairbairn in the finals. Congratulations to all teams and coaches on an excellent season! Basketball tryouts conclude next week and club basketball begins on Wednesday for grade 6 and Thursday for grades 7/8 (see calendar). Future grade 7/8 times will be determined after we have a better idea of the number of students who wish to play.



- **Fine Arts** –Please note a correction from the previous Paterson Press with regards to our concert dates. Choir/Handbells are Monday Dec. 12 and Band is Thursday Dec. 15. Watch for more information directly from Mr. Leavitt and Ms. Lewis regarding tickets, drop off times, etc.

- **Remembrance Day Assembly** – Our school assembly took place on Thursday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> with a return to the large gym for a school assembly. Thank you to all students and staff who organized, directed and participated in our assembly. Our student body was amazing in their return to an in-person assembly.



- **Leadership Activities** - Leadership 7 presents Twin Day on November 25. This group has been working to create holiday greeting cards. Leadership 8 collected over 300 toiletries and personal care items such as toothbrushes, soap and socks for AlphaHouse. As well, through their

lunchtime popcorn sale, a donation of \$130 was made to the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen. Director Bill Ginther visited the class to bring thanks and share about how homelessness impacts people in Lethbridge. Thank you to Leadership 8 for their organization and promotion of Rock Your Mocs on November 15. Leadership 6 hosted a Pie the Teacher fundraiser supporting the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation. Thank you to Mr. Bardock, Mr. Leavitt, and Mr. Usman for helping to raise \$80. **WORLD CUP kick off!** Wear Red on Wednesday Nov. 23rd to support Canada in their first match and show your spirit!

- **PATERSON'S GOT TALENT!** – We are excited to see the return of our Talent Show this year on Thurs. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>! We are looking for music, comedy, and other special talents you may want to share! The big show happens in the large gym. There are auditions on November 23/24<sup>th</sup> afterschool. You can get your audition form in the learning commons.



- **COUNSELLING – Angel Tree and Food Hampers** - The Wellness Team will once again be offering ways for you to help our local families during the holiday season: Paterson Family Holiday Hampers Food Drive: "THE 10 DAYS OF GIVING". Our Team will select one family from each grade that could benefit from a Holiday Hamper filled with food to help sustain them through the holiday break. We gratefully ask students to bring in a non-perishable food donation from the list in their classrooms (see list below for reference) from December 5 - 16 and place it in the bin at their entry door. Thank you, in advance, for helping to support our Paterson school community. THE 10 DAYS OF GIVING ITEMS: (toilet paper rolls, canned soup (cream/chunky soup for a meal), canned veggies, pasta/rice, pasta sauces, canned protein (tuna, chicken, ham), granola bars, breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal), fruit cups, peanut butter)

Angel Tree Program: We are proud to again support Lethbridge Family Services Angel Tree program as a community drop-off location. "Angel" tags highlighting a local, anonymous child in need of a gift for the holidays are now available from the school's main office. Students are welcome to ask their teacher if they can ask for a tag from the office or have one dropped off at their class by Ms. Oviatt or Mrs. Smith, and then bring an unopened gift (with tag) back to the school to be donated. If you prefer not to shop, there is an ONLINE donation option for the Angel Tree program at <https://www.lfsfamily.ca/content.php?p=112>. Your previous support with this program has been amazing! NOTE: Families who wish to register for Angel Tree: Eligibility: 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](http://www.lfsfamily.ca) (<https://www.lfsfamily.ca/content.php?p=92>) \*\*Registration now open\*\* **Deadline is NOVEMBER 30, 2022 (no exceptions).**

If there are any families that are finding they need extra support with items such as food, clothing, or holiday items, please call or email our Family School Liaison Counsellor: Cheryl Smith at 403-329-0125 or [cheryl.smith@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:cheryl.smith@lethsd.ab.ca) or our Teacher Counsellor: Christine Oviatt at 403-329-0125 or [christine.oviatt@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:christine.oviatt@lethsd.ab.ca).

- **The LOFT: parent volunteers needed!** Looking for parent volunteers to help with our clothing donation centre at GPMS. Should you be interested, please call (403-329-0125) or email [Catherine.thorsen@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:Catherine.thorsen@lethsd.ab.ca).