



PATERSON PRESS “All the news that’s fit to print!” June 12 - June 27 PARENTS

<p><u>Mon 12</u> 8IJ – Japanese Gardens PM</p> <p>Kona Ice Block 4 – Grade 6</p>	<p><u>Tues 13</u> Grade 6/7/8 marks cut off for academic awards</p> <p>Kona Ice – Block 4 – Grade 7</p> <p>Spring GIRLS volleyball camp 5-7PM</p>	<p><u>Wed 14</u></p> <p>Kona Ice – Block 4 Grade 8</p> <p>Archery Tourney 2PM Small gym</p>	<p><u>Thur 15</u> 8K – Japanese Gardens PM</p> <p>Spring GIRLS volleyball camp 5-6:30PM</p>	<p><u>Fri 16</u> PAT FLA Part B 9-10AM</p> <p>7/8 FLA Written Final during class time</p>
<p><u>Mon 19</u> Gr. 8 ELA Exam Blocks 1-3</p> <p>PM – Awards Gr. 8 – 1:45-2:45</p>	<p><u>Tues 20</u> Gr. 6 ELA Part B 9-11AM</p> <p>PM – Awards Gr. 6 - 12:30-1:30 Gr. 7 – 1:45-2:45</p> <p>Gr. 7 FRIM Student and Parent Voyage Quebec 2024 Info Evening – 6:30PM Learning Commons</p>	<p><u>Wed 21</u> Indigenous People’s Day – No exams</p> <p>Last day of regular classes and options</p> <p>Tiger Spirit Day</p>	<p><u>Thurs 22</u> AM Exams Gr. 6 – 9-10:30 Gr. 7 – 8:30-10:30 Gr. 6 Math Part A Gr. 7 ELA</p> <p><u>Year End Grade Level Activities</u> Grade 6/7 swimming Henderson 12:30-2:30 PM Grade 8 – Calaway Park Trip (times TBD, approx. 6:45AM meet, 7AM depart, 5:45PM return)</p>	<p><u>Fri 23</u> AM Exams Gr. 6 – 9-11:00 Gr. 7 – 8:30-10:30 Gr. 6 Math Part A Gr. 7/8 Math</p> <p>Gr. 8 Farewell set up of chairs / tables / stage</p>
<p><u>Mon 26</u> AM Exams Gr. 6 – 9-11:00 Gr. 7 – 8:30-10:30 Gr. 6 7/8 Social</p> <p>Gr. 8 Farewell 12PM Meal 1:00 PM Grade 8’s dismissed after</p>	<p><u>Tues 27</u> AM Exams Gr. 6 – 9-11:00 Gr. 7 – 8:30-10:30 Gr. 6 7/8 Science</p> <p>School BBQ, Final Assembly, activities Yearbooks Last day for students</p>	<p><u>Wed 28</u> Non-Instructional Day – no school for students Staff planning and completion of assessment</p>	<p><u>Thur 29</u> Last day for teaching staff</p>	

This is the final Paterson Press of the year. There will be email and information sent home as needed over the final weeks for year end information and Fall 2023 start up. We will also be sending out a final staff list next week as well. Thank you for taking the time to check out the calendar and other pertinent information.

2022-23 Start and End Times REMINDER – Our bell times have been determined by the Division for next year based on the Division transportation plan. We will be following the same to 2022-23 start / end times as this year:

	Start	End
Mon/Tues/Thursday	8:00 AM	2:50 PM
Wed (early dismissal – Staff Collaborative time from 2-3PM)	8:00 AM	2:00PM
Friday	8:00 AM	11:40 AM

Grade 6/7/8 Final Exams – Please see the schedule in the calendar for dates and times of these finals that begin on Tuesday Thursday June 22nd for grade 7 and Monday June 19th for grade 8. Please note that this year, students are scheduled for full instructional days right up to and including Tuesday June 27th. Busses will only run at the end of the day during regularly scheduled times.

Track and Field – Our school competed in the LSAA City Track Meet on May 25th. Congratulations to our teams who won 4 aggregate team titles and the overall school title. The following individuals had top 3 placements in their aggregate division: **Pee Wee Girls** – Nev Hirsche (1st), Mirabel Valgardson (2nd), **Midget Girls** – Emma Martineau-Henry (T1st), Marisol Valgardson (3rd). We had over 20 athletes competing in the Zone Meet last week as well in Medicine Hat. Congratulations to the team who finished 2nd in the 1J South Zone Division. Thanks to all athletes and coaches for their hard work and parents for their support and transportation.



Band, Choir and Rock Band Spring Concerts

These spring concerts were held June 6th (Choir/Handbells) and June 8th (Band) respectively and were very entertaining. The Rock Band has a Battle of the Bands with Wilson on Sunday at 6:30PM at the Geomatic Attic. What a great way to finish off a year of performing art at Paterson. CONGRATULATIONS to the **Gilbert Paterson Grade 6 Choir** as they have been

awarded **2nd Place** in Class 262 School Choir – Grades 4-6 in the Provincial Music Festival!



KONA ICE truck visits – Here’s a fun way to grab a tasty treat and raise funds for our school! On the dates below, students can get a Kona Ice treat before lunch and 25% goes back to GPMS. Regular shaved Ice are one size, \$4-6 each. Special toppings are \$1-2 and bags of freeze-dried candies are \$3-5. Please note the dates:

- Grade 6 – Mon June 12
- Grade 7 – Tues. June 13
- Grade 8 – Wed. June 14



Academic Awards – The cut off for assignments in core classes that count towards year end final academic awards will be Tuesday June 13th. This allows us time to prepare awards for the year end ceremonies in the calendar. Assignments and tests after this date will count towards a student’s final average in the course. You can see the dates and times of our GPMS Grade Level awards assemblies on June 19/20 in the previous calendar. Parents will be notified if their child is receiving an academic, citizenship, fine arts or athletic award by Friday June 16th via email.

Grade 8 Calaway Park Trip and Farewell – Final information regarding the June 22nd trip will be sent home to grade 8’s next week along with an invite to Grade Farewell (June 26). Thank you to our Farewell volunteer committee for organizing the meal and decorations for Farewell. We still have spots left on our sign-up sheet for any parents who can help with set up on Friday June 23rd or the meal on Monday June 26th – click on the document below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bhocRru6majwGkax2UaF7oJpvl9n1LYd1MQ-xj684fk/edit>

READY SET GO Program – Click here to find out about this program sponsored by Division and MyCityCares that **provides free school supplies** in the fall to those in need. Find more information and register at this link <https://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/download/415679>

CONGRATULATIONS to GPMS E-sports team member Wyatt Barfuss who captured the 2023 Super Smash Bros. Championship at LCI last weekend, winning the final match over brother, Clayton.

The Learning Commons - Please return and/or pay fees for Gilbert Paterson learning commons/library materials. Textbooks and books that are lost/damaged will be charged through school cash online so be sure to check there and pay fees if applicable.



BC & ALBERTA GUIDE DOGS

OUTDOOR ED fishing trip – Mdm Valgardson’s outdoor ed classes enjoyed a fishing expedition to the Riverstone Pond this week with a few anglers making a big catch! Great job!

Thank you for your bottles and cans! The grade 7 team recently collected recycling from our community for the BC Alberta Guide Dog Foundation. Last Saturday, they collected over 2 trucks worth of recycling that was dropped off by families at the school.

VOYAGE QUEBEC 2023 - Félicitations to our Grade 8 French Immersion students who participated for the first time in 3 years on their journey to Ottawa, Montréal and Québec City. A wonderful adventure was had by all!

We look forward to starting our planning for our Voyage Québec 2024 trip. We are inviting all current Grade 7 French Immersion Parents and Students to join M. Legal and Mme Thorsen on **Tuesday, June 20th 6:30pm in the Learning Commons** for start-up information sharing as we prepare for our trip next year. Join us!



THANK YOU SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENTS! On Wednesday June 7th, staff enjoyed a wonderful lunch organized by School Council and provided by parents. We are so thankful to have such a thoughtful and dedicated group of parents to put on these staff appreciation events.

Girls Volleyball Camp NEXT WEEK – Coach Ian Bennett will be holding a volleyball camp for any grade 6 or 7 students interested in playing next year at Paterson on Tues June 13 (5-7PM) and Thurs June 15 (5-6:30PM) in the large gym. All you need is runners, gym strip and knee pads if you have them.

FAQ - The Final Week of School

Please note that middle schools no longer have grade 6 students dismissed for the last week or an exam week for grade 7/8 students with early dismissal. This is a result of a couple of factors. Firstly, all schools are now required by Alberta Education to write Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) on the assigned dates and times you see in the calendar on the previous page. Secondly, our new transportation provider does not provide bus pick up for students after final exams unless the school pays for the route. As a result, Lethbridge middle schools will have students for full days until the end of **Tuesday June 27th**. As you see on the calendar, we will provide time for exams, year end assembly, Gr. 8 Farewell, year end field trips, yearbooks, BBQ, etc. We will also provide activities on the final Monday / Tuesday outside of these times such as centers, activities and review opportunities. These are instructional days for students. Wednesday June 28th and Thursday June 29th are non-instructional days for staff only.