



## PATERSON PRESS March 25- April 5

We send home the “Paterson Press” every second Friday. If you have feedback, please let us know! Call (403-329-0125) or email [morgan.day@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:morgan.day@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.

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| <b><u>Monday Mar 25</u></b>                               | <b><u>Tuesday Mar 26</u></b><br>Gr. 7/8 Badminton Club<br>3-430 PM<br><br>Gr 8 Band trip parent meeting 6pm<br><br>Festival Choir Concert<br>7pm – College Drive Church | <b><u>Wednesday Mar 27</u></b>                               | <b><u>Thursday Mar 28</u></b><br><b>Wear your Paterson Colours!</b><br><br>Gr 8 assembly 850-940<br>Gr 7 assembly 945-1035<br>Gr 6 assembly 1040-1130<br><br>Gr. 6 Badminton Club<br>3-430 PM | <b><u>Friday Mar. 29</u></b><br>Good Friday<br>No school  |
| <b><u>Monday April 1</u></b><br>Spring Break<br>No school | <b><u>Tuesday April 2</u></b><br>Spring Break<br>No school  | <b><u>Wednesday April 3</u></b><br>Spring Break<br>No school | <b><u>Thursday April 4</u></b><br>Spring Break<br>No school   | <b><u>Friday April 5</u></b><br>Spring Break<br>No school |

**School Council** – The next meeting is scheduled for **Mon. April 15th** at 630 PM in the Learning Commons. Thank you to our Parent council for two large fundraisers that they organized recently. Our Fresh Fruit Fundraiser was a success and will go towards Learning Commons materials. Thank you to those who ordered Panago Pizza. We were able to fundraise \$655!

**Term 3 began on March 18** – Parents will be able to access updated marks and comments today on PowerSchool.

**Term 2 Recognition Assemblies-** We are excited to recognize the accomplishments of term 2. Wear your black and gold! We will be recognizing honour roll, options, and athletic accomplishments! Times are on the calendar above. If your child is on the honour roll you will receive an email next week.

**Registration for 2024-25** – Parents/guardians will receive a link to a registration form through email. **For all middle schools including GPMS, the process begins TODAY - Friday March 22 and closes on April 11<sup>th</sup>.** Once the form is filled out and submitted, the school you are registering with for the 2024/2025 school year will receive a copy of the form. If you do not receive an email notification and link on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, please check your junk folder first. If no link is there either, please contact the office. Reminder that option selections will take place in early May for all students.



**Athletics-** Congratulations to all the badminton players who participated in the tournament at SJF this week. Play continues next week at Wilson Middle School. Club badminton runs this week. Please see calendar for times. Apologies for the mistakes in the last Paterson Press.

**Fine Arts** – Congratulations to all our bands and choirs on their festival performances! They were very well received, and we are so proud of your work.

**Festival Choir/Handbell Concert** – our choirs and handbells will be celebrating their festival work with a concert at College Drive Community Church at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm). Tickets will be available at the door.

**Grade 8 Band trip meeting** – Parents and Guardians or students travelling on the grade 8 band trip are asked to meet in the band room at 6pm.

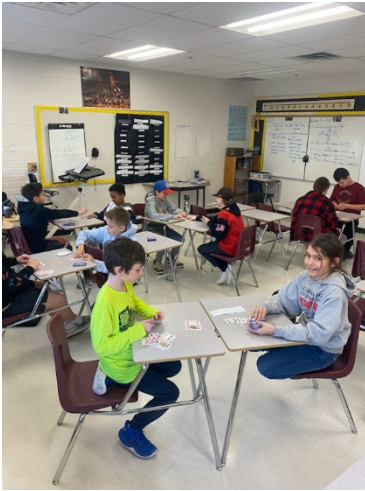
**Carnaval** - Our GPMS school community came alive at the very end of February with the vibrant spirit of the Winter Carnival. Amidst a backdrop of glistening snow melting away, students and staff alike gather for a day filled with exhilarating outdoor activities and festive camaraderie.

Central to the celebration is the time-honored tradition of taffy on the snow, where maple syrup transforms into sweet confections right before eager eyes. Laughter fills the air as students eagerly queue up to sample the freshly-made taffy, delighting in its sticky sweetness against the crisp winter air. A big thank you to our volunteers in making this opportunity happen for all 870 students and staff!!!

Throughout the day, the school pulsates with energy as participants engage in a myriad of outdoor festivities. The Winter Carnival not only fosters a sense of community and school pride but also provides an opportunity for students to embrace the wonders of the winter season and create lasting memories with friends and classmates.



**PIE DAY March 14<sup>th</sup> celebration:** Gr 6,7,8 students and staff participated in many numeracy centres and activities around the school last Tuesday. Students had an event filled day, manipulating numbers and doing lots of hands-on activities plus the winners of contest enjoyed PIE DAY pie.



**March is Francophonie celebration month** - Our grade 6 through 8 French immersion students participated throughout the Month of the Francophonie, communities worldwide unite in celebration of the rich cultural diversity and linguistic heritage shared among French-speaking nations. From our Rock band concert, to crêpes from Coras, to lively hockey competition, to guest speaker, Christian Mbanza from Regina, Saskatchewan sharing some information about bilingualism to French movies, to song contests, our students learnt about the beauty of the French culture and language. Whether through film screenings, poetry readings, or culinary delights, the Month of the Francophonie is a testament to the enduring spirit of linguistic and cultural exchange.

