



PATERSON PRESS April 29 – May10

We send home the “Paterson Press” every second Friday. If you have feedback, please let us know!

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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.

<p><u>Monday April 29</u> Character Day</p> <p>VQ parent meeting 6:30 in the LC</p>	<p><u>Tuesday April 30</u> Swap Day</p> <p>Yoga club 3-4pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday May 1</u> Backwards Day</p>	<p><u>Thursday May 2</u> Jersey Day</p>	<p><u>Friday May 3</u> PJ Day</p> <p>Rock Band concert @ 630pm in large gym</p> 
<p><u>Monday May 6</u> Music Monday!</p>	<p><u>Tuesday May 7</u> Yoga club 3-4pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday May 8</u> Hats On for Mental Health Day</p>	<p><u>Thursday May 9</u></p>	<p><u>Friday May 10</u></p> <p>City Wide Handbell Concert School and Community Chorus</p> <p>Saturday, May 11 at 7 pm Lethbridge State Centre, 2410 - 25 Street S. (Outside Erman Centre)</p>  <p>All are welcome – free admission</p>

Spirit week - we are having a Spirit week next week! The days are as follows:

April 29, Monday: Dress as your favourite TV show, movie, or video game character

April 30, Tuesday: Swap Day. Teachers dress as students and students dress like a teacher.

May 1, Wednesday: Backwards day. Wear your clothing backwards.

May 2, Thursday: Sport Jersey Day

May 3, Friday: PJ day

Student profile form for 2024-25– If you wish to submit a student learner profile form for next year, we will be making our class lists for the fall in late May. It offers you the chance to let us know about any specific learning profiles for your child. Please complete and submit this electronic form by **May 13th**.

<https://gp.lethsd.ab.ca/parents/student-update-form>

Gr. 6 PAT information: Alberta Education has provided important information regarding the 2023/24 Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs).

Grade 6 PATs in English Language Arts and Literature (ELAL) and Mathematics **will not** be administered in May and June 2024. Grade 6 PATs in social studies and science will continue as planned.

As you are aware, this school year saw mandatory implementation of the new curriculum in ELAL and Mathematics for Grade 6. In response to feedback received from school authorities, Grade 6 PATs in ELAL and Mathematics will not be administered this spring.

In their place, Alberta Education will be **field testing** newly developed assessments in these subjects. Field testing will take place between April and June 2024. The process of field testing determines the validity and reliability of questions that are in the development phase. For this reason, field testing results are not reported publicly; however, teachers will have the opportunity to score their field tests locally so they can gain some insight into student growth and achievement.

If your child's class will be participating in grade 6 PAT field testing, the classroom teacher will communicate with you once dates and times are confirmed.

Grade 7/8 Finals – Finals are coming! In class written finals begin in May. Please watch for emails from teachers about specific details.

School Council – Thank you to all our parents who participate on our school council. The final meeting of the year is Monday, May 27 at 6:30 PM in person in the Learning Commons. We will send an agenda prior to the meeting.

Thank you to Kylie Penner - We want to thank Kylie Penner for all she has done for our school. Kylie was filling a leave for Adam Palmer this year. Adam Palmer will be returning to his position at our school on Monday. We wish Kylie all the best!

LCI option registration: LCI team visited our school a week ago to give information to our grade 8's. The teachers will be handing out option forms and descriptions for students and parents to view. Gr. 8 students will be given their Gr. 9 option selection package in the coming weeks at school. Our hope is that you look at it and complete at home but we will help students at school as well.

GRADE 8 FAREWELL – Due to size restraints our Farewell will look very different this year. We will be holding our celebration at The Lethbridge College on June 24th at 1pm. We will be sending more info to our grade 8 families soon. Each student will be given two free tickets for the event. If you require more tickets they will be sold at the door for \$2. There will be no limit on seating.

Gr. 6-7 option registration: On Thursday May 2nd, option selection begins for our grade 6's and 7's. The information for each grade is attached. Teacher will help students to ensure that selections are made but you also do them through your parent PowerSchool system (after May 2nd). They **MUST** be complete by May 15th. Please note, that due to limited space and option availability option choices are not guaranteed.

Track and Field – Students have started to prepare for Track and Field in their gym classes with instruction and testing. Students results are then compared across all PE classes and students are selected to compete at the School Track meet on Wed May 22nd at the University of Lethbridge track. For those who qualify from our school meet, the LSAA track meet (grade 6-8) is Wed May 29th at the U of L and the Southern Alberta Zone track meet for grade 7/8 (bantam and midget aged) students is Tuesday June 4th in Lethbridge. Please remind your child to bring proper runners and gym strip for PE class during the next few weeks and to dress for outside if the weather is cool.

Congratulations to our badminton teams – Our athletes represented our school extremely well. A few students are heading onto zones in Medicine Hat on April 27th. Thank you Mr. Wood, Mr. Usman, Ms. Zawalusky, Miss Martens, Miss Brazzale, Mr. Dekens, Mr. Lam, Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Morrow, Mille Peddle for all their time in coaching. Congratulations to all athletes and coaches!

Congratulations to the grade 8 and Select Choir Program – Congratulations on a successful trip to the Edmonton choir festival. The choirs were well received, and they represented our school very well.

Rock Show participants -Our Rock Band program will be putting on a show on May 3rd at 630pm in our large gym. The cost is \$7 at the door. Our students will get to see the show during their school day. Please come and support this awesome group of students!



Notes from the Band Room - Congratulations to the Grade 6 Band, Grade 7 Band, Grade 8 Band and Jazz Band who all received SUPERIOR marks (the highest you can achieve) at the Lethbridge Music Festival this year.

At the awards ceremony, the Grade 7 Band received the Thomas McKim Scholarship for a Deserving band, the Grade 8 Band received the Fred Morgan Memorial Scholarship for a Deserving band and the Jazz Band received the Lethbridge Community Band Society Award for best performance by a Middle School Band program.

All of the bands entertained and added spirit to our 3 Awards assemblies prior to the Easter Break.

The Jazz Band has been very bust and were the guest artist for the Lethbridge Community Silber Band Concert. They look forward to performing for the Jazz Festival on Thursday, May 23 and also at Plaxton Elementary with the grade 6 band on May 24.

The grade 7 band is looking forward to being involved in the Music Monday Festival along with 11 other band programs on Monday, May 6.

The grade 8 band enjoyed an amazing trip and performance/clinic in Banff and also a performance at Agnes Davidson Elementary.

The band program is also gearing up for their yearend concert on June 13 at Southminster United Church.

For additional information please visit the band webpage: [Gilbert Paterson Middle School Band Program Calendar \(weebly.com\)](https://www.gilbertpatersonmiddle.ca/band-program)

April's Mental Health Minute from the Wellness Team - Merriam-Webster defines **resilience** as “an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change”. Spring in schools is a time of change, with a new season, various field trips and activities, thoughts of summer break, and the transition to the next grade level. Middle school students’ brains are also changing and often, students find it challenging to manage the stress and changes around and within them. Adults in their lives can support adolescents with these changes through open conversation, focusing on how they can use their strengths to overcome failures and handle anxiety or other difficult situations. These links provide strategies on how to help build resilience in teens.

<https://www.apa.org/topics/resilience/guide-parents-teachers>

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/mental-health-substance-use/substance-use/parenting-and-substance-use/using-conversations-teach-1>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Wellness Team (Christine.oviatt@lethsd.ab.ca or Cheryl.smith@lethsd.ab.ca) if you would like additional resources on this topic or where to access mental health support in our community.

HATS ON! for Mental Health Day is coming soon!

Every year CMHA (Canadian Mental Health Association) dedicates a week in May to raise the awareness of Mental Health. This year, Mental Health Week will run May 6-12 (<https://cmha.ca/mental-health-week/>).

*Hats On! for Mental Health Day will take place on **Wednesday, May 8.***

Albertans are invited to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. At GPMS, we will encourage students and teachers to build understanding by wearing hats to school, and our teacher counsellor will be offering lessons about mental health and the importance of removing the stigma associated with mental illnesses. This campaign is a partnership with The Alberta Teachers' Association, Canadian Mental Health Association, and Global TV.



LCI DONUT DASH – Cross Country Fun Run - What could be better than donuts and running?! How about enjoying both in one event! Take on this 3Km walk/run and 2 donut challenge and help support the LCI Cross Country team! Walkers runners and strollers are welcome! Sorry, no dogs. This race is a chip timed event, results can be found at RacePro.ca following the event. All prizes will be pre-drawn. There are no awards based on finish placement. \$25 registration fee includes custom LCI headband and wristbands and delicious custom LCI donuts from Koster's Bakery! Registration limited to 300 participants. **Race starts at 6pm on Wednesday, May 22nd at the Kinsmen Picnic Shelter (Henderson Lake)** Sorry, no cancellations or refunds. Register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/85878/lci-donut-dash>

Middle School students interested in e-sport - Get ready to elevate your gaming skills in our upcoming Esports tournament! Here's your chance to compete in Super Smash Bros or Rocket League.

Choose Your Game: Open to all 6th to 8th graders. Pick your game, form a team, and prepare for battle.

What's Happening? Compete in our Super Smash Bros or Rocket League tournament and battle it out for trophies and other awesome rewards. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, this event is for you!

Mark Your Calendar: Save the date for Friday, May 3rd, and Saturday, May 4th. Details on how to register can be found on our website www.AEC2024.ca

Tell your friends and let's make this an unforgettable gaming event!

Spread the word, gather your team, and get ready for an epic gaming experience!