






PATERSON PRESS – January 27 – February 7, 2025

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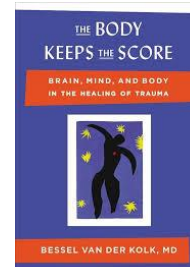
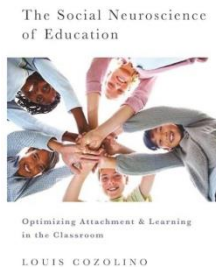
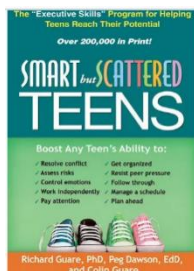
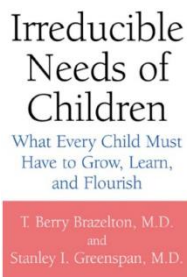
Have you registered for:

- 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, Kat, or Jennifer in the office at 403-329-0125.

<u>Monday Jan 27</u>	<u>Tuesday Jan 28</u>	<u>Wednesday Jan 29</u>	<u>Thursday Jan 30</u>	<u>Friday 31</u>
Grade 8 Intramurals at lunch Parent Teacher Interview sign up closes at midnight (Interviews are Jan 30/31) Parent Teacher Interviews Gilbert Paterson Middle School	Grade 8 Intramurals at lunch Dev B-Ball - GPMS @ Lakie (girls 4 pm & boys 5:15 pm) Grade 7 Band Retreat – SABC Rep B-Ball - Lakie @ GPMS (girls 4 pm & boys 5:15 pm) Rock Band – 3 – 430 pm	Grade 8 Intramurals at lunch 	Full School Day for students Grade 8 Intramurals at lunch Grade 8 students – attending LCI Dance Show at the Yates in the afternoon P/T Interviews 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm	No School for students P/T Interviews 8:30 am - 11:10 am 
<u>Monday Feb 3</u>	<u>Tuesday Feb 4</u>	<u>Wednesday Feb 5</u>	<u>Thursday Feb 6</u>	<u>Friday Feb 7</u>
Kitsikakomimm Begins 	Basketball Quarter Finals Rock Band – 3 - 430pm Town Hall at Vic Park High School 630 – 815pm		Rock Band – 3 – 430 pm Basketball Semi Finals	Oliver! Jr. Technical Rehearsal – 12 – 4 pm Saturday Feb 8 Oliver! Jr. Dress Rehearsal – 9 am – 4 pm

- School Council** – The next meeting was scheduled for **Monday, March 18th at 6:30 PM** in the Learning Commons. Everyone is welcome. Last year, school council was able to purchase books for the Learning Commons and they are here and ready to be checked out. Thank you so much! The titles include: The Irreducible Needs of Children, Smart but Scattered Teens, The Social Neuroscience of Education, The Body Keeps Score, and Uniquely Human.



- **Parent Teacher Interviews are January 30th and 31st – Interviews** will be held in person in the small gym. Registration closes Monday Jan 27th at midnight – please use the following link to book online and let the office know if you need assistance. [Gilbert Paterson Booking | Gilbert Paterson Middle School \(lethsd.ab.ca\)](#)

- If you love flipping crepes or just want to have some fun in the kitchen, we would love for you to join us as a volunteer! We **need 10 adult volunteers** to help us give our students a wonderful treat. On February 28th from 8 am – 1 pm we will be **MAKIN' CREPES**. If this sounds like something you would be able to help us with, please contact Mme. Thorsen at catherine.thorsen@lethsd.ab.ca.

- **School Division Town Hall – Tuesday Feb. 4th – 6:30PM at Victoria Park –** Lethbridge School Division is set to host the annual Town Hall event on **Tuesday Feb. 6, from 6:30-8:15 p.m.**



Town Hall will be an in-person event at Victoria Park High School (**1515-5 Ave. S.**). Town Hall participants can include Division students, parents/caregivers/guardians, staff members and/or community members. **Please note, everyone is welcome at Town Hall, and the more people who participate, the better the discussions will be around the table!**

Please click on the link below to learn more about the event: [TOWN HALL 2025](#) and to register, click on the link below: [REGISTER](#).

- Due to lack of interest, our Grade 8 swimming fieldtrip to the U of L Max Bell Pool on Feb 4 has been cancelled.
- **Tiger Athletics** – Club basketball has wrapped for the year. Thank you to all our awesome parent volunteers and Daniel Wyton who made that program a huge success. Our Dev and Rep Team will be wrapping up their seasons at the end of January with Rep teams starting playoffs on February 4th with the LSAA Finals taking place on February 12th.

BADMINTON – Tryouts will start after the Family Week Break on Monday Feb. 24th. Specific times and dates will be shared prior to that week to parents, on announcements and posted around the school. We have a team with boys and girls at each grade level. Badminton does not start until after the break as we have our Fine Arts production happening the week prior.

- **Oliver! Jr.** – The cast and crew of our Paterson Production have been working very hard to prepare their show for this year – Oliver! Jr. We look forward to being able to present this to a variety of audiences including some of the Elementary Schools in our Division as well as our own student population with evening performances for community members and families.

Our performers have been divided into two different casts by grade providing some excellent contrasting performances for the same characters and story. Tickets are \$7 for our evening shows and can be purchased on School Cash Online, SchoolCashOnline.com: [Welcome](#) There will be limited tickets available at the door. The show schedule for the classes to attend will be as follows:



Mon Feb 10 12:30 pm	Tues Feb 11 12:30 pm	Wed Feb 12 10:00 am	Wed Feb 12 12:30 pm	Thurs Feb 13 10:00 am	Thurs Feb 13 12:30 pm
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- **Indigenous Community Events for everyone!** – In honour of Pink Shirt Day, the Lethbridge School Division Indigenous “Education team and Mental Health Capacity Building team would like to invite you to take part in an act5 of kindness this February. Our entire community thrives when we are kind to one another. No matter how small an act, our kindness makes a difference and does not go unnoticed. We are asking all schools to participate in collecting various items. Last day for donations will be February 26th and will be collected by the Indigenous and Mental Health teams. **Middle Schools will be collecting mitts, gloves, toques, socks and hand/foot warmers.**



- Our **Tigers Den** is back! The Grade 8 Advanced Food class will be selling packaged and homemade food from the Tuck Shop. Students will be able to purchase items for \$5 and under. Cash only.

1. Grade 8 – Tuesdays
2. Grade 7 – Wednesdays
3. Grade 6 – Thursdays



- **News from the Band Room** – Our Grade 7 Band classes will be going on a band retreat to SABC in Lomond on Tuesday, January 28th from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Lewis.
- **FYI from the Office** – Just a reminder that Gilbert Paterson is a closed campus, this means that students are not allowed to leave during lunch without a signed lunch contract to go to their own home. Also, students are not allowed to order food to be delivered to the school through Skip the Dishes, Door-Dash, Dominos, etc... If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Parents and guardians are welcome to drop off food for their own students if need be.

- **Last Call for Yearbooks** - Yearbooks are on sale on school cash online until Feb 12th @ midnight for \$37.50. If you want to purchase one, please make sure to do so prior to the deadline as once the order is placed there are no options for ordering more. If need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jennifer Wilson in the office 403-329-0125.
- Please note, feedback is now open for Policy 607.4 Responsible Use of Technology and Policy 800.1 Signing Authority. Feb. 3 is the deadline to submit feedback. Click on the link below to view the proposed changes to the policies, along with the current version of the policies. [Policy Feedback | Lethbridge School Division](#)
- **FRIM News –**
Teenagers Evening January - Winter Light Festival Winter Light Festival Teen Party * 🍷 Our first Teen Night Party of the year will be held at Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden for the Winter Light Festival. When: January 24, 2025, Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Where: Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden Price: Free, registration required *Places are very limited, first come, first served! * The ticket includes entry to the site as well as a drink and a snack. Dress according to the weather, the activity will take place outside. Sign up today!

The DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) is a globally recognized official certification that assesses one's proficiency in French. It offers various levels, from beginner (A1) to advanced (C2). For children, obtaining the DELF is a valuable achievement that not only boosts their confidence and motivation to learn, but also opens up new educational opportunities both in school and beyond. The DELF enhances critical skills such as thinking, communication, and cultural understanding. In today's globalized world, proficiency in French—and holding this official certificate—can provide children with a significant advantage across various fields.

The French Language Centre at the University of Lethbridge is an accredited testing center for French language proficiency. This initiative is supported by federal funding through the Official Languages in Education Protocol (OLEP), and diplomas are awarded by the French Ministry of National Education. The registration fee at the University of Lethbridge is \$30.

Please note, we will be accepting only 70 candidates, and registration will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

DELF JUNIOR:

- **B2 Exam: April 7 (10 am)**
- **B1 Exam: April 8 (10 am)**
- **A2 Exam: April 9 (10 am)**
- **A1 Exam: April 10 (10 am)**
- **Speaking Component: April 12**
- **Registration Period: January 22 - April 1**

If you know teachers or other adults who would like to take the DELF TOUT PUBLIC, here is the information:

DELF TOUT PUBLIC:

- **A1 Exam: March 3 (10 am)**
- **A2 Exam: March 4 (10 am)**
- **B1 Exam: March 5 (10 am)**
- **B2 Exam: March 6 (10 am)**
- **Speaking Component: March 9**
- **Registration Period: January 22 - February 26**



Here is the link for registration, [Course Search Results | University of Lethbridge Continuing Education](#)

Craft Night - Fondue and Painting. The Family Support Center in collaboration with the ACFA Lethbridge is organizing a romantic or friendly couple's evening on Friday, February 14, 2025. On the program: Fondue, bar service and painting workshop. When: February 14, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Where: The City of Prairies Price: \$70 per couple Sign up!



Comedy Show - Cathy Fuoco - We invite you to Cathy Fuoco's second comedy show on February 25th. "Ma Famille Italienne", Cathy's second show following her first show "Mes bananes Vertes", immerses us with humor and tenderness in her childhood, coming from Calabrian immigrants. Between Italian and Quebec culture, she recounts the challenges and funny moments of this dual identity. When: February 25, 2025, Time: 7:00 p.m. Where: The City of Prairies Price: \$15 members, \$20 non-members, Free 18 and under Buy your tickets now!

French Classes Winter 2025 - French Classes for Adults in Lethbridge Winter Semester 2025 Classes start on January 27th / Start on January 27th Every Monday for 10 weeks Price \$165 / Price \$165 Location: The City of Prairies (2104 6Av S) / Rental: The City of Prairies (2104 6Av S).



Flying Canoe Festival - The ACFA Lethbridge will be present at the Flying Canoë Volant Festival from January 29 to February 1. Organized by Cité francophone, the Flying Canoë Volant Festival is a creative and interactive cultural celebration designed to engage local history and all that is awesome in a long winter night. Inspired by the legend of the flying canoe and French-Canadian, First Nations and Métis traditions, the Flying Canoë Volant festival embraces Edmonton's beautiful Mill Creek Ravine and Edmonton's Francophone Quarter.

Winter Camp 2025 - The Lethbridge Family Support Centre is hosting a winter camp during Family Week. Join us for 4 days of French winter camp from February 18th to 21st! The camp will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Themed activities, creative hobbies and even sports activities will keep our apprentice campers busy all day long! Sign up today!



French Film Week - The Francophone Film Week organized by the French Language Centre at the University of Lethbridge will take place from January 27 to 31, 2025. The films will be screened in French with English subtitles. On Friday afternoon, a children's film will be shown and, afterwards, a film (for older children) will be shown with free pizza. Admission is free as are popcorn and drinks. The films will be screened in the university's Science Commons building at 6:30 p.m. every day (except Friday). For more information about the French Language Centre: <https://www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci/modern-languages/french-language-centre> Participate in large numbers!

Alberta Francophone Games - The 31st edition of the Jeux francophones de l'Alberta, organized by the FSFA, will take place from May 9 to 11, 2025. It will all take place at the J.H. Picard school in Edmonton! Registration will begin on December 2, 2024, and end on March 3, 2025. The registration fee is \$175+gst until February 14, 2025. After this date, the fee will be \$200+gst. Please note that a family discount may apply from the second registration. The cost will therefore be \$140 + tax for the second registration and more. For those attending French-speaking schools, we invite you to contact your respective school boards to find out the discount code that can be assigned to you.



Alberta Parallel The “Entrepreneurial Footprints” - is a project, an initiative funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), aims to support, promote and encourage immigrant women entrepreneurs in Alberta. This project aims to: - To create and distribute portraits highlighting the journey of women entrepreneurs on social networks. - To publish a special notebook in the newspaper Le Franco. - To offer training and webinars to develop their skills. - To organize an online conference on the occasion of International Women's Day. For more information and to join the community: <https://parallele-ab.fr/parcours-entreprise/reseau-impact-entreprise/>