



## PATERSON PRESS – May 5 - 16

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Have you registered for:

**PowerSchool?** <https://ps.lethsd.ab.ca/public/>

**School Cash Online?** <https://lethbridge.schoolcashonline.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><b>Monday May 5</b></u>	<u><b>Tuesday May 6</b></u>	<u><b>Wednesday May 7</b></u>	<u><b>Thursday May 8</b></u>	<u><b>Friday May 9</b></u>
	Grade 8 Band Banff Retreat  GSA Club – lunch in Art Room  Rock Band – 3 – 430 pm	<b>Hats On for Mental Health Day</b>    Grade 8 Band Banff Retreat  Maker Space – lunch in Learning Commons	Grade 8 Band Banff Retreat	Spring Dance – 1135 am – 130 pm in Large Gym    <u><b>Saturday May 10</b></u>  <b>City Wide Handbell Concert</b>  
<u><b>Monday May 12</b></u>	<u><b>Tuesday May 13</b></u>	<u><b>Wednesday May 14</b></u>	<u><b>Thursday May 15</b></u>	<u><b>Friday May 16</b></u>
<b>LAST</b> Parent Council Meeting – 630 pm in Learning Commons  <b>Dr. Robbin Gibb Presentation – 6 – 645 pm in LC</b>	GSA Club – lunch in Art Room  Rock Band – 3 – 430 pm  	Maker Space – lunch in Learning Commons  <b>Student Meeting for 25/26 Production of Anastasia – lunch in drama room</b>	Rock Band – 3 – 430 pm	

- **School Council** – The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 630 pm in the Learning Commons. As always, everyone is welcome. This will be our last School Council meeting for the 2024/2025 year. All past minutes can be found here, [School Council | Gilbert Paterson Middle School](#).

- **Student profile form for 2025 - 2026** – 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 13<sup>th</sup>**. [Student Update Form | Gilbert Paterson Middle School](#)

- **Grade 6 PAT Information:** Alberta Education has provided important information regarding the 2024/25 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 2025. 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.
- **Grade 8** students will be completing the Written Portion of their Grade 8 Language Arts Final Exam on Thursday, May 15th, during periods 1 & 2. Review classes will take place prior to.
- **Grade 8 Calaway Fieldtrip** – The Grade 8 Team is excited to take their classes to Calaway Park on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. More information about this event will be sent home later.
- **Grade 8 Farewell** – Due to the size of our student body we will be hosting the Grade 8 Farewell at Lethbridge Polytechnic in the Val Matteotti Gymnasium. The celebration will take place on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm. More information about this celebration will be sent home later.
- **LCI Dance Program – Friday, May 30th** is the deadline to apply to audition for the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute Arts Academy Dance program. Auditions are for students going into **Grades 9 - 12** for the **2025/2026** school year. If you have any questions, please email [geordan.olson@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:geordan.olson@lethsd.ab.ca)
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup>). They **MUST** be complete by May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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, Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the University of Lethbridge track. For those who qualify from our school meet, the LSAA track meet (Grade 6 - 8) is Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the U of L and the Southern Alberta Zone track meet for Grade 7/8 (bantam and midget aged) students is Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 went to Zones in Lethbridge and did very well and made us proud. Thank you, Mr. Wood, Mr. Usman, Ms. Zawalusky, Miss Martens, Mr. Lam, Mlle Bellavance, Ms. Oviatt, and Mlle Peddle for all their time in coaching. Congratulations to all athletes and coaches!
- The **Spring Dance will take place Friday, May 9th from 11:40am - 1:30pm**. The cost is a \$2 per student. This dance is only for Gilbert Paterson Students.

There will be pizza and snacks for sale in the tuck shop. We will be asking students to leave their backpacks in the small gym for the duration of the dance and if students leave the building, they will not be able to return.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone have a great time! Come dance your heart out!

- **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. A huge congratulations to The Grade 6 Choir for being nominated by the Lethbridge Music Festival to compete in the Provincial Music Festival. We are honored and grateful for the opportunity to perform at the provincial level and represent our school, community and city!
- Please join our Handbell Performers as they perform in the **City-Wide Handbell Concert** at the LDS Church on 2410 28 Street S. This event will take place Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 pm. There is no charge. Come celebrate with us!
- **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.

A quick reminder of the pick up date for the plant fundraiser for the band program - **Wednesday, May 14 from 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm** in the small gym. A pick up sing up schedule will be sent out for a pick up time.

We want to wish all our Grade 8's a wonderful time next week as they will be in Banff for their Retreat.

Our Spring concert is also approaching, it will be held on **June 12, 7:00 pm** at Southminster United Church. Tickets will go on sale in early June.

For additional information, please visit our band website: [www.gpmsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com](http://www.gpmsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com)

- Step into the enchanting world of **Anastasia**! Audition for a chance to be part of this magical musical and showcase your talent. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to shine on stage. Auditions for our **2025/2026 Theatre Production of Anastasia** will be held on May 26 – 29 afterschool each day. There will be a student meeting at lunch on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in the drama room for all students that are interested.
- **May Mental Health Minute from the Wellness Team - Hats On! For Mental Health** is Wednesday, May 7. Everyone is invited to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. We can't educate children properly if their physical and mental health needs aren't meant. That's why the Alberta Teachers' Association, the Alberta Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and Global Television have partnered to keep mental health top of mind in the classroom. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvqdQyzFVv4&t=26s>



- **Mental Health Week** Every year, the Canadian Mental Health Association dedicates a week in May to raise the awareness of Mental Health (May 5-11, 2025). The theme for this year is “There’s More To Me” and how we can connect with others through open and honest conversations. Sometimes, people wear masks to hide who they really are and to fit in. We want to encourage students to work together to have a school where people can be themselves, without judgement. On Wednesday, wearing any hat for “Hats On! for Mental Health” is one way to show support for mental health and supporting each other in our school. There is more to people than what meets the eye! The CMHA website includes resources to learn more and support this important week: <https://cmha.ca/mental-health-week/toolkits/>.
- Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Wellness Team ([Christine.oviatt@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:Christine.oviatt@lethsd.ab.ca) or [Cheryl.smith@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:Cheryl.smith@lethsd.ab.ca)) if you would like additional resources on social-emotional topics or where to access mental health support in our community.
- **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.

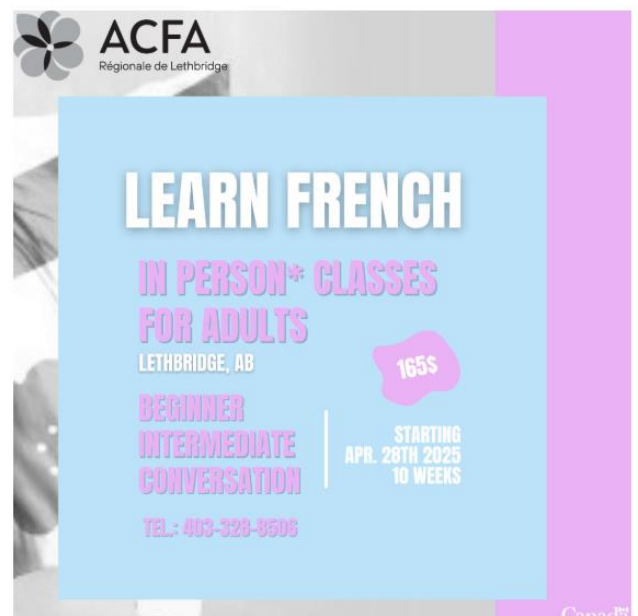
This race is a chip timed event, results can be found at, [RacePro Timing](#) following the event. All prizes will be pre-drawn. There are no awards based on finish placement. \$25 registration fee includes custom LCI neck gaiter and delicious custom LCI donuts from Bootsma Bakery! Registration limited to 300 participants. **Race starts at 6pm on Tuesday, May 13th at the Kinsmen Picnic Shelter (Henderson Lake).** Sorry, no cancellations or refunds. Register at [2025 — LCI Donut Dash — Race Roster — Registration, Marketing, Fundraising](#)

- **FRIM News**

- Teen Minigolf Night - May 2025 Are you in grades 7-12? Don't miss our next Teen Night, which will be held at the minigolf course! Date: Friday, May 2, 2025. Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Location: EverGreen Golf Centre Cost: Free! Registration required (limited spaces).

- Last Call – Spring 2025 French Classes! - There’s still time to register for our upcoming Spring 2025 session of French classes! We offer Beginner, Intermediate, and Conversation-level courses for just \$165 for 10 weeks. Classes begin Monday, April 28 and run every Monday evening:

Beginner: 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM, Intermediate: 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM, Conversation: 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM





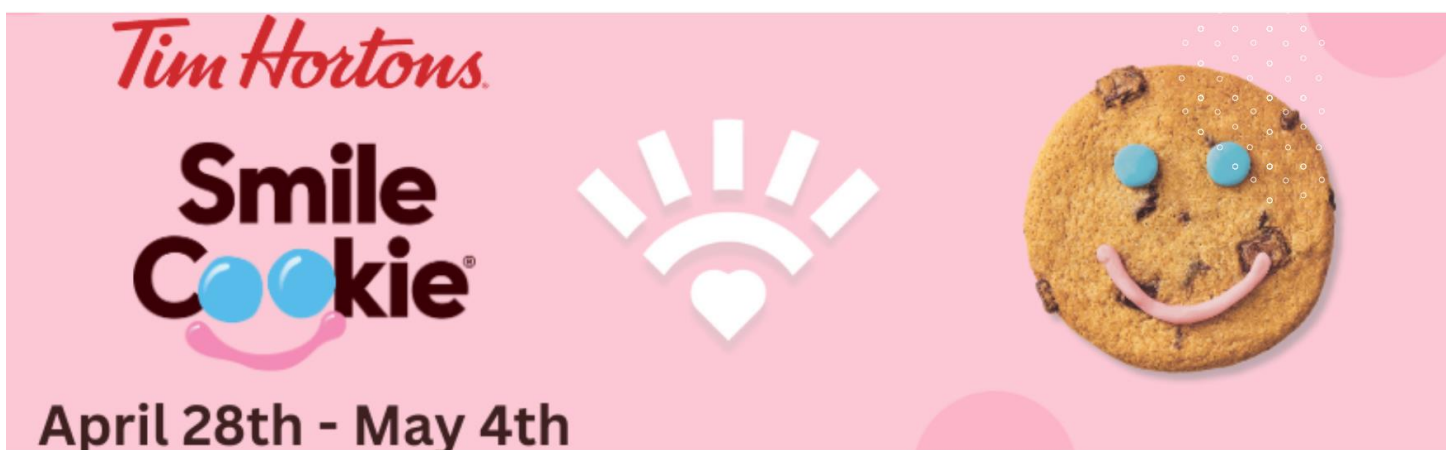
- Invitation to the ACFA Community BBQ! The Lethbridge Regional ACFA warmly invites you to its community BBQ! A great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and imagine activities that suit you! Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025. Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Location: La Cité des Prairies Cost: Free! Registration required.

- Camp Girouette is back this summer! Looking for an enriching and fun French-speaking experience for your children this summer? Camp Girouette is back with a dynamic program filled with laughter, discoveries, and activities! On the menu: sports activities, outdoor games, crafts, French-language activities, and much more!

- Date: August 18-22 and 25-29
- Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.\*
- \*Extended hours available at an additional cost.
- Location: La Cité des Prairies



- Lethbridge School Division is proud to partner with Tim Hortons Lethbridge for this year's Smile Cookie Campaign, which is set for April 28-May 4. All proceeds will support the Division's [Poverty Intervention Committee](#). Child poverty is a serious issue in the city, as it impacts over 15 per cent of children under the age of 15. Please click on the link, [Tim Hortons Smile Cookie | Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign](#) to learn how you can support the campaign through cookie orders.



- **Indigenous News** - On June 11th, there is a Powwow happening at the Gerald B. Probe Elementary School and they are looking to celebrate Lethbridge School Divisions, Indigenous Dancers.

If there are any Indigenous students who may be interested in performing at the Powwow. Registration forms are in Ms. Blinkhorn's classroom and can be given to their homeroom teachers.

# **Lethbridge School Division**

## **Elementary West Side**



# **TRADITIONAL POWWOW**

**Wednesday June 11th**

**120 Rocky Mountain Blvd. West**  
**Lethbridge, AB T1K 7J2**

**Special Guests:**  
**Travis Plaited Hair**  
**Julius Delaney**  
**More coming soon!**



**Highlighting**  
**Indigenous**  
**dancers from**  
**across**  
**Lethbridge**  
**School**  
**Division**

# **Dr. Gerald B. Probe Elementary School**

**Dancer registration:**

**Fill out the registration form and give it to your teacher.**

**Registration forms can be sent to Melanie and Shawnee at the Ed Center by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Inquires can be sent to:**

**[melanie.morrow@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:melanie.morrow@lethsd.ab.ca)**  
**[shawnee.bigbull@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:shawnee.bigbull@lethsd.ab.ca)**  
**[joel.tailfeathers@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:joel.tailfeathers@lethsd.ab.ca)**

- On **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** from **6 pm – 645 pm** in the **Learning Commons at GPMS, Dr. Robbin Gibb**, a neuroscience researcher at the University of Lethbridge, has conducted extensive work on brain development and how early experiences shape cognitive abilities in the teenage brain. Her research emphasizes the importance of nurturing environments and enriched learning experiences in fostering critical thinking skills in adolescents. Gibb highlights that adolescence is a key period of brain plasticity, during which targeted educational strategies can significantly influence cognitive growth. By applying neuroscience-informed practices in classrooms, educator and parents/guardians we hope to better support the development of analytical and problem-solving skills in their students and children.

JOIN US FOR HER LATEST RESEARCH SHARING!

