



PATERSON PRESS – May 19 - 30

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





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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 May 19</u>	<u>Tuesday May 20</u>	<u>Wednesday May 21</u>	<u>Thursday May 22</u>	<u>Friday May 23</u>
Victory Day No School	PL Day for staff No School for students 	Maker Space – lunch in Learning Commons School Track Meet – U of L	Rock Band – 3 – 430pm Grade 6 - OPEN HOUSE 6 – 7pm 	
<u>Monday May 26</u>	<u>Tuesday May 27</u>	<u>Wednesday May 28</u>	<u>Thursday May 29</u>	<u>Friday May 30</u>
Grade 7 – Mass Band Practice – Blk 2 Grade 8 – Mass Band Practice – Blk 4 Anastasia Auditions 3 – 430pm	GSA Club – lunch in Art Room Rock Band – 3 – 430pm LSSA Track Meet – U of L Anastasia Auditions 3 – 430pm	LA PAT Writing Exam – Blk 1-4 Anastasia Auditions 3 – 430pm	Rock Band – 3 – 430pm Indigenous Awards – GS Lakie – 530 – 7pm Anastasia Auditions 3 – 430pm	VQ Departs – 2am 
<u>Monday June 2</u>	<u>Tuesday June 3</u>	<u>Wednesday June 4</u>	<u>Thursday June 5</u>	<u>Friday June 6</u>
	Gr. 6 – Kona Ice 1030 - noon GSA Club – lunch in Art Room Zone Track Meet – Medicine Hat Rock Band – 3 – 430pm	Gr. 7 – Kona Ice 1030 – noon Robin Hood Classic Archery Tournament	Gr. 8 – Kona Ice 1030 - noon Rock Band – 3 – 430pm VQ Returns – 11pm 	

<u>Monday June 9</u> Grade 8 – Mass Band Practice – Blk 5 Grade 7 – Mass Band Practice – Blk 6	<u>Tuesday June 10</u> GSA Club – lunch in Art Room Grade 8 FLA FRIM Final - Blk 1-2 Grade 6 – Mass Band Practice – Blk 2 Rock Band – 3 – 430pm	<u>Wednesday June 11</u> Grade 6 – Mass Band Practice – Blk 5 Grade 7 FLA FRIM Final - Blk 1, 2, 6	<u>Thursday June 12</u> PAT LA Part B Reading - Blk 1-3 Rock Band – 3 – 430pm  Year End Band Concert - Westminster United Church – 7pm	<u>Friday June 13</u> PAT Math Part A - Blk 1-2
<u>Monday June 16</u> Grade 7 - Henderson Pool 1230 – 230pm Year End Choir/Handbell – College Drive Community Church – 7pm 	<u>Tuesday June 17</u> Gr. 7 – Kona Ice 1030 - noon PAT Math Part B – Blk 1-3 Grade 7 LA Reading Final - Blk 1-2 Grade 8 Math Final -Blk 1-2 Grade 6 Award Assembly 1230 – 130pm Grade 7 Award Assembly 145 – 245pm	<u>Wednesday June 18</u> Gr. 8 – Kona Ice 1030 - noon PAT Social – Blk 1-3 Grade 8 LA Reading Final - Blk 1-3 Grade 7 Math Final -Blk 1-2 Grade 8 Award Assembly 1230 – 130pm	<u>Thursday June 19</u> Gr. 6 – Kona Ice 1030 – noon  Grade 8 - Calaway Park 7am – 6pm Grade 7 - Legacy Park 930am – 230pm Grade 6 - Henderson Pool - 1230 – 2pm	<u>Friday June 20</u> GPMS Celebrates Indigenous Day Year End Wrap up -sign yearbooks, clean out lockers
<u>Monday June 23</u> Grade 6 Flex Morning Grade 7 & 8 Social Final Busses come at 1030 am Grade 8 Farewell – Lethbridge Polytechnic 1 pm	<u>Tuesday June 24</u> Grade 6 Flex Morning Grade 7 & 8 Science Final Busses come at 1030am	<u>Wednesday June 25</u> Last Day! 	<u>Thursday June 26</u>	<u>Friday June 27</u>

- School Council** – As we approach the end of another successful school year, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to each of you on the School Council for your unwavering commitment and hard work. Your efforts have made a significant impact on our school community, and we are truly grateful for everything you have done. Thank you for your year of service and for making a difference in our school. We look forward to

continuing our journey together and achieving even greater milestones in the future. All past minutes can be found here, [School Council | Gilbert Paterson Middle School](#)

- **Student profile form for 2025 - 2026** – [Student Update Form | Gilbert Paterson Middle School](#)
- This is a reminder that there is no school for students on **Monday, May 19th for Victoria Day and Tuesday, May 20th as our staff will be participating in Professional Learning** this day. We will see you on Wednesday, May 21st.

- **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 2025. 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.

- **KONA ICE IS BACK!** - I scream, you scream, we all scream for Kona Ice! The first fundraiser of the year is here! Students will be able to purchase delicious treats and help their school with 25% of the proceeds coming back to Gilbert Paterson:

GILBERT PATTERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$4 Klassic Kona- \$5 King Kona- \$6 Colour Changing Cup - \$4 Refills- \$7 Collectable - \$5 Refills- \$3 to \$7 - Various Freeze Dried Candies		GILBERT PATTERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
	GRADE 6 - TUES SEPT 17 (10:30 - NOON)			
	GRADE 7 - WED SEPT 18 (10:30 - NOON)			
	GRADE 8 - THURS SEPT 19 (10:30 - NOON)			

- **Grade 7/8 Finals** – Finals are coming! In class written finals began in May. Please watch for emails from teachers about specific details.
- **Grade 8 Calaway Fieldtrip** – The Grade 8 Team is excited to take their classes to Calaway Park on Thursday, June 19th. More information about this event has been sent home.
- **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 23rd 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
- **Gr. 6/7 Option Selection** – Option selection is now open in PowerSchool! Emails will be going out Friday, May 16 with information regarding the process of option selection for GPMS 25/26. Option selection will close on Friday, May 30th. Options are not first come first serve and no ranking of choices.
- **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 21st at the University of Lethbridge track. For those who qualify from our school meet, the LSAA track meet (Grade 6-8) is Tuesday, May 27th at the U of L and the Southern Alberta Zone track meet for Grade 7/8 (bantam and midget aged) students is Tuesday, June 3rd in Medicine Hat. 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.
- For the **third year in a row**, Buster's is proudly giving back to the Community. Every **Thursday in May 2025, from 1–3 PM, both of our locations** will be offering **FREE slices of pizza to anyone in need**. No questions asked. No judgment. Just kindness, respect, and a warm slice of hope. 🍕
As a trusted community leader like yours, we would be grateful if you could help share this initiative with those who may benefit—whether it's a student, a family, a parishioner, or a passerby in need. (Please do refer to our social media campaign here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Ghz8dF9Be/?mibextid=qi2Omg>)
Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to collaborate. Let's come together to lend a hand, feed hope, and care for one another.

📍 **North Location:** 728 23 St N · (403) 353-3557

📍 **South Location:** 3735 Mayor Magrath Dr S #50 · (587) 800-5550

- **Choir Program** – Our Spring concert will be on held on **Monday, June 16th, 7 pm** at College Drive Community Church. Tickets (\$5) will be sold at the door; Paterson students are free. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Notes from the Band Room** - Our Spring concert is also approaching, it will be held on **Thursday, June 12th, 7 pm** at Southminster United Church. Doors open at 6 pm. Tickets will go on sale May 16th, four tickets max per student. If you are wanting to go on a waitlist for more tickets, please email Ms. Lewis. For additional information, please visit our band website: 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.
- **May 2.0 Mental Health Minute from the Wellness Team**

This month and early next month, Ms. Oviatt has been visiting classes to share a couple of strategies related to managing stress, preparing for tests, and using study strategies. Here are some of the “top 5” for these topics.

Healthy Coping Strategies for Managing Stress

1. Take care of your physical self - get enough sleep, eat well, drink water
2. Plan ahead
3. Stretch/ Be active/ Go outside

4. Journal, laugh, or listen to music
5. Turn to people in your support circle

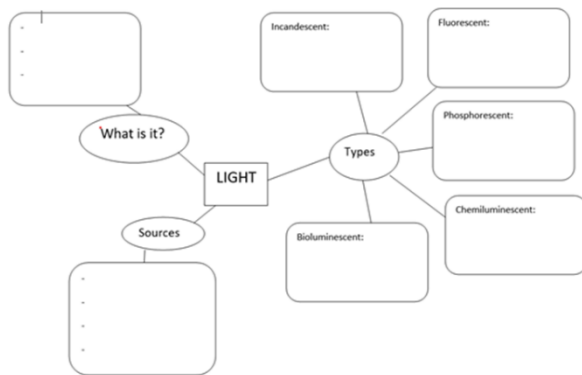
Preparing for the Test

1. If your teacher gives you a study guide, complete it.
2. Use the terms on the study guide to create your flashcards. Try an app like **Quizlet** (some pre-made sets are available).
3. Have someone verbally quiz you using the questions from the study guide. Or, create your own questions that someone can ask you.
4. Review concepts frequently, then extend the time between your study sessions. This uses the concept, “psychological spacing effect”, which helps to put the information in your long-term memory.
5. Practice a variety of test questions: multiple choice, matching, T/F, and short answer. Try an app like **Know** (uses AI to generate questions).

Study Strategies

1. Make flashcards. Use colour and pictures and/or diagrams or try an app like Quizlet. The brain likes visual cues (called “dual coding”).
2. Create a graphic organizer. It helps to summarize all you have learned.
3. Make your own study guide with 5-10 main questions from each unit. Ask a friend to do the same and switch study guides. Then, give them back to each other and “mark” them.
4. SQ3R is a set of steps for reading over notes or your textbook: survey, question, read, recite, and review. (Google “SQ3R” for more information.)
5. Decide how you study best. Music or no music? Breaks after 20 or 30 minutes? A snack before or after you study? Make studying a habit.

Sample graphic organizer:



Writing the Test

1. Look over the entire test when you first get it. Do the questions you know first – this helps build confidence!
2. You do not need to go in order of the questions but remember to check over the test when you are done.
3. Highlight key words in the question.
4. Cross off answers from the choices (multiple choice) that you **KNOW** are not the right choice.
5. Use estimating to check your answers when you can (especially with Math and some Science questions).

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 these topics or where to access mental health support in our community.

- **FRIM News** - 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
- We are offering you a 2nd Teen Evening in May! Are you in grades 7 to 12 and want to spend an evening with young French speakers? Come play a FREE game (or two!) of bowling with us! Date: Friday, May 30, 2025
 Time: 5pm-7pm Location: Holiday Bowl – 2825 2 Ave S, Lethbridge Cost: Free! Registration required.



- Invitation to the 2nd ACFA Community BBQ! Many of you participated and enjoyed our first community barbecue – thank you! Building on this enthusiasm, we are pleased to invite you to a second edition which will take place on June 5. Date: June 5, 2025. Time: 5-7pm Location: The City of Prairies Cost: Free! Registration required.
- The St. John's Carnival is fast approaching! Get ready to spend a festive evening with family and in French with the Francophone associations of Lethbridge! The St-Jean Carnival is back with lots of activities for young and old! Date: June 24, 2025. Time: 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Location: Galt Gardens (downtown Lethbridge) More information to come!



- **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 30th, 2025.

Inquires can be sent to:
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shawnee.bigbull@lethsd.ab.ca
joel.tailfeathers@lethsd.ab.ca