



PATERSON PRESS – JUNE 16 - 26

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<u>Monday June 16</u>	<u>Tuesday June 17</u>	<u>Wednesday June 18</u>	<u>Thursday June 19</u>	<u>Friday June 20</u>
<p>Grade 7 - Henderson Pool 1230 – 230pm</p> <p>Year End Choir/Handbell – College Drive Community Church – 7pm</p> 	<p>Gr. 7 – Kona Ice 1030 - noon</p> <p>PAT Math Part B – Blk 1-3</p> <p>Grade 7 LA Reading Final - Blk 1-2</p> <p>Grade 8 Math Final -Blk 1-2</p> <p>Grade 6 Award Assembly 1230 – 130pm</p> <p>Grade 7 Award Assembly 145 – 245pm</p>	<p>Gr. 8 – Kona Ice 1030 - noon</p> <p>PAT Social – Blk 1-3</p> <p>Grade 8 LA Reading Final - Blk 1-3</p> <p>Grade 7 Math Final -Blk 1-2</p> <p>Grade 8 Award Assembly 1230 – 130pm</p>	<p>Gr. 6 – Kona Ice 1030 – noon</p>  <p>Grade 8 - Calaway Park 7am – 6pm</p> <p>Grade 7 - Legacy Park 930am – 230pm</p> <p>Grade 6 - Henderson Pool - 1230 – 2pm</p>	<p>GPMS Celebrates Indigenous Day</p> <p>Year End Wrap up -sign yearbooks, clean out lockers</p>
<u>Monday June 23</u>	<u>Tuesday June 24</u>	<u>Wednesday June 25</u>	<u>Thursday June 26</u>	
<p>Grade 6 Flex Morning</p> <p>Grade 7 & 8 Social Final</p> <p>Busses come at 1030 am</p> <p>Grade 8 Farewell – Lethbridge Polytechnic 1 pm</p>	<p>Grade 6 Flex Morning</p> <p>Grade 7 & 8 Science Final</p> <p>Busses come at 1030am</p>	<p>Last Day of School!</p> 		

- **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](#)



Paterson Bell Times 2025-26

Period Blocks	Monday - Thursday	Friday
Warning bell 7:55	DEAR Time 8:00-8:10	DEAR Time 8:00-8:10
1	8:10-9:00	8:10-9:00
2	9:00-9:50	9:00-9:50
Break	9:50-9:55	9:50-9:55
3	9:55-10:45	9:55-10:45
		Announcements 10:45-10:50
4	10:45-11:35	10:50-11:40
Lunch (20 min)	11:35-11:55	
Lunch (20 min)	11:55-12:15	
5	Warning bell 12:15 12:20-1:10	
6	1:10-2:00	
7	2:00-2:50	

- **Flex days** – flex days are for Grade 6 students who need some extra time to finish up projects or assignments from Grade 6. There are no formal classes or activities for those students, but they are welcome to come in and work. If your Grade 6 student has completed all assignments, they are welcome to stay home these days. No formal attendance will be taken on this day.
- If your student qualifies for bussing for the 2025/2026 school year, there will be a registration form on your PowerSchool/School Engage account (same place where you completed your student's registration form). [PowerSchool Login | Gilbert Paterson Middle School](#)
- **NEW BELL TIMES FOR 2025/2026** – Next year our bell times will be changing! We will **no longer have the early dismissal on Wednesdays**. This means our bell times will stay consistent from Monday to Thursdays and early dismissal will only happen on Fridays.
- **Options change for next school year** – Next year we will be running options in quarters, instead of terms. This means students will have more opportunities to get the options they request. Band, choir, and grade 6 soccer will still run for the full year. We will also be offering some academic support options to focus on student learning.
- **BACK TO SCHOOL 2025/2026 – Grade 6 Open House** -
On the afternoon of Thursday, August 28th, we will be hosting a Grade 6 open house. It is a come and go event. Students will be given a lock to practice with and have the ability to visit the school before they begin the following week.

Staggered Entry -

On Tuesday, September 2nd, **Grade 6 students ONLY** will start for their first day. They will meet their teachers, get their lockers, and have a chance to experience their first day of grade 6. Grade 7 & 8 students do not attend school this day.

On Wednesday, September 3rd, we will have our Grade 7 & 8 students ONLY for the day. They will meet with their teachers and get set up for the year. **Just a reminder, that Wednesdays end at 2:50pm** this year. Grade 6 students do not attend school this day.

On Thursday, September 4th all students will begin their regular schedules.

Timetable -

Our school hours are changing for next year with Wednesdays ending at 2:50pm. Our warning bell will ring at 7:55am in the morning and classes begin at 8am. We will however be starting everyday with DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read). We will end at 2:50pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Fridays will end at 11:40am.

- **Supply List for 2025/2026** – Please find this upcoming school years supply list here, [Supply List | Gilbert Paterson Middle School](#)
- **CONGRATULATIONS to Louise Ryan** on her upcoming retirement! It's a significant milestone and a time to celebrate all the hard work and dedication over the years. Your dedication and hard work have been truly inspiring. Wishing you joy, relaxation, and new adventures in this exciting new chapter of your life. Enjoy every moment!
- **Awards** – We will be recognizing the accomplishments of our students for the whole year. Please refer to the calendar above for the time for your student's award ceremony. We will be recognizing honour roll, athletics, fine arts and much more! You will receive an email if your child is getting an award.
- **LCI Tours for Grade 8 students** - We hope you are having a nice day. LCI will be hosting a school tour for all grade 8 students and their families on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th at 6 PM OR 7PM.**

You must **preregister by Monday, June 16th**. Here is the link to do so, [LCI Grade 8 Tours June 18th 2025](#) Tours are lead by LCI Leadership students. Meet in the front foyer (beside the cafeteria) and check in. Tours will begin on time so please don't be late.

- **Grade 6 PAT Information –**

***NEW** Grade 6 Science, Grade 6 French Immersion Language Arts and Literature (FILAL) and Grade 6 Français Langue Première et Littérature (FLPL) will not be administered in the 2024/25 school year. Alberta Education will instead offer field testing between April and June 2025. These optional field tests will help inform the development of future PATs for these Grade 6 subjects that align with new curriculum.

The 2024/25 Grade 6 Social Studies PAT will be administered and will continue to reflect the existing Grade 6 Social Studies programs of study.

The 2024/25 Grade 6 Math and Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature (ELAL) will be administered and will reflect the new curriculum.

- **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



GPMS FUNDRAISER
25% of Sales goes back to Gilbert Patterson Middle School

June 3 (Grade 6) 10:30 - Noon
June 4 (Grade 7) 10:30 - Noon
June 5 (Grade 8) 10:30 - Noon

Also Available - Freeze Dried Candies (\$3 to \$7)

- \$4 Klassic Kona
- \$5 King Kona
- \$6 Colour Changing Cup - \$4 Refills
- \$7 Collectable - \$5 Refills
- \$3 to \$7 - Various Freeze-Dried Candies

**GRADE 6 - TUES JUNE 3 and JUNE 19
(10:30 - NOON)**

**GRADE 7 - WED JUNE 4 and JUNE 17
(10:30 - NOON)**

**GRADE 8 - THURS JUNE 5 and JUNE 18
(10:30 - NOON)**



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June 17 (Grade 7) 10:30 - Noon
June 18 (Grade 8) 10:30 - Noon
June 19 (Grade 6) 10:30 - Noon

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- **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. Please note students need to arrive at the school by 6:45 am as buses leave at 7am! Do not be late!
- **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 has been sent out.
- **Athletics** – Thank you so much for another successful year in Paterson athletics. Thanks for all the support from our fans! Have a great summer!
- **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!
- **Ready Set Go 2025** - Registration is open and will remain open up to the day of the event.
 - August 20 -12-6pm YMCA - 74 Mauretania Rd W
 - August 21 - 12-6pm My City Care- 1401 28 St. N

Please note that there will be only 2 locations this year: west and north. If you have families requiring assistance with transportation, please let them know that upon registration they can request bus tickets to attend. Things to note about this year's event:

1. Backpacks are preassembled based on registration by My City Care. Families can register up to the day of the event to receive supplies at the event. My City Care will continue to accept registration past the event dates until supplies run out, but these supplies will need to be picked up at My City Care.
2. Backpacks will contain a standardized assortment of supplies but **will not** coincide with individual school lists. Independently, families may need to seek out individual supplies in addition to receiving a backpack.
3. For any issues with registration please contact My City Care 403-942-1378.
4. If families miss their event, they can pick up at My City Care any time after August 23. My City Care is moving and is now located at 1401 28 Street N.

5. Shoes will not be available at Ready Set Go. If families are needing shoes, we request that schools refer to YQL Shoes for Kids through Wellness Teams at the beginning of next school year.

- **June Health Minute from the Wellness Team –**

Summer Wellness - We are almost officially at the summer solstice! Here are five everyday tips for taking care of your mental health over the summer break:

1. Get outside
2. Get active
3. Sleep well, eat well
4. Be creative and have fun
5. Keep connected

For more information, check out these websites: <https://smho-smso.ca/5-everyday-tips-for-a-mentally-healthy-summer-break/> <https://mentalhealthcommission.ca/blog-posts/59907-take-care-of-your-mental-health-during-summer-break/> <https://cmhasaskatoon.ca/jump-into-july/>

PRIDE 2025 - Here are the details for some Pride events this year:

Pride Parade - Saturday, June 28th - Decorating of the School Division/ATA DEHR Float will take place at 10:00am on the Civic Track – all are welcome to join in and help out!

Parade will begin at 11:00am - The School Division/ATA DEHR Float will make its way from the Civic Track, following the parade route and ending at Galt Gardens across from Progress Clothing (typically finished by noon). All are welcome to join the float and walk together.

Pride in the Park- Saturday, June 28th - Starting at noon, we invite all staff, students, families, etc. to come out and enjoy the festivities in Galt Gardens. This is a multi-age event, free of charge and open to everyone.

The Lethbridge School Division and the DEHR Committee of the ATA Local 41 will have two booths present and will be sharing information about some of the great work and supports available in schools. Students will have made buttons to share, and stickers will be available as long as supplies last. There will also be a photo booth available to participants throughout the day. Hope to see you there!

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer break! 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

- 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!
- Lethbridge's Francophone organizations present the Saint John's Carnival! Join us on Tuesday, June 24th, starting at 4:30 p.m. at Galt Gardens for a colorful family carnival! Games, face painting, activities for all ages, and an outdoor show with Les Accentués at 6:00 p.m. – all free! A festive occasion to celebrate Alberta's Francophonie in the heart of Lethbridge. Don't miss it! Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Time: Starting at 4:30 p.m. (show at 6:00 p.m.) Location: Galt Gardens, Lethbridge Cost: Free admission and free entertainment!



- Summer Camp in French! The Lethbridge Family Support Centre offers a 6-week summer camp from Monday to Friday for children ages 5 to 12! The centre offers a theme each week and a wide variety of activities such as crafts, group games, weekly outings, cooking, and outdoor play!
- June Teen Night – Splash Fun Special! Young people in grades 7 to 12 (and soon-to-be 6th graders!) are invited to a splashy party to celebrate the end of the school year! Date: Friday, June 20, 2025 Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Location: La Vérendrye School Park Cost: Free! On the menu: Pizza for everyone! Registration required



• Indigenous News – Save the Date!

- June 21st National Indigenous Peoples Day & Summer Solstice
- June 23rd Good Movement (Middle Schools) Wrap up BBQ 4:30-6:30
- HAPPY SUMMER!!! - From the Indigenous Education Team to you, we wish you a restful summer full of things that fill your bucket and reenergize you! Thank you for your support and we will see you next year! Kaitamatsin

• Mental Health Capacity Building (MHCB) Summer Calendar -

MHCB'S SUMMER FUN CALENDAR

July 2025

Tue	Wed	Thu
1	2 Legacy Park Kick OFF 5PM-8PM	3 Gyro Park 1507 10e Ave S 11AM-1PM
8 Lakeview Elementary 10AM-1PM	9	10 Legacy Park 11AM-1PM
15 St Martha's School 10AM-1PM	16	17 Nicholas Sheran Elementary 11AM-1PM
22 Senator Buchanan 10AM-1PM	23 Nicholas Sheran Playground 5PM-8PM	24 Chinook Lake Park Playground 11AM-1PM
29 Our Lady of Assumption 10AM-1PM	30	31 Fort Whoop Up 11AM-1PM

Park Pop Up's

August 2025

Tue	Wed	Thu
5 Mike Mountain Horse 10AM-1PM	6	7 Legacy Park 11AM-1PM
12 Chinook Lake Playground 10AM-1PM	13 Henderson 5PM-8PM	14 Mike Mountain Horse 11AM-1PM

MHCB Wellness Team
Learn more about MHCB:

[MHCB_LETHSD](#)
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FREE AND FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays MHCB will be joining our community partners for pop up activities in the park. Check out buildingbrains.ca/events for updates on these days. Fun for all and always free.

On Thursdays you will find the MHCB team offering hands-on activities with some fun goodies to take home. Find us on Facebook for updates!

Come find us in the park or check out our social media for other FREE opportunities throughout the summer like our virtual family challenges, pottery classes, mini golf and movies!

- YMCA of Lethbridge Summer Youth Camp - <https://lethbridgeymca.ca/programs/171/summer-youth-clubs-2025/>

Summer Youth Clubs

At the YMCA of Lethbridge



Dungeons & Dragons
Ages 8 - 17

Science/STEM Club
Ages 8 - 17

Beginner-friendly adventures led by experienced Dungeon Masters.

Get hands-on with fun, engaging science and tech activities.

Leadership Club
Ages 12 - 17

Learn how to plan and lead activities in real-time with our summer camps.

Free to join - No membership required

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or Learn More

