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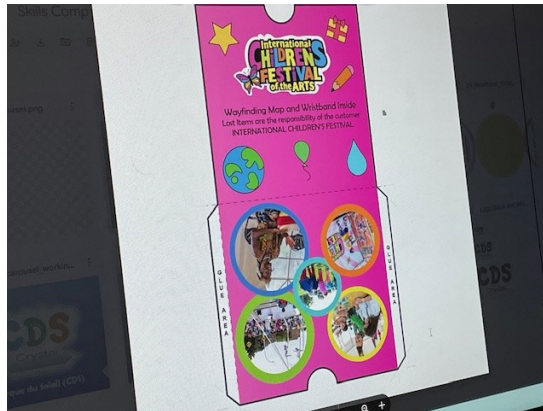
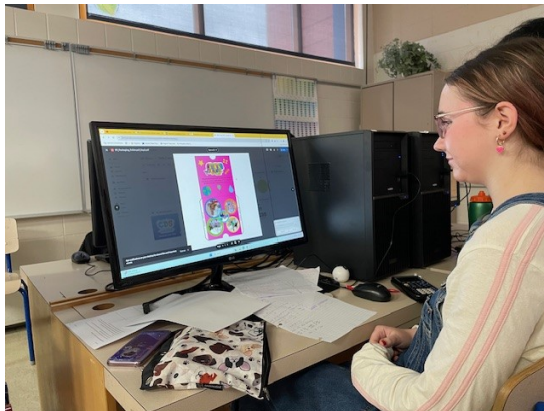
Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Happy Victoria Long Weekend! Despite the overcast skies and rain I have managed to do some yard work; maybe you got to work on your yard or garden, too. Big events last week included our PE 30 Hostel trip, Indigenous Family Gathering, Red Division Track Meet and our staff PD outing to Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump. There is also an important notice about closure of student parking at Pearson. Please be sure to read it.

Hard to believe it is here, the major event next week is our Graduation Banquet on Friday, May 23rd. Read on:



Tuesday morning at 8:30am with the fog in Chicago and at the same moment it was 6:30am Calgary time and the sun was just rising.

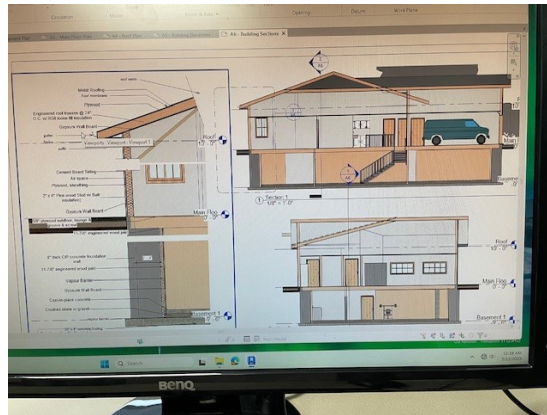
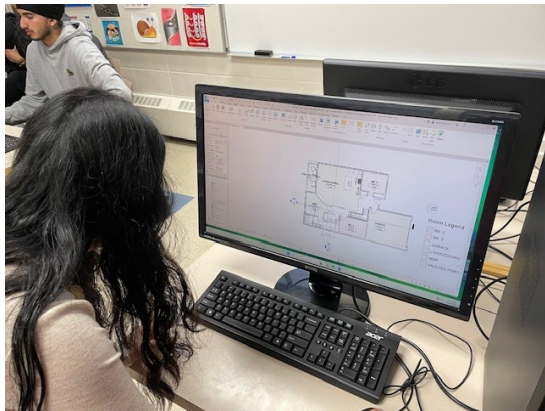


Jensen shared with me the artifacts from her provincial skills competition to create posters, brochures and wristbands for Circ de Soleil Children's Festival.



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Krish Anne's challenge was to render architectural drawings accurate and to scale for a residential home. This included sectional drawings of wall construction, foundation work, external views and floor plans.



These students are creating stained glass designs (in paper).



This was a memory wall backstage at the University of Lethbridge theatre. Mr. Mason is in this picture as a university drama student. Can you spot him???

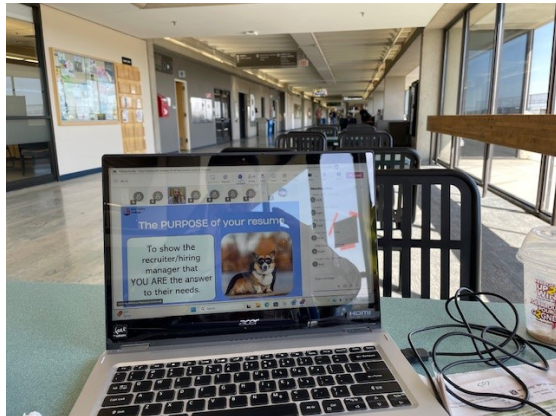


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This was a rare look backstage and our final walk-through University of Lethbridge campus before heading home.



I hosted the first Bow Valley College Connect session from the University of Lethbridge Fine Arts Building.



Spring Dance tickets are on sale. Stacey Running Rabbit made our grad medallions. Fun fact, Stacey also makes the beaded crowns for the Stampede Princesses.



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Here are some of our students doing hat beading with Niitoyis. Fun fact, Randy Turning Robe Jr. works for Niitoyis and is here every week.



Sherika and Seja model their creations in Fashions 20. Fabulous!!!





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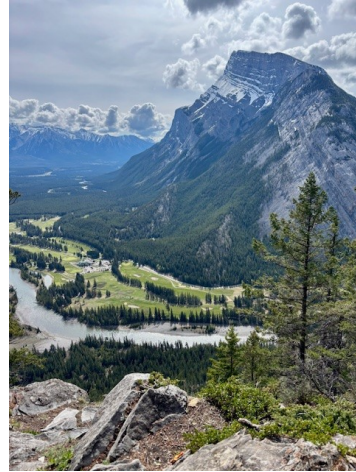


Our Family Gathering was an evening of community and sharing. We were blessed to have Elder Adrian Wolfleg present to welcome our families and to share his stories. The highlight of the evening was celebrating our 15 indigenous grads with their special beaded grad medallions. The evening ended with Lucille Wright hosting the Blackfoot Olympic Games. There were 4 games, and each one emphasized an aspect of Blackfoot culture and way of being. We all learned and had fun at the same time. Just like the real Olympics, medals were awarded to conclude the evening. This multi-generational event would not have been possible without the support of our Indigenous Parent Advisory, Chef Martin, Ms. Hayden, Ms. Buchan, Ms. Pham and Student Council.



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It rained in Calgary on the day PE 30 left for their hostel trip. The weather around Canmore was perfect. Teachers said their students were outstanding and it was a memorable trip. Thank you to the staff and to roving reporter, Ms. Byrgesen, for these magnificent photographs.



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The girls' rugby team played their last game of the season yesterday. It was a well-fought match, and our girls played hard up to the final whistle. Many refs commented throughout the season on our team's heart, sportsmanship and positivity. Tears were shed as for many players this was their last moment as a member of the Pearson rugby team. Thank you to all the players, parents, fans, sports med students, and coaches Berry and Clark. It was a fine season.





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Rain always seems to be in the forecast for the Red division track meet. Despite the rain, cloudy skies and wind, our track and field team endured, and many earned personal bests in their events. Once results are official, we expect many of our athletes to advance to the City Championships.





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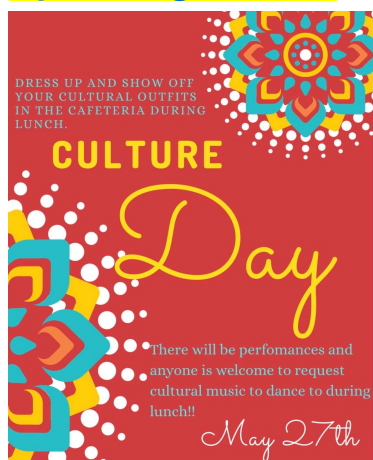


Our guide, Donovan, shared many stories about Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump and the role this sacred site played in Blackfoot history, culture, life and way of being. The air was fresh and scented with sage and berries. Donovan regaled us with stories of Napi, who lived in the physical and spiritual world and whose adventures taught young and old about the land and life.

Important Notice – No Student Parking:

Effective Friday, May 23rd – the student parking lot will be closed until further notice. This move was deemed necessary due to increasing concerns over safety for students, staff and the public. Our discussions with School Parent Council and School Staff support this decision. There have been injuries in student parking due to careless driving and stunting. There has also been vandalism to vehicles. The honking of car horns or purposely setting off car alarms has been disruptive to learning. Expectations regarding use of student parking such as no loitering in cars or the parking lot during classes have not been fully abided by resulting in lates and truancy. The student parking lot has also attracted individuals and their vehicles that do not belong to Pearson. It is hoped that student pick up and drop off at the beginning and end of the day will be safer and more efficient as a benefit. Students are encouraged to use public transit, walk, and bike or arrange for rides during this time.

Upcoming Events: Spring Dance Show May 21st and 22nd at 7:00pm.



The deadline for Grad Banquet Tickets is May 20th.



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Athletics:

Playoffs begin!

May 22nd:

Sr. boys soccer away vs. HWW at 4:30pm

May 22nd:

City Track and Field Championships

Save the Dates:

May 21st & May 22nd: Spring Dance Show 7:00pm – 9:30pm

May 23rd: Grad Banquet at Empire Banquet Hall - doors open at 6:00pm

May 27th: Culture Day!

Indigenous Parent Advisory at 7:30pm on Teams

May 30th: Graduation Ceremony – No School



I am always grateful for my students, staff and parents.

Kenneth Chee

Principal