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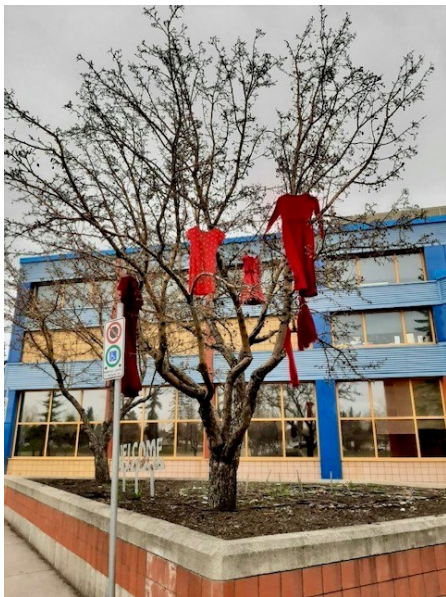
Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – May 12, 2024

Gala Edition

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Throughout the year we have been celebrating Diversity and Inclusion at Pearson. Our Multi-Cultural Club took the lead in recognizing many dates of significance. By organizing Cultural Events, we provided the space for students to see themselves in our learning community and to learn from each other. The culminating event was our Gala Night where we invited parents and families to celebrate in our wonderful cultural diversity.

Read on:



May 5th was Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people. On Red Dress Day we honour the lives of MMIWG2S by raising awareness of this ongoing national tragedy, and we hold in our thoughts the families and communities who carry the weight and live with the grief of losing loved ones.

We did get a break in the weather last Saturday. Spotted this bald eagle along the Bow River near the bottom of Shaganappi Trail. I wonder if he will return??? Is it good luck to spot an eagle in the city???



Sage coaches Harveen on the finer points of throwing the javelin. Tam's foot work and form is textbook as he transitions into the throwing phase of javelin.



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Halfa, Howa, Tam. Harveen and Ayesha heaving the shot and throwing the javelin at early morning track practice; just a few more practices until the Divisional Meet on Wednesday, May 15th.



Girls Rugby Team at the end of a clinic, it was worth every raindrop!!!!



All of our teams practiced indoors with the rainy weather. The soccer teams had a fitness practice in the halls and our field hockey team was in the main gym.



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Here's Danny settling in for first day of competition in Architectural Design. Lois Krish Anne hard at work in Graphic Design. Both Danny and Lois Krish Anne shared the pressure of time, which was really stressful. Ms. Lock reports a good first day overall. It was a grand experience and when the competition ended, Danny won the Architectural Safety Medal.



Wednesday night was the final Calgary Arts Development Aisinaa'kiiks Dinner hosted by Bowness High School. I had the wonderful opportunity to a little reunion with Ms. Gallant; she is doing well and says hello. Jayza sang and drummed a Celebration Song.





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There was also Elder Marlene and local artist Elijah; this was Elijah's art piece inspired by our table conversations about Relations. Elder Shirley Hill and Alexis' Shawl Dance, performed at Pearson's Aisinaa'kiiks Dinner in March, inspired this pencil drawing.



The presentations of art, stories, spoken word poetry and song were beautiful and inspirational. The opportunity to speak with elders was special; it filled our spirits. Thanks to Jayza, Hunter, Alexis, Gena and Chef Martin.



It was a gorgeous day for some disc golf at Thorncliffe with Mr. Witt's PE class.



Great food to start Gala Night!





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Ms. Seto, Ms. Castro, Ms. Sareen, and Ms. Jessel, thanking their Multi-Cultural Club for an outstanding evening and a whole year of events celebrating our cultural diversity and inclusion.



Nasrin has worked hard and is looking forward to walking the stage. Mr. Kleintz with Avneet, who graduated in 2016 and was a substitute teacher in our school on Friday, came by the main office to say hello!



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Our Senior Soccer Team tied 1 – 1 against Scarlett on Friday.



Junior Boys at the end of Aberhart Tournament, it was a good day!



Grad Banquet Tickets going fast. Get yours a.s.a.p.



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The Eastside Dance Festival at the U of C; congratulations to Pearson Dance Troupe, Ms. Haynes and all our award winners!



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Our ACCESS class talking about where they would like to go on their annual field trip, the Calgary Zoo or Telus Spark. The Zoo won!!!

Semester 2: Don't Forget

1. Most important – **attend, attend, attend!!!** Student academic success is directly related to your attendance.

CAPSTONE

Graduating students can still consider completing a Capstone Project. Please contact Mr. Chee, if you are interested.

Save the Dates:

- **Monday, May 13th: School Parent Council at 6:30pm**
- **Tuesday, May 14th & Wednesday, May 15th: PE 30 Hostel Trip Period 1 and 2.**
- **Thursday, May 16th & Friday, May 17th: PE Hostel Trip Period 3 and 4.**
- **Wednesday, May 15th & Thursday, May 16th: Spring Dance Show – 7pm – Join Us – Sponsored by Pearson Dance Troupe.**
- **Friday, May 17th: Non-Instructional Day – No School**
- **Monday, May 20th: Victoria Day – No School**
- **Friday, May 31st: Graduation Ceremony – No School**





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Happy Mothers' Day!!

Kenneth Chee
Principal