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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – March 22, 2024

Spring Break Edition

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Semester 2 always seems to go by so quickly. Here we are at Spring break, already. I know staff and students have been working hard and could use a little break. I hope as parents, guardians and caregivers that you can also find a bit of time to relax and recharge. This might be a good time to take up the Pearson Reads Challenge and pick up a graphic novel or book. In this newsletter I am going to reflect on some past accomplishments.

Read on:



Zakir, our multi-Gold Medalist with Coaches Hutch and Tardif. Model UN Delegates Awards went to Abigail, Selam and Neha.



Our Robotics Team talking to the judges about their robot design and how they solved problems along the way. We finished 3rd in the Design Category. This is Alliance Selections. The top 4 teams select other teams to be their Allie in semifinal competition. Our captain, Danny, is wearing red, in the middle of the pack. Teams line up according to final rankings.

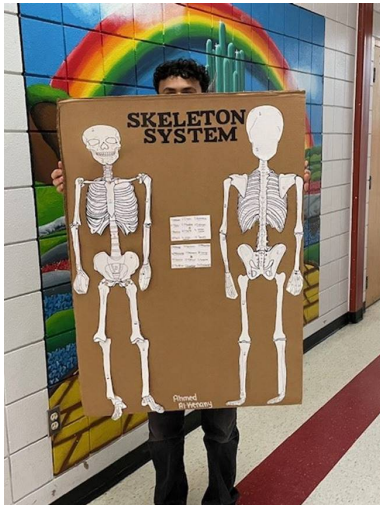


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Quentin was first runner up for the First Robotics Dean's List Award. Taz's slap shot in Shoot Out. She shoots, she scores!!!



Ahmed bashfully showed me his Sports Med project. Pearson before the morning before the big snow fall.



Track and Field organizational meeting. Spring sports is underway. Head Coach is Mr. Longlitz.



Our Lead Pilot is well underway. This strength based program has been well received by participants. Yesterday they did some volunteer work for the Newcomer Centre.



Students in PE class having fun learning how to Bollywood!!!





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The service and the food was outstanding for Teacher Appreciation Day. Thanks to Ilma, Vymana, Angel, Alizah and Dakshveer for hosting this special morning for staff. The spring rolls were a hit and made with love by Vymana's grandmother.



Ishmeet and Adrianna leading a room full of students who will be participating in our Spring Makers Fair. Lot of interesting projects including origami, crochet, 3D printing, home baking and art.



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Despite winter roaring back and snow falling all day, our Aisinna'kiiks Dinner was only missing a few Individuals. It was an evening of heart, sharing, and story and spirit. There were elders at every table. What an honour it was to meet Elder Saa'kokoto, Elder Clarence Wolf Leg, Elder Shirley Hill and Elder Marlene (who made our squirrel head bands) Along-side Calgary Arts Development, Chef Martin and our students helped to shape this wonderful evening. The catalyst for the dinner was the crossroad between Asian and Indigenous cultures. The focus of discussion at our tables was enduring relationships. There were performances by Emily, who played guitar and sang, Jayza who played drum and sang and Alexis who did a shawl dance. Thank you to Chef Martin, Chef Astrid and Chef Bryson and their culinary Students. Thank you to our student volunteers. Thank you to Mr. Butlin and his Robotics Clubs students for making the medicine wheel on our laser cutter. Thank you to Joy who ran the front of the house and Gary who set up the tech.



“Always Say Yes to Homemade Cupcakes”

In case you missed it and even if you didn't, listen to our Choral Jazz once more. A great way to start Spring Break. You are all the best!!!

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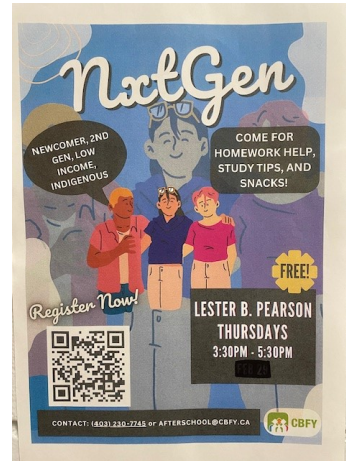


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Save the Dates:

- March 25th – April 1st - Spring Break
- April 3rd and 4th: Talent Show Rehearsals
- April 5th: Talent Show – in Theatre at 3:30pm
- April 9th – 11th: Makers Faire
- April 12th, 18th; 19th: Opera Buddies
- April 15th: **School Parent Council**
- April 17th: Spring Dance – Get your tickets early



Semester 2: Don't Forget

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



Pearson Reads Challenge

The Challenge is extended to after Spring Break, read a book, graphics novel, comic book or whatever interests you.

When you are done enter your name, title of the book, a short review of 3 sentences and post in the Student Services D2L Shell. Look for the Pearson Reads Discussion Blog. Tell us about your read and maybe this will encourage others to pick up the book too. A draw for four \$25 gift certificates from Owls Nest Book Store for all that participate. If we hit 1000 reads, there will be a draw for a BBQ Party for the class of your choice.



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Scholarships:

Are you interested in applying to the Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours program at the University of Calgary?!

You might be eligible for:



Outstanding Student Merit Award for New BHSc Students

Contact the founders of the award, Hana and Zainab Osman, for more information at hana.osman@ucalgary.ca and zainab.osman@ucalgary.ca

You can also visit the EducationMatters website for additional details:
<https://www.educationmatters.ca/awards/outstanding-student-merit-award-for-new-bhsc-students/>

CAPSTONE

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



Hoping we can resume Spring Sports outside when we get back from Spring Break.

**Kenneth Chee
Principal**