



Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – November 10, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

This weekend we will be taking time to remember the tragedy of war and those who served to end armed conflict and oppression. On Remembrance Day, I pause to remember my neighbor, Frank Pawlak. Frank fought in WW 2. He was one of 4 brothers from southern Alberta who served on the battlefields of Europe and survived. As I was growing up I would see Frank with his uniform and take the bus to the Legion every week to have a drink with friends and in memory of those who did not return. Sometimes I would see Frank at the bus stop and I would offer to drive him to the Legion. He did not talk much about his war experiences and I could sense that I should not ask. I did know that his weekly routine to the legion was deeply meaningful to him. He did this for decades. When Frank passed away he was interned in Queens Park in the Veterans Cemetery. I keep Frank's memory and service alive every Remembrance Day as I know his sacrifice will not be in vain. The only good thing about war is its ending. We still have a long way to go. Lest We Forget.



The junior girls went up against the second place team from St. Gabe. They matched St. Gabe in serves, defense and serves received. Even though, St. Gabe had more firepower our team was



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able to dig and scramble to keep the ball alive. Some great rallies! In the third game we came back 10 points to tie the game 21- 21. St. Gabe was getting nervous and called two TOs. St. Gabe won the third game 25 -21. Our junior girls can be proud of their performance and their season. They grew so much as players and as a team. Thanks to our athletes, our trainer, volunteer coach and coaches Mithani, Haynes and Lam.



It was an exciting match against number 2 ranked McNally last night in the playoffs. Our boys played with grit and determination. Although we lost, we played at a high level of skill and teamwork befitting of a team that makes playoffs. McNally had to play their best to best us. Pearson was a class act on the court. Thank you to the players, thank you to their dedicated trainer and special thanks to Coaches Fowler and Webster.

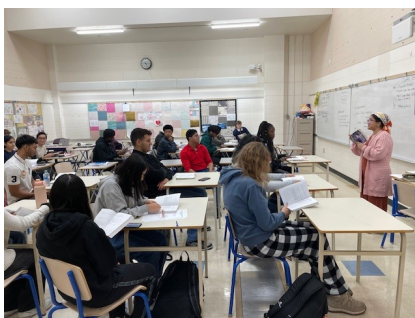


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Our Junior Boys staged an exhilarating 3 game comeback against Forest lawn to advance to the semi-finals against number 2 ranked Lord Beaverbrook. Our Junior Boys gave it their all. They went toe to toe with Beaverbrook executing some fine offence and defensive plays. The scores of the last 2 games were 30–28 and 25-23. We lost the match but it could have gone either way. These boys will be back next year!!! Congratulations to the Junior Boys, Sports Med Trainer and Coaches Marcil and Ly on a fine season.





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I enjoyed hearing Ms. Cayagen, student teacher with Mr. Shoults; begin their study of Macbeth. They just got started with Act 1 Scene 1 the 3 witches. Do you remember Graymalkin????



Elijah is proudly showing me his construction 10 project. It went well beyond the outcomes and demonstrated an exemplary level of skill and craftsmanship.



Winter is not here yet. Mr. Bakos and the ALP Class enjoying some Outdoor Ed!!!



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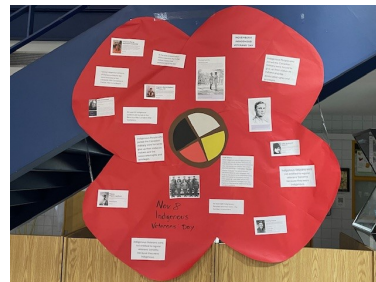
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Students' Council's first ever 'Kindness Week'. The Kindness Committee did a great job encouraging students to write kindness notes to their friends and teachers. Some notes were leaf shaped and placed on a tree for all to see. Many students stepped up to be the "I" in Kind to take a polaroid. There were lots of notes to collate. Kindness notes will be delivered next week.



I have stock in this Pearson Student Run Company. They already told me the value of my stock is up!!!! Store is in our Snack Shack in the cafeteria, service with thumbs up!!!!





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Thank you to the Fine Arts & Performing Arts Department for a thoughtful, genuine and heartwarming Remembrance Day Service seen by the entire school over 3 services. Thank you to PE, Leadership and staff who helped to support this day. We had parents and former students attend and they all shared accolades. Marshall McLuhan said. *"The message is in the medium."* Ours is family.



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On Friday the CBE held **Maatoomsii'Pookaiks | Children First** - Indigenous Education Professional Learning Day. Every school in the CBE, including Pearson, took time to learn about our new Acknowledgement of the Land; what it means and our work in pursuit of truth through ReconciliAction. We ended the day with our own personal 'Calls to Action'. This was a fruitful, reflective, and productive day.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Student Parking

Now in effect, City Bylaw will be enforcing the student parking lot. Vehicles without a current school issued parking pass will be ticketed. In addition, there have been increasing instances of poor driving and students skipping classes in their vehicles and loitering in the student parking lot during class time. **This is not allowed.** If you have a spare and wish to be in your vehicle during class time you must leave the parking lot. Finally vehicles with illegal blacked out windows will not be allowed to park on school property. Source: [Alberta Vehicle Equipment Regulation](#), Section 69 – Window glazing (.pdf file, scroll to page 35; [alternate link](#)).

Alberta window tint laws overview:

- **Windshield:** No tint allowed.
- **Front side windows:** No tint allowed.
- **Backside windows:** Any darkness can be used.
- **Rear window:** Any darkness can be used only if vehicle has both left and right side rearview mirrors.

Vehicles with illegal tinting will not be allowed on school property at anytime.

Reminders: Letters have been sent to Parent/Guardians/Caregivers for students whose attendance and lates have reached 30% or more. If you receive an attendance letter please speak to your child about this concern. There is a direct correlation between attendance and student success. We cannot help students do their best if they skip or if they are consistently late for class. School Messenger does send out notices if a student is late or absent. If you are getting regular calls there is a problem. If you are in need of help please reach out to the school.

Reporting Absences:

When you are calling in late or absent for your student, call **403-280-6565** and press **1** for the Attendance line. Please give the following information: **Spell your student's first name and last name, give their grade, and reason for absence or lateness and a contact number that we have in PowerSchool.**

School Calendar:



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The current school calendar is listed on our school homepage. Please check back regularly, as there may be changes as the year progresses. Here is the link to our school Homepage:

<https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/lesterbpearson/about-us/calendar/pages/default.aspx>

Save the Tryouts for Wrestling, Basketball, Swim, and Badminton – check with Mr. Bakos! Email: tabakos@cbe.ab.ca

Save the Dates:

- **Thursday, November 14th: Classes resume**
- **Friday, November 15th: Roc your Mocs Day!**
- **Thursday, November 28th: Connect Substitute Day**
- **Friday, November 29th: Non-Instructional Day! – No School**



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**NXTGEN
HOMEWORK CLUB**
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Thursdays After School
3:30 to 5:30 PM
Learning Commons

**GET HELP
WITH**

- English and ELL
- Social Studies
- Math
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Starting Nov 7th!

Participants will be entered into a draw to win:

- Chromebooks
- AirPods
- iPads
- Speakers
- and more!

*Never
STOP
Learning!*

Register today:
tkukoleca@cbfg.ca
403-909-0874

Former School Parent Council Member, Rosie, dropped by to say hello. It was nice catching up and I am so appreciative of Rosie and our parents who volunteer their time, support the school and our students and served on FAPA and School Parent Council.

**Kenneth Chee
Principal**