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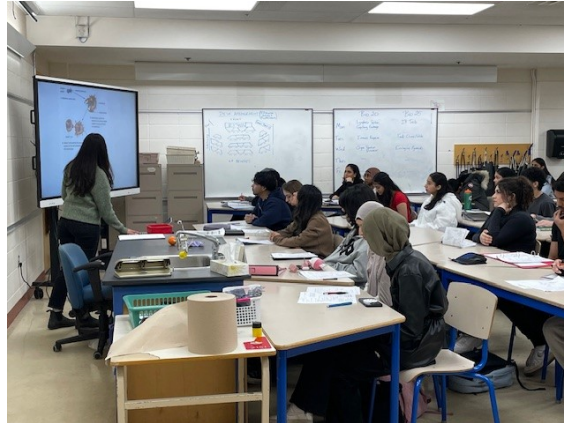
Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – February 16, 2025

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Happy Family Day Weekend! Despite the freezing cold it is my wish that you can take a moment to revel in the warmth and love of family. Sometimes in the busyness of life we forget that our strength comes from those closest to us. Enjoy a meal, go for a walk, complete the household chores, watch a movie or just talk together. There is an old saying, *“Appreciate every moment with your family, as all you have will be all you need.”*



Our junior team was victorious over archrivals the McNally Wolves. Our senior team also defeated McNally 72 – 41.



While on my rounds I took a quick peek at an assessment and a science class. Always a joy to see the engagement.



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We had Volleyball intramurals taking place at lunch. These are organized and run by PE 30 students as part of their program. The Wrestling Team running stairs to build their endurance.



It was not Pearson's night as both teams lost to the Browns.

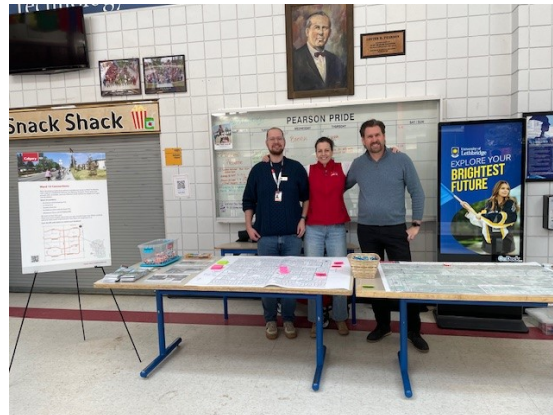


Ms. Buchan's class gets their Valentine's Day treats early. Ms. Riben's Connect enjoyed Board Game Day.



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Calaway Park held a summer job pop up and the City of Calgary sought input from our students on proposed bike pathways in NE Calgary.





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The Multi-Cultural Club hosted Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day in an assembly during Connect and in the Cafeteria at lunch. The \$2 lunch was a treat.



I always enjoy Teachers' Convention for the amazing sessions and for reconnecting with staff I have worked with over the years. There are many young Pearson grads who are now teachers and Deanna who I taught in 1989.



Mr. Elenko was a physics teacher at Pearson and now works for Inside Education. We all have our traditions, mine is meeting up with old friends for breakfast before the start of convention.



Don't forget there are Pro Tips:

- Attendance is everything. Being on time and being in class everyday is foundation for success. Every minute counts and is important. Skipping is not an option. Being late is not an option.
- Engage in the work. This means being present with the lesson and the work. Learning is an active endeavor. It takes good effort. It requires attention. Just being in the class is not enough. Passivity does not lead to success.

Graduation is coming up at the end of May. After seeing students and Grade 12 students already cutting class and choosing to be late I reminded all the Grads in Connect that they not only have to earn their 100+ credits but they also have to be **'Students in Good Standing'** in order to qualify to walk the stage. Walking the stage is earned. It is a meaningful act to walk the stage. Grads who choose to skip class, are chronically late, are disrespectful to students and staff and resort to violence will not be permitted to walk the stage even if they have earned their credits. Grads who walk the stage have demonstrated the Pearson Values of Respect, Integrity, Empathy and Accountability. The choice is up to them and I hope they choose well.

Athletics:

February 18th: Girls Basketball home to SWC: Sr. at 5:30pm and Jr. at 7:30pm

February 19th: Wrestling Quad Meet - TBA

February 20th: Girls Basketball away at CM: Jr. at 5:30pm and Sr. at 7:30pm

Boys Basketball away at WA: Sr. at 5:30pm and Jr. at 7:30pm

February 21st & 22nd: Sr. Girls at Crescent Tournament

Jr. Girls at BOB Tournament

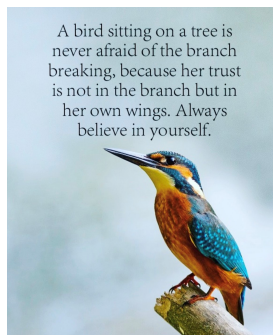
February 23rd: First Tech Challenge Robotics at Nelson Mandela – Team Legacy to compete!

Save the Date:

February 18th: Indigenous Parent Advisory at 6:30 PM - Light Supper Provided

February 26th: Pink Shirt Day

February 28th: Non-Instructional Day – No School



A bird sitting on a tree is
never afraid of the branch
breaking, because her trust
is not in the branch but in
her own wings. Always
believe in yourself.



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Double Dessert Day!!! Charlie Libre's (our Success Coach) mom made Cuban Flan and Amar'e made wonderful mango cake.



My friends in southern Ontario sent me these pictures from their home this Sunday morning.

**Happy Family Day!
Kenneth Chee
Principal**