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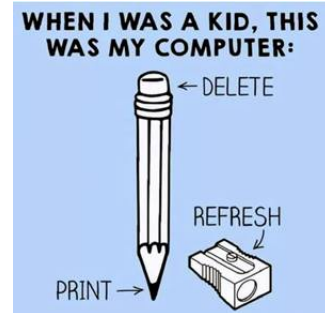
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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – September 16, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We have completed our first full week of school. The only thing left to finish is catching up with student photos and IDs. This will take place on Tuesday, September 19. Then on Wednesday, ALL students must wear their ID and lanyards visibly around their necks to gain access and be at school.

So much to share this week at Pearson - read on:



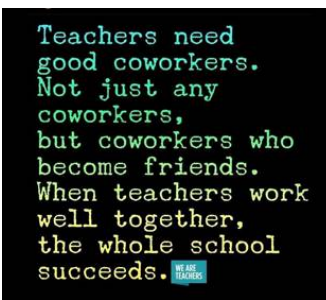
Pearson at dawn Monday morning and our School Store opened its doors yesterday for the first official day of business J





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Thank you to all the parents and families who attended 'Meet the Teacher Night'. Every parent we met is another bridge built for the future. Our leadership students came through again and were wonderful hosts and speakers. Thank you to Kim with Kindred and the Bridge Foundation for sharing their supports for students. Our IPP/K & E/IB and ESL sessions were informative and another opportunity to connect with parents. Our School Parent Council will be another large group this year and I look forward to their support and involvement. A memorable part of the evening occurred at the end of the night as I left the building. A former student stopped me to say hello. He was on the night crew working until 1:30 am replacing lights at Pearson. He is an electrician and loving his work. It is always a joy for me to meet former students and to see how successful they have become.

Cafeteria Service:

Our cafeteria service starts this Monday, September 18. Our cafeteria service is run by our students and the meals they provide is both good value and nutritious. I encourage all students to stay on campus for lunch. It will be safer, faster and more convenient, plus you will make it to class on time.



Our ACCESS students enjoying the start of their day; they are amazing and joyous students to teach. The third photo appears to be a class but it is Ahmed chairing our first Students' Council



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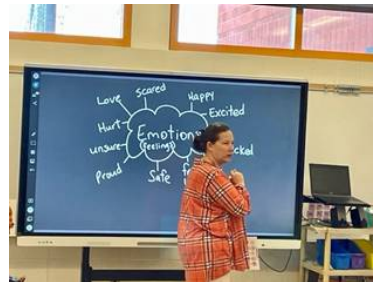
meeting of the year. Some clubs have started already. Look for our Annual Terry Fox Walk and Run on Thursday, September 21.



Our first full week and lots of wheels turning already, our Breakfast Program is up and running thanks to Chef Bryson and Astrid. Soon to be followed by our Brown Bag and Backpack Program. Two wonderful students in Foods were excited to share with me one of their Crème Brûlée; I saved it for the end of the day and it was worth the wait J



In Art class, Mr. Toy taught his students how to draw a nose in 5 minutes flat. His exemplar looks so real. Art is easy if you have a great teacher!!!



ALP class inside exploring our emotions and ACCESS class outside learning about football. Our Sports Med students support ALP and ACCESS with recreational therapy.



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Classes engaged in learning on the brink of our first fire drill. We cleared the building in 3 minutes and reconciled our classes and ran the pink sheets to our muster points in 4 minutes.



Lots of voices in Ms. Riben's Concert Choir this year, they rehearse in J block. Looking forward to their first performance.

Two Charities

Our Fill the Box Campaign will continue for one more week. Not too late to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Bank.

Our Terry Fox Walk and Run will take place this Thursday, September 21. We will be taking a Silver Collection to raise funds to find a cure for cancer.

Attendance:

Attending everyday and being on time is crucial to student success. Encourage your child to be prepared, sleep early and ensure they are in their classes before the bell. Success is Earned and so is Walking the Stage.

When you are calling in a late or absence 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, reason for absence or late and a contact number that we have in PowerSchool.**

Lester B. Pearson Parent Info Night
Wednesday, September 20, 2023 6:30pm – 8:00 pm –
Theatre



Supporting your student to be successful in Math and Science

Please join us to find out more about the Math and Science curriculum. We will look at course sequencing, the different streams and levels, as well as the various pathways to complete high school. Learn about some of the requirements that post-secondary institutions have for specific programs. Find out about some strategies, supports and tools that you and your student can use to help your student have success in high school Math and Science.

Agenda:

Math

- Course sequencing à streams and pathways
- Strategies for success in Math
- Requirements for post-secondary: planning for specific programs

Science

- Course sequencing à streams and pathways
- Does my student need all of the Sciences?
- Strategies for success in Science
- Requirements for post-secondary: planning for specific programs

Supports and tools

- D2L shells
- PowerSchool
- Math Central (in school tutorials)
- YMCA tutorials
- Homework club – not up and running yet but in the works
- And as always, your classroom teacher

Question & Answer Time

School Calendar:

The current school calendar is listed on our school home page. Please check back regularly, as there may be changes as the year progresses. Here is the link to our school Homepage: (please note: it is currently under construction and will be up-dated)

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

Student Identification:

Lester B Pearson is a closed Campus. This means that only students registered at Pearson are allowed in the school. All other visitors must register at the Main Office or be part of a visiting athletic team or be here by staff invitation. All doors to the school will be locked once classes commence and the only entrance students can use to enter the building will be the Main Entrance. To gain entrance you must have your current school ID and lanyards worn visibly around your neck. This year's lanyards are black and gold. While in the building students must have their current ID and black school lanyard worn visibly around their neck unless instructed otherwise in classes such as PE, shop classes and in the labs. Students will be issued their first ID and lanyard at no charge. School ID and Lanyards are required to sign out textbooks and other resources in the Learning Commons and to gain admission to athletic games and fine arts events. Lost IDs will only be replaced once at a cost of \$5 for the ID and \$5 for the



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lanyard. **No temporary IDs will be issued** this year so please be certain to have your ID with you when you leave home. If you forget you will need to return home to get it or have someone drop it off at school. We cannot take our school safety for granted. We must all do our part to ensure overall safety and security.

Parking Passes:

There will be limited number of parking passes available for students wishing to drive and park a vehicle on school grounds. A parking pass is required and it must be current and visibly displayed on your rearview mirror or you will receive a parking ticket issued by the City of Calgary Parking Authority. Parking passes are available from the business office. Please present current vehicle registration and insurance. Passes are \$50 for the year or \$25 per semester plus GST. Should students drive recklessly on school property, stunt or cruise around the parking lot, skip classes in their vehicles or bring individuals onto school property who are not members of the Pearson Learning Community their parking pass will be revoked without refund and they will no longer be allowed to park at the school for the balance of the school year.

Lockers:

Hallway Lockers will be available for students to use again this year. The cost to rent a locker for the year is \$10. Lockers will be signed out at the Main Office.

New Designated School Pick Up and Drop Off Area:

We now have a designated area for parents, guardians; caregivers who drop off and pick up their child. The parking lot directly opposite the school's Main Entrance is now a pick up and drop off area only. This is where you drive in to drop off your child or wait to pick up your child. There will be no waiting in the Fire Lanes, in front of the Main Entrance, Handicap Bus Zone or in Staff Parking. This will ensure better traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve pedestrian safety before and after school.

Save the Dates:

- **Wednesday, September 20: Math/Science Parent Information Night – Topic: supporting your Child's success in Math and Science. 6:30pm in the theatre**
- **Thursday, September 21: Connect Substitute Day – Terry Fox Walk and Run!**
- **Friday, September 22: Non-Instructional Day – No Classes/No School**
- **Wednesday, September 27: Connect Substitute Day**
- **Thursday, September 28: Orange Shirt Day**
- **Friday, September 29: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No Classes/No School**



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We ended the week with two special events. Our Soccer Team played in their first a tournament at Foothills. Although they lost their Friday matches they melded as a team and will come back even stronger. Our staff took in a PD session with Craig Barabash from the United Way and All in For Youth. AIFY will be supporting Pearson in removing barriers for students in completing high school. They have hired a Success Coach, Andrew Stock, who will join our staff for the year and work with students. This is an outstanding partnership with the United Way and I am grateful for their support.

Kenneth Chee
Principal