

### Lester B. Pearson Newsletter - December 8, 2024

#### Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

So begins the many events of December. We are so fortunate to have staff and students who take the time, heart and effort to celebrate the Fine Arts, PE, Leadership, Career Technology, Athletics, Culture and Academics.

Read on:







Pearson Jazz Band is conducted by Mr. Webster, a man of many talents; an early morning rehearsal in preparation for the Winter Concert.





Late night shooting practice. The Sr. Girls start their season at the MIT, Mandela Invitational Tournament this weekend.







In the Lead meets every Tuesday and they work with Melody from Youth Justice on Leadership Development. Last week they explored the different mindsets that support a positive view of our future. The students came up with "What If" lists, which encouraged them to dream about possibilities in their lives. They also spent time making Encouragement Cards with treats, which they posted around the school.

















Another sports season has come to an end. Swim held its City Championships yesterday. Mr. Kleinitz and Mr. Bakos were on site to assist with marshaling and organizing this massive event. There were many personal bests. Thank you to all our swimmers for representing Pearson with Pride and special thanks to coaches Riben and Enno.



















As part of Pearson Literacy Week, Director Lori Cooper, Village Square Librarian, Isobel Rancier and Child Author, Melissa Allan, shared Story Time with our ACCESS and ALP students. The students had so many comments and questions. They certainly enjoyed the animated story telling and meeting our guests. As a special treat, Melissa gifted signed copies of her book to all the students and staff.







SWAT stands for the Student Wellness Action Team. We participated in the CBE Student Wellness Initiative held at Mount Royal University with 25 other CBE High Schools. Our students were articulate and thoughtful in considering actions we can take to give student voice and to enhance our wellness work at Pearson. I received compliments from other teachers on our students' leadership in the group share sessions. Look for their initiatives in the near future. Our Student Action Wellness Team consists of Jenan and Zahra with Leadership, Surveen and Shaurya with the Multicultural Club and Lindsay and Tooba with Students' Council. Staff Sponsors are Ms. Saxton and Mr. Chee.





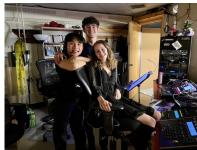


When we returned from the Wellness Symposium I was able to catch Vocal Jazz rehearsing in the most acoustically perfect spot in the school, Stairwell 18N. It was heavenly!!!

















The final curtain fell on The Princess Predicament; a wonderfully creative, fun and lyrical show. Many of the students in the performance and backstage are involved in multiple other groups in the school such as athletics, choir band, clubs and leadership. Where do they find the time? Thank you to the cast and crew and thank you to Mr. Mason, the Fine Arts Department and his student choreographer Ethan Buzsik. Bravo!!! Thank you to parents, family and staff in attendance.









Ms. Haynes' film studies class beginning work on their final project, A Hero's Journey. 12 Frames using various film techniques learned over the semester.





Ms. Taylor's Math 15 working on linear relations and applications. Students are assessed using the proficiency scale and know what beginning, developing, proficient and exemplary work looks like.











Great turn out for the Book Talk with Stephanie and Isobel from Village Square Public Library. Students also learned about the many resources available to and the benefits of having a free library card. I appreciated some of the graphic novels they shared and the popular books that are trending at the CPL.















It was standing room only for the Calgary Police vs. Pearson Basketball Game. Our own Constable Nick played with his full uniform on cheered on by all his fans in ALP.







Homework Club meets ever Thursday afterschool in the Learning Commons. Best tutoring in the city and its free. Glad to see so many students studying and doing their homework with supports.







Junior Achievement making inventory for their big launch. Is it a wine bottle holder or a bird feeder????















Our annual Breakfast of Champions was a wonderful way to end the week. Congratulations to all our Champions and the staff who nominated them. We want to give special thanks to the Awards Committee and to our Culinary Staff and Students.







Here is one of our many science teachers, Mr. Bovey and his Science 20 class researching the Seismology and Earthquakes in the Learning Commons.





Shaurya is with the Social Justice Club and Model UN at the end of their Assembly at HWW.



#### Pearson Makers Fair - December 10, 11, 12:

We have 30 vendors participating, and it takes place in the Cafeteria.

### Pearson Winter Dance December 16<sup>th</sup> and Movie Night December 19<sup>th</sup>:

Tickets on sale now in the cafertria. Cash only.

#### 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:**

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 Dates:**

- December 9<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Appreciation Week
- December 10<sup>th</sup>: School Parent Council at 7:00 PM Special start time.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>: Makers Fair
- December 16<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>: Spirit Week Pep Rally on December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- December 16<sup>th</sup>: Winter Formal Dance 6:00pm 9:00pm
- December 17<sup>th</sup>: Winter Music Concert and Art Show 7:00pm 9:00pm
- December 19<sup>th</sup>: Pearson Movie Night Featuring "Home Alone"
- December 20<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of Classes
- December 21<sup>st</sup> January 5<sup>th</sup>: Winter Break
- January 6<sup>th</sup>: Classes Resume





Lots to celebrate this week including Mr. Berry who was in the zone and scored a PB of 300 in bowling!!!

Kenneth Chee Principal