

Lester B. Pearson Newsletter - June 2, 2024

Graduation Edition

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Graduation comes but once a year. It is less an ending and more a new beginning. It is a time of celebration. I can only imagine the number of pictures taken on this day. It must be in the 10s of thousands. Here are a few.

Read on:





A pat on the back to Ms. Riben, who completed the Ironman Marathon last weekend in Victoria. The triple threat of swimming, biking and running. I wonder how sore Ms. Riben was afterwards???





Thanks to Mr. Bakos for his work with Youth en Route. We not only have a Bike Club but a class set of bikes we now use as a module in PE. The students also do minor repairs on the bikes as our PE staff have been fully trained.



High School







Our Junior Boys Soccer season ended yesterday with a 5-2 loss to McNally in the quarterfinals. We had some great shots on goal and our boys gave it their all. Thanks to the Junior Boys, sports med trainers and coaches Mithani and Webster.









The Senior Boys Rugby team knew they were in tough against Thirsk the number two team in Div. 2. Despite the odds, our boys in Red played with determination, heart and character. Always positive they tackled and ran the ball to score a try, which they did in the dying seconds of the game. Final score 42-5. All season they displayed sportsmanship at its Pearson best. Thank you to all the Sr. Boys, trainers, volunteer coaches Ryan and Nick and coaches Little and Tran.







Making Ribbon skirts every Tuesday at noon. Just getting started.









Our Seniors Girls played a great game full of energy, enthusiasm and heart. They were up against a tough team but they made it a match with great tackles and scoring drives. Final score 41 -15. Thank you to our amazing Senior Girls, our outstanding trainers, volunteer coaches (and alumni) Ellen and Kathleen and coaches Berry and Clark. A fine season. The girls were already talking about next year!!!





Ahmed with Chief Superintendent Jo Pitman. Ahmed's sister made cake for the last meeting of the Chief Superintendent Student Advisory. Along with Tehzeeb, they celebrated with other schools' student led work on Wellness and Belonging.





Ellie singing a lovely song, 'Stupid Cupid'. Vocal Jazz rocking the house.







Emily singing, 'Sophie', accompanied by Russel on trumpet.





Russel playing along Naode and having fun





Concert choir was outstanding.







Saleh performing solo the song, 'Firewall'. Jazz Band in the swing!!!



Concert Band closed the evening with Symphonic Suite from Pirates of the Caribbean. Superb!!! Thank you to Ms. Riben. Mr. Webster, sound techs Noah and Mr. Toy and all the students of the Pearson Music Program and our supportive FAPA Parents. Congrats, to Ms. Csikos who won the 50/50 draw for a cool \$500. If you missed, the concert here is a clip from the performance. Pardon the poor audio quality I think I dropped my phone one too many times. Vocal Jazz, Defying Gravity.

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Our Field Hockey Team defeated Thirsk in a quarter final nail biter. The match ended 0-0 and we won in sudden death shootout. Most exciting. Our Patriots advanced to the Semi-Finals on Monday, June 3 at CSC at 5:00pm, field #3. Graduation Ceremonies and the Grad Banquet. Let the pictures speak for themselves.

































































































Save the Dates:

- Monday, June 3rd: Field Hockey Semi Finals at CSC vs QE at 5:00pm Field 3
- Wednesday, June 5th: FAPA Awards and Night of the Patriots Athletic Awards
- Friday, June 7th: Last day for Cafeteria Service
- Monday, June 10: School Parent Council at 6:30pm
- Friday, June 14th: Last Day of Classes Scheduled exams begin
- Friday, June 21st: National Indigenous People Day No exams
- Thursday, June 27th: Appeals Day Last Day of School
- Friday, June 28th: Non-Instructional Day! Last Day for Staff!











Special thanks to Elder Randy Sr., the Turning Robe Drummers, all staff who made this day possible and the Grad Committee who were last to leave.

Kenneth Chee Principal