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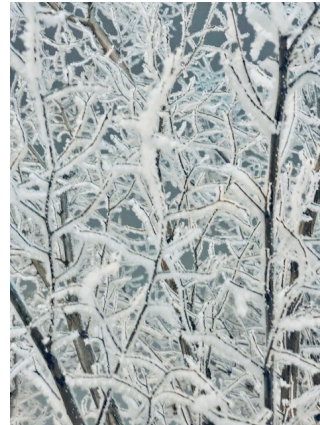
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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – December 1, 2024

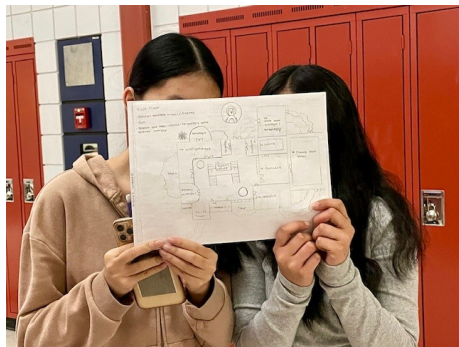
Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

A happy 1st of December to all! We made it through the first heavy snowfall of the year. The school parking lot was a mess on Monday morning, but Stephanie and I did our best to keep cars moving including the bus and vehicles that got stuck. The plow arrived that night and the rest of the week was much better. The month of December is packed with events. I hope you all can make it to one or two of them. Here are some celebrations from last week.

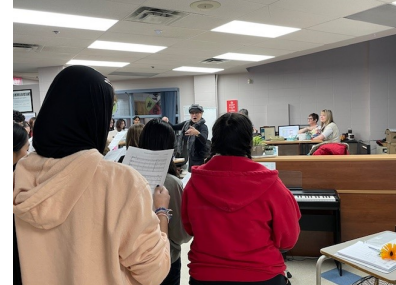
Read on:



The frost on the trees was a sight to behold. Even in a parking lot one can find beauty.



These shy students in French class showed me their design for a high school. Our Girls Newcomers Club is underway and this is Christine from 4Seasons Bus Company warming up after a long morning helping with traffic and making sure our ALP and ACCESS students were safely in school after the big snowfall.





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The Main Office is a great place to rehearse. Our Concert Choir shared a couple of songs they will be performing at our Winter Art Show and Concert and a special performance for Ms. Black-Muench.



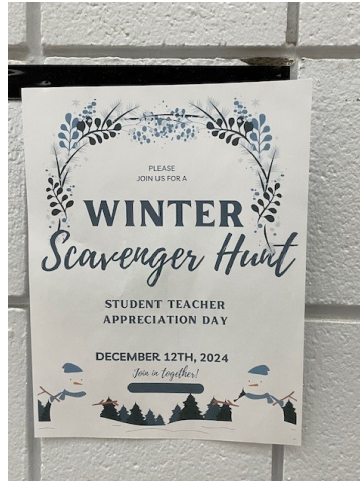
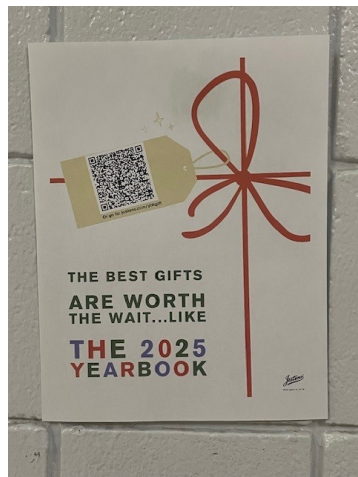
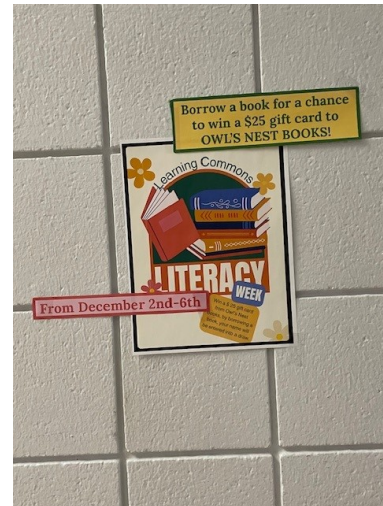
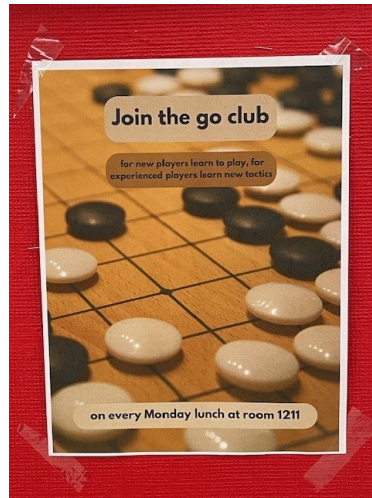
We said a fond farewell to Ms. Denise Black-Muench. She has moved to Discovering Choices where she will coordinate the data management for their many satellite schools. Denise is a kind soul who cares about her colleagues and students. Denise will be missed. We wish her all the best in the next chapter in her career.





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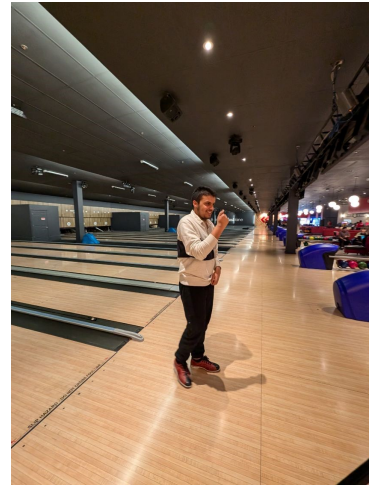


Don't miss any of these events and more throughout December!!!



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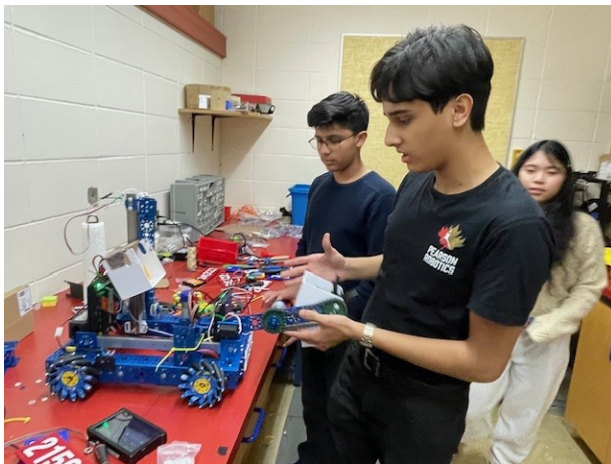
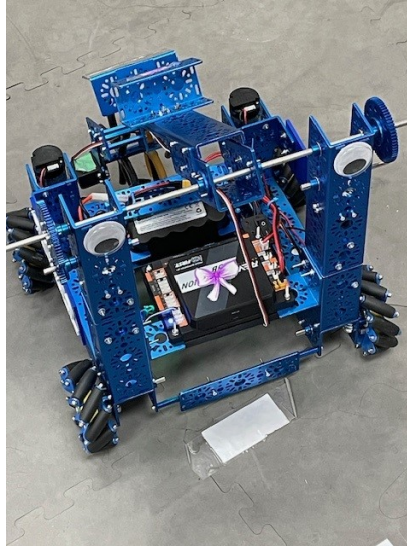


An outcome for our special Ed programs is active living and recreation. Mr. Bakos took our ALP class bowling. They had a blast!!!



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Pearson has 2 Robotics Teams this year. They both finished in the top 10 in their first competition at Mandela. The students fabricate their own parts thanks to a couple of new 3D Printers purchased for our robotics program by School Parents Council.



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Our Vocal Jazz and Concert Choir getting ready for their Winter Concert; Russel, Naode and Sean performing at the Christmas Market in Canmore.



The boys basketball season started with the Northside Tournament this weekend hosted by Pearson and McNally. Our junior boys were inspiring in their play and won their semi-final match in a nail biter 73-72 over North Trail to advance to the finals. They ended the tournament with a silver medal. Lots to be proud of this early in the season.



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Our Senior boys are a young squad this season with only 4 grade 12 players. They will have much to learn and grow under the mentorship of coaches Minhas, Wheaton, Amar and Arvin.



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Special thanks to Mr. Bakos, Mr. Witt and Mr. Minhas for organizing the Northside Tournament. Pearson runs a classy tournament and that genuinely showcases our school. Special thanks, as well, to all our amazing student volunteers who spent their Friday and Saturday in support of the school. They, too, show our guests what Pearson Pride is all about!!!

Pearson Makers Fair – December 10, 11, 12:

All makers are welcome to host a booth at our Annual Winter Makers Fair. Start crafting. All makers must attend an important organizational meeting on December 16th immediately at lunch in room 2167.

Pearson Winter Dance December 16th and Movie Night December 19th:

Tickets on sale now in the cafeteria. Cash only.

Pearson Literacy Week – December 2nd to December 6th:

Sign out a book to read over the break and enter to win one of four \$25 gift cards to Owl's Nest Book Store. **Join us on Thursday, December 4th for a Book Talk by Stephanie from Village Square Public Library.**

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 Date:

***Encourage your child(ren) to sign out a book to during Pearson Literacy Week and enter the draw. ***

- December 2nd to December 6th: Pearson Literacy Week – CPL Book Talk in LC on December 4th at lunch in the LC.
- December 4th: Musical Theatre - The Prince/Princess Predicament – 7:00pm - 9:30pm
- December 5th: Musical Theatre – The Prince/Princess Predicament - 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Breakfast of Champions 8:00am – 8:30am
- December 9th – 13th: Teacher Appreciation Week
- **December 10th: School Parent Council at 7:30pm**
- December 10th – 12th: Makers Fair
- December 16th – 20th: Spirit Week – Pep Rally on December 20th
- December 16th: Winter Formal Dance – 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- December 17th: **Winter Music Concert and Art Show - 7:00pm – 9:00pm**
- December 19th: Pearson Movie Night – Featuring “Home Alone”
- December 20th: Last Day of Classes
- December 21st – January 5th: Winter Break
- January 6th: Classes Resume



When looking outside from inside the school; the art of winter.

Kenneth Chee
Principal