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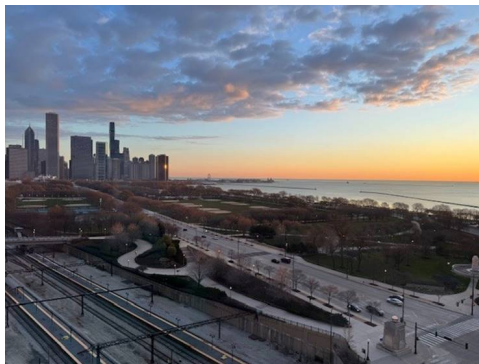
Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – April 7, 2024

Where is Spring Edition???

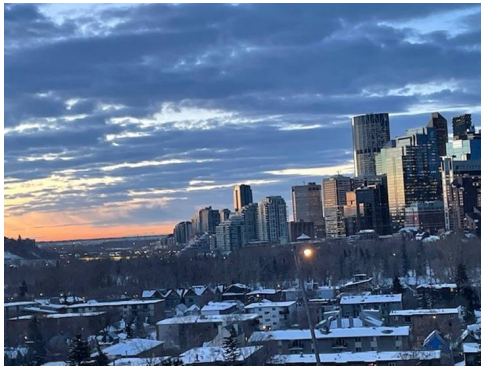
Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Spring Sports have started but we are all still waiting for the big Spring Melt. Practices have stayed indoors and we have already postponed games that were scheduled for last week. Everyone is doing their best to stay sharp. Badminton is going into Divisional Play on April 16. It was a short week but lots happening at Pearson.

Read on:



These pictures are spring break sunrise in Vancouver and Chicago.



These pictures are spring break sunrise in Calgary and Scottsdale, Arizona.



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Frank Martin when asked about the pressure of coaching in the final four: "I used to be a **high school math teacher** ... 35 students, 24 desks, 14 textbooks, 180 days. That's pressure! This is nothing!"

The Band raised \$800 during their Bake Sale at PT Conferences – Wow!!!! This is another new first for Pearson. It must be Ms. Riben's homemade cupcakes!!! Thank you for your support.



Players up for early morning rugby practice; Coaches Berry and Clark were showing their team how to form a ruck. In a ruck players form around the ball on the ground and must use their feet to move the ball.



Fantastic art in a jar from our amazing art students, they are so talented!!



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Here are some variations on a theme; this artwork and more on display in the Fine Arts hallway.



Our iLead Pilot is well underway. This strength-based program has been well received by participants. Yesterday they did some volunteer work for the Newcomer Centre.



This is another first for Pearson, singer songwriter course with Mr. O'Neil. Here students were analyzing a song and then composing their own lyrics to the music. So cool!!!



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Coaches Longlitz, Marcil, Roggeveen and me were so pleased with the amazing turnout for the first track and field practice of the year.



There was superb parent turnout and interest in our Central Europe International Trip in the spring of 2025. This is one of many mandatory parents meetings. There was lots of great questions and lots of interest.



Early morning chalk talk for the senior boys soccer. Here are some members of SWAT, Student Wellness Action Team, getting ready to do the morning announcements for the first time. Students identified effective communication as a facet of wellness. They practiced for 45 minutes!!!



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I had the good fortune to fill in for Ms. Riben on Thursday morning; it was a treat! Students practicing in their sectionals with Russell conducting the band.



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Did you know we have a mutual agreement to use the gym at Village Square for our PE classes? This is Ms. Ng's PE 10s enjoying a cooperative game called, "Mr. Wolf" and 6 Base Kickball. Good exercise and lots of fun!!!



Our Badminton Tournament was a huge success Thursday night. The team is off to Crescent Heights for a weekend tournament; then the divisional playoffs today and tomorrow.



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Mr. Butlin's computer science class, students were proud to share and explain their programming to me. The programming language they use is Java. I did not understand a word – LOL!!!





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Congratulations to all the performers at our second Annual Pearson Talent Show. It was a lot of nerves and a lot of fun. Thank you to Noor and Maryam for organizing the event. Special thanks to drama tech for their guidance, sound and lighting. Special thanks to our wonderful MC. The audience voted on the winners. Third place went to Isaiah Sawchuk, then second place went to Swas Sri and first place went to Emily Ho. The audience was simply grand. All our performers are winners!!!





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Junior Achievement's final event of the year was their awards reception, which took place this weekend at Telus Spark. We took home the team award for Most Innovative Product. Our JA team was outstanding with lots of creativity, teamwork, late nights and weekends. Thank you to Ms. Deschner for her hard work, enthusiasm and guidance.

Save the Dates:

- April 9th to April 11th: Makers Faire
- April 12th, 18th, and 19th: Opera Buddies
- April 16th, 17th, and 18th: Badminton Divisional
- **Monday, April 22nd: School Parent Council at 6:30pm – Note this is a new date**
- Wednesday, April 17th: Spring Dance – Get your tickets early.



There will be lots of great products and food at our Spring Makers Fair. Its cash only!!! Dance tickets on sale next week, advanced tickets sales only as there will be no tickets sold at the door.



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Semester 2: Don't Forget

1. Most important – **attend, attend, attend!!!** Student academic success is directly related to your attendance.



Pearson Reads Challenge

The entries for the Pearson Reads Challenges close at 4:00pm on Wednesday, April 10th. Go to Pearson Reads on Student Services D2L Homepage to place your entry.

Scholarships:

Are you interested in applying to the Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours program at the University of Calgary?!

You might be eligible for:

 Outstanding Student Merit Award for New BHSc Students

Contact the founders of the award, Hana and Zainab Osman, for more information at hana.osman@ucalgary.ca and zainab.osman@ucalgary.ca

You can also visit the EducationMatters website for additional details: <https://www.educationmatters.ca/awards/outstanding-student-merit-award-for-new-bhsc-students/>

CAPSTONE

Graduating students can still consider completing a Capstone Project. Please contact Mr. Chee if you are interested.

Precautions for the Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8th

On Monday, April 8th a partial solar eclipse will be visible in Calgary. The solar event will begin just before noon and conclude by 2:00 p.m., with the maximum coverage occurring at 12:43 p.m. We know that this provides a unique learning experience for students and staff in our schools; however, there can be serious impacts to vision as a result of viewing the eclipse in an unsafe.



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Hoping we can resume Spring Sports outside.

**Kenneth Chee
Principal**