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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – September 29, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

This weekend all of Canada will be recognizing National Indigenous People's Day. Our school recognized this event with Orange Shirt Day and activities held in Connect. We were especially honoured to have Elder Betty Ross visit our school to share her wisdom and stories as a residential school survivor. The tragedy of residential schools will be with us for this generation and generations to come. Healing will require all of us learn and embrace the truth of residential schools.

Hope you enjoy some moments from last week.
Read on:



The Saturday morning sky was bathed in the orange hues of autumn. How appropriate.



When Blair is off the clock she just gets to be a regular dog. Here she is sharing her silly upside-down smile 😊



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Yearbooks are in and the word is out. Distribution has started especially for those who have graduated. We have just a few available for sale so if you want one, you'd better hurry.



Senior and Junior Teams cheer before their home games. Although we lost the matches, our Patriots played with pride.



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Our girls soccer team gave it their all but came up short losing to a great team from Lacombe.



Measure twice, cut once. Our amazing students in Construction 10.





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What an honour it was to host Elder Betty Ross and share in her gentle wisdom. Her story as a residential school survivor was poignant and heartbreaking. Her words that you must seek truth before you can pursue reconciliation will stay with us. She had an instant connection with our students whether answering questions or just being in her presence. The movie about her residential school experience, *Return to the Falls*, will be out in the new year and will come with instructional materials. Global News was present and the coverage aired on Friday. Thank you to Ms. Hayden and Mr. Mason.



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Thank you to Ms. Trautman who came to the rescue and officiated the junior girls game. Our juniors were victorious against McNally: 3 to 1.



Our seniors won the first game but lost the match to McNally 3 to 1.



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The weather was grand for the PE 20 Hikes last week. Wish I was there!!!



Cross country at North Glenmore Park.



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Making our commitment to truth and reconciliation.



Students are doing amazing work in Pre-Architecture.



ELA breakout groups.



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Makes my heart sing to see students doing homework on their prep. Laminated periodic tables as far as the eyes can see. These industrious students spent some time after school cutting and getting them ready for chem class.



Elder Adrian Wolf Leg and USAY (Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth) working with our students.





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Friday Night Football at Hellard Field vs Mandela. The score speaks for itself.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!

Friday March 28th & Saturday March 29th, 2025

at

Pure Casino Calgary

Pearson School Parent Council is hosting another Casino. The funds raised go a long way to support Academics, Fine Arts, Extra-curricular, Athletics and Student Leadership. Please see the forms attached with this newsletter.

Clothing Drive:

We will have a clothing, shoes and books drive on Wednesday, October 2th. If you have any items you'd like to donate, please bring to the school on **Wednesday, October 2th** from 7:30 to 4:00pm.

REMINDERS:

Just a reminder that Lunch Service has begun and we do offer free breakfast and lunch.

Please remember to always have your School ID. It is required while on campus.

To avoid late slips please arrive to your classes early. Never skip class it impacts your achievement and graduation.

School Fees:

School fees can be paid online by logging into your **MyCBE Account**. You can also pay school fees in person at the Business Office at Pearson.

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:

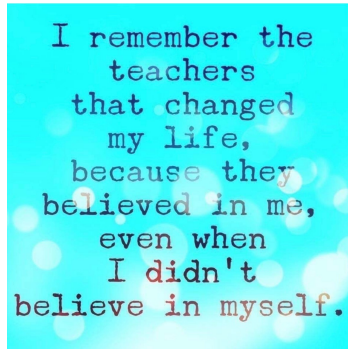
The current school calendar is listed on our school homepage. Please check back regularly, as there may be changes as the year progresses. Here is the link to our school Homepage:

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



Save the Dates:

- **Wednesday, October 2nd: Clothing Drive**
- October 7th to 10th: Our School Survey – Student and Parent Survey
- **Tuesday, October 8th: School Parent Council Meeting at 7:30pm - all parents invited.**
- Monday, October 14th: Thanksgiving Day! No School.
- Wednesday, October 23rd: Fall Awards 6:00pm – 8:30pm
- Thursday, October 24th & Friday, October 25th: Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Friday, October 25th: Non-Instructional Day – No School.
- Tuesday, October 29th: Last Day of Term One.
- Wednesday, October 30th: First Day of Term Two. Also, Indigenous Family Fall Dinner – 5pm to 7pm.



Kenneth Chee
Principal