

Lester B. Pearson Newsletter - October 1, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

It is October 1st and thoughts turn to the fall and the changing of the seasons. As the weather cools, I wonder if there will a day or two of autumn summer. We have lots of athletics to share and a few special events. Also a reminder that all students must wear their IDs and lanyards visibly around their necks to gain access and while they are in the building. Please arrive before the bell the school doors are locked once the bell rings. If you are late you can only enter through the main doors.

So much to share this week at Pearson - read on:





With autumn comes an explosion of colors. This is a prelude to the leaves falling off the trees and lots and lots of raking!!!







USAY – Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth was by to meet our students last week. They treated our students to lunch and brought news of some wonderful opportunities. Sue Spotted Bull hosted our staff on Nose Hill in May of last year. What a joy to have them drop by the school. USAY will conduct a resource workshop for our staff at our October 20th Non-Instructional Day.











My door was 'Art Bombed' with these mini Works of Art, courtesy of the New Art Club. What a surprise!!! It was a welcomed treat after a long day.

























Here is a montage of Pearson Athletics! The student and parent support has been outstanding!!!!









A day in the life of PE 20 - Rock and Roll!!! ©













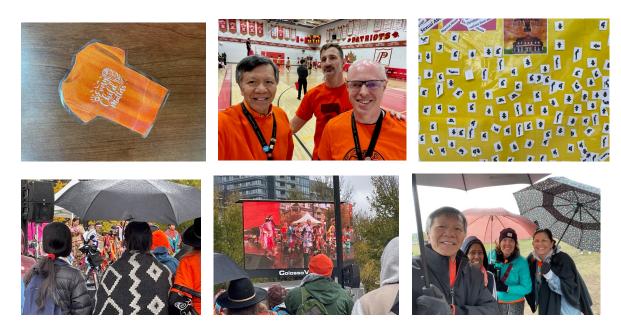
A Day in the Life of PE 30, heading to the Hostel, it was a beautiful first day ³



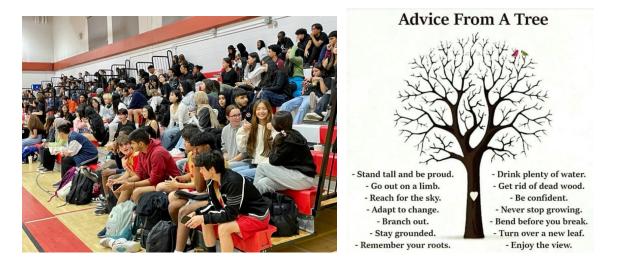




A Day in the Life of Student Services – The U of C presentation to all High Schools including this slide featuring Besan and Noor; both 2023 graduates and recipients of 2 major scholarships totally \$120, 000. That's a condo!!! Meet our Calgary Bridge Foundation Hub. We are a target School for Bridges, which means we have full settlement, interpretive, academic, health and wellness support. Awesome!!! ©



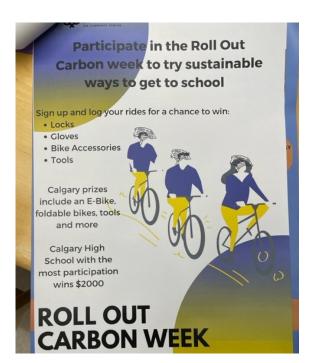
It was 'Orange Shirt Day' at Pearson on Thursday and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Fort Calgary on Saturday. Saturday was a cold and misty day but we were warmed by the stories from elders, sharing in the joy of dance and drums and embracing the spirit of remembrance and forgiveness.







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Special Guest Speaker: Chris Gray on Wednesday, October 4th:

Chris has experienced many ups and downs while following his dream.

Through determination, hard work, and perseverance, Chris has gone on to wrestle all across North America and win numerous wrestling championships. Chris has wrestled for the two largest wrestling companies on the continent, Impact Wrestling and World Wrestling Entertainment known as the WWE.

Chris believes in the power of positivity and that we all have the power to be a positive influence. He has taken that belief and started an initiative called "Giv'er for Charity" a fundraising campaign that has raised thousands of dollars for a variety of local charities across Canada.

Chris will share with us some stories and lessons about persevering through hardship, showing resilience in order to follow through with your goals, and how we can all make a positive impact in our communities.

Modified Schedule for Wednesday, October 4th:

| Time | Period | Length of Period | |
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| 8:45 – | 1 | 91 minutes | Gr 12s attend – listen for PA announcement |
| 10:16am | | | |
| 10:16- | 2 | 91 minutes | Gr 11s attend – listen for PA announcement |
| 11:47am | | | |
| 11:47— | Lunch | 40 minutes | |
| 12:27pm | | | |
| 12:27-1:59pm | 3 | 92 minutes | Gr 10s attend - listen for PA announcement |
| 1:59-3:30pm | 4 | 91 minutes | |

Attending everyday and being on time is crucial to student success. Encourage your child to be prepared, sleep early and ensure they are in their classes before the bell. Success is Earned and so is Walking the Stage.

Save the Dates:

- Monday, October 9th: Thanksgiving Day No Classes/No School
- Friday, October 13th: Photo Retakes
- Wednesday, October 18th: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 pm 8:00 pm
- Thursday, Oct 19th: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 pm 8:00 pm / Connect Substitute Day
- Friday, October 20th: Non-Instructional Day No Classes/No School
- Wednesday, October 25th: Fall Awards 5:30 pm 8:30 pm





The staff at Pearson is outstanding!!!

Kenneth Chee Principal