

Lester B. Pearson Newsletter - October 8, 2023

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Happy Thanksgiving Long Weekend! This time is always a reminder that I can give thanks everyday. I am appreciative of how hard my staff works to provide a positive and safe learning environment; I take joy in students who lead and volunteer their time for others; and I am grateful for parents and agencies who help and support our work. I hope you can find a moment to reflect on things you are thankful for in your life.

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





The fog was thick as pea soup on my drive into school on Monday. It was such an eerie feeling, perfect for Halloween.













The Jr. team won their first set to the cheers and excitement of the home crowd. Congrats to the players and coaches Lam and Collinge.











The Sr. team is still waiting for their first home game win. Coach Groves has a good squad and their play is improving with each match.







The report from CPS is that the lockdown drill went very well. They were impressed at our follow through.



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These are a few moments in time during the PE 30 Hostel Hike. Thanks to all the PE staff and teachers who supported this amazing Connection with the Land; and below the PE 20 hike, simply stunning!!!





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The seniors won their first set on home ground, although they lost the second match our seniors learn that victory is within their reach.













Our juniors played the late game against the Raven. They also won their first set on home turf. Their Thursday match went to 5 losing 3-2. Our Jr. team have the talent and the team work to do better at each match.







Dance through the Decades, a wonderful first performance. Have a look. Do you recognize these icons Jazz moves???

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Day 2 of the PE 20 Hike. It was overcast when they left Calgary, the skies parted and the sun broke through to warm and light the way through the mountain trails. 10,000 steps guaranteed!!!





















Chris Gray spoke to the entire school with his stories of grit, resilience, dealing with failure, making the most of opportunities and giving back. His other career as a professional wrestler also captivated many students. Many students and staff lingered afterwards for questions and a selfie. Thank you to School Parent Council for sponsoring this event.











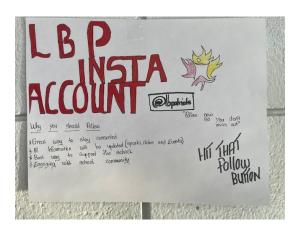








It was a crisp night for the late game against Diefenbaker. Our Patriots had their moments with some great plays, passes and defense but Diefenbaker was hitting on all cylinders and won the game. Me sitting with, Mr. Kleinitz, the bus driver ©









Join a club or talk to your parents about a trip to Japan in 2025!!!













Here is Intergenerational learning at its best, our students alongside seniors at Gilchrist Manor. We are both part of the Opera Buddies Program and we are getting ready to see the Marriage of Figaro at the Jubilee. It is in Italian, we are learning about the music, characters and plot.







Line-ups for lunch at Pearson, fast and convenient, delicious and nutritious!!!

Attending everyday and being on time is crucial to student success. Encourage your child to be prepared, sleep early, eat well and ensure they are in their classes before the bell each and every period. Success is Earned and so is Walking the Stage. Important to remember to bring and wear your ID at School!

Save the Dates:

- Monday, October 9th: Thanksgiving Day No Classes
- Friday, October 13th: Photo Retakes with Lifetouch
- Monday, October 16th: School Parent Council 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, October 18th: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30pm 8:30pm
- Thursday, October 19th: Connect Substitute Day / Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30pm 8:30pm
- Friday, October 20th: Non-Instructional Day No Classes
- Wednesday, October 25th: Fall Awards 5:30pm 8:00pm







A walk through Confederation Park in all it fall glory. Some of our fall harvest from the garden we planted at school and of course, healthy and fresh ingredients for our next meal in the café. I hope you can find some time for rest and a nice reflective walk this Thanksgiving weekend. As I have said many times and will continue to say I am thankful for the staff, students and parents at Pearson all that they do for our school.

Kenneth Chee Principal