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NEWSLETTER

ADMIN TEAM MESSAGE

As the second semester is now underway, I would like to take a moment and congratulate the many students who have excelled academically in the first semester. Finding success as a student often requires that many support systems are in place, including a strong working relationship between home and school. Please feel free to communicate with teachers on a regular basis. A convenient way to do this is by e-mail. All staff e-mail addresses are listed under the “Contacts” tab on the banner at the top of our school’s web page: <http://lci.lethsd.ab.ca>.

Our grade 9 students will now have completed at least one core subject. With the semester change it is important to remember that their efforts this year will determine their class placement at the Grade 10 level; i.e., Science 10 or Science 14.

With a full semester under their belts, I encourage all of our Grade 10 students to become involved with the many facets of our school. LCI is a place where students can explore well beyond the classroom. Advice young people often hear is, “Follow your passion.” This is an opportune time for Grade 10 students to taste the many samplings that our school offers; i.e., take a CTS course, join a club, try a new sport, or take advantage of the exchange and travel opportunities offered at the LCI.

As our Grade 11s move toward the final steps of their schooling, please start planning ahead to ensure they are on track for graduation and develop a plan for their final year at the LCI.

For our Grade 12 students, Graduation is only a few months away. Please keep an eye on the web site and the Graduation Bulletin Board outside the Counselling Office for Graduation information and updates.

Thanks for your continued support of our staff and our school. Please feel free to contact your child’s advisor, counselor, or administrator if you have any questions or concerns (403-328-9606).

Bill Bartlett, Principal

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Athletics



Grade 9 Clippers Basketball

The grade 9 Clippers are wrapping up league play. Playoffs begin February 13th – check the website for details!

Junior Varsity Clippers Basketball

The JV Clippers have had a great start to their season. They currently sit at 3-0 in league play and are excited to get back on the court for some more hoop action! They've got a full line-up of league games over the next few weeks as well as tournaments at Chinook and in Medicine Hat. The girls are a united team and continue to improve their skills while striving for a great league finish. Come fill the stands and cheer on your JV Clippers at home February 3rd at 4:00 p.m., and February 7th at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

Varsity Clippers

February is basketball month! Please come out to cheer on your Junior and Senior Varsity Girls Basketball teams. Senior Night versus Chinook. We will be saying goodbye to our grade 12's. This includes **Carly MacLennan, Mackenzie Olsen, Sam Wright, Mikaela Heyland, Joy Spearchief-Morris, Jordan Dyck and Amelia Atwood**. Please come and show your support for these girls who have played for our program throughout their high school career. Date to be announced. **GO CLIPPERS!!!**

Gr. 9 Rams Basketball

The grade 9 boys' team continues their success in league and tournament play. They won the Magrath Season Opener as well as the Cardston Junior High Cougar Classic. At this time, they are undefeated in league play. Playoffs begin February 13th – check the website for details!

Jr. Varsity and Varsity Rams Basketball

For all Southern Alberta High School 4A Basketball League schedules, standings and photos check the Athletics page on the LCI website.

Curling

LCI hosts the South Zone Curling Championships February 14th and 15th at the Coaldale Granite Club. Three LCI teams will be competing in the mixed, ladies' and men's divisions.

Wrestling

LCI will be hosting a Wrestling Tournament on Feb 4, 2012 at LCI. 160 wrestlers from around the province will be in attendance. Come out and cheer on your school's athletes. The Tournament runs from 9:30am - until 4:00 pm.

Conquest

The Conquest Conditioning Program and LCI Fitness Center is available to ALL students seeking to increase their personal level of health and fitness. Hours of operation, opportunities and further information can be viewed on the Conquest Conditioning website at <http://conquestconditioning.blogspot.com/>. This site is chalk full of great information and is the primary median of communication with the student body. Check daily for updates and program information.

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February 6th, 7th and 9th Conquest Conditioning will be running a fundamental movement course, to teach individuals interested in increasing their level of health and fitness, the basics of dynamic warm up techniques and basic functional human movement. If you have ever wanted to get started exercising the right way, this is a great opportunity to come and receive instruction on proper exercise technique and execution. Qualified instruction will be there to guide you through and will be supplemented by the Exercise Science Program from Lethbridge College.

The second semester of the Conquest Credit Program will be starting on these dates, but students may sign up at any time to get started. Students have the ability to gain up to 5 credits through the Fitness Center and the Conquest Credit Program. If you are looking for motivation and rewards to help keep you on track with your fitness goals. Why not access credits while getting fit?

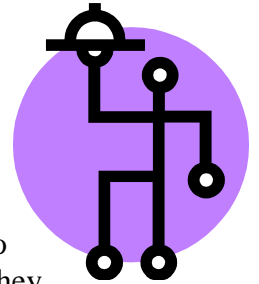
Hope to see you out !!

Work Experience

Please be advised that Work Experience credits and contracts are in effect over semesters. That is, students do NOT have to complete current Work Experience contracts before the end of the first semester but have fluidity in starting and completing Work Experience contracts, as fitting to the employment.

Students who are working and DO NOT have a current Work Experience contract in effect please connect with the ILC (Independent Learning Centre) as soon as possible to get that underway. This is a reminder that students can earn up to ten credits for a job they might have.

Please contact Mrs. Dodge (norine.dodge@lethsd.ab.ca) or at (403) 328-9606, extension 233.



Fashion Studies

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FASHION STUDIES CLASSES

Do you have **fabric, notions, wool, beads and other craft project materials** that you **no longer use or want**? Why not clean out your cupboards and donate your items to our Fashion Studies Program. Students always make good use of donated materials. There are many students, for a variety of reasons, that cannot purchase fabric or other craft supplies, so donated items are really appreciated.



You can drop your donation off in the Main Office or it can get picked up. For more information, contact Mrs. Okubo at (403) 328-9606, extension 221. Thank you for your consideration.

Fine Arts

Semester one has been a great one for Visual Arts at LCI! This semester we held our first Annual *"Manipulaetosis"* Art Show ! This collaborative project between LCI High School and Paterson Middle School, celebrated the artistic works of students between grades 7 and 12. Over 400 pieces of art were showcased. Students were given the opportunity to show, share, sell and talk about their work.

The day/evening show also celebrated Lethbridge's south side Fine Arts community by including musical performances by the LCI Gold Jazz Band, the LCI Green Band, and the student group, Juarez. From the voluntary door donations, we were able to take 14 loaded shopping bags of non-perishable food items to the Lethbridge and District Food Bank.



Thank you to all the artists who were able to participate in the show. Also, thank you to all who were able to come out and see the show. Your attendance, support and encouragement has meant the world to our artists!



As we begin semester two we anxiously look forward to, and await, May's, 'Art's Alive 2012'. This unique show will showcase just over 400 pieces of student work from the school communities in Lethbridge. LCI will have 20 artists' grades 9 through 12 participating in the show. We look forward to other LCI Spring Fine Art shows and events where again LCI art students will have opportunities to share their work.

If your household recycles plastic containers (yogurt, cottage cheese, ice cream, etc.) ribbons, buttons, and or magazines, please consider sending them with your student to school and donating them to the Art room. All the best in semester two!

Mark Tuesday, March 13th on your calendar! Bands from LCI and Gilbert Paterson Middle School join Calgary's professional Foothills Brass in concert at Southminster United Church at 7:00 p.m. Check out the Foothills Brass Quintet at <http://www.foothillsbrass.ab.ca/>, they are one of Canada's finest performing ensembles. The quintet will join the LCI Gold Band, Gold Jazz Band, GPMS Grade 8 Band, and GPMS Stage Band on some selections and also will present their own music during this special event concert. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and free for students and will be available from band members, or at the door.

All LCI band members will have the opportunity to participate in the 5th annual LCI band **Practice-a-thon** from February 27th through March 12th. Funds raised will go directly to the student who raises them, to be used for offsetting band activity costs.

Lethbridge Kiwanis Music Festival runs from March 19th – 30th this year. All of the LCI bands will be performing at the festival, most likely near the end of the second week. Exact times will be announced when we receive our scheduling times. Band performances will be at the Yates Memorial Centre Theatre on the main stage. Parents are welcome to attend for a nominal fee.



Tuesday May 29th all of the LCI bands and the LCI class choirs present their **Finale Concert** at 7 p.m. at Southminster United Church.

Music library data entry – Mr. Rogers can always use help entering band library data into the school computers. If you are able to help, any amount of time on any day of the week, or after school, please contact him at ken.rogers@lethsd.ab.ca or 403-328-9606 ext. 171. It's very easy and light work.

LCI School Council Report

LCI School Parent Council would like to take this opportunity to wish the staff, students and families of LCI the very best for 2012.

We would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation to Kerri Stewart for organizing all the parents who made the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, November 23rd such a success events such as these are dependent upon the efforts of many committed parents. Thanks again!



The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) will be hosting its Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting for 2012, in Edmonton from April 20th-22nd. In addition to valuable sessions and presentations, resolutions brought forward by individual councils are voted upon as part of the Annual General Meeting. District funding is available to subsidize the cost of sending a parent representative to this conference. If any parents are interested in more information or might be interested in representing LCI School Council, please contact the Council at lcischoolcouncil@gmail.com.

The 5th annual School District Town Hall meeting will take place at Victoria Park High School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6th. LCI has been asked to provide 8 parent representatives to take part in this forum which allows parents, students, staff, administration, school board, and community members to participate in the discussions and provide feedback. This feedback will be used by the District for future planning and direction. The topic for discussion is; ***What specific activities can Trustees be involved in to best engage the community in order to receive feedback or suggestions?*** If you are interested in participating, contact LCI Principal, Bill Bartlett or the Council at lcischoolcouncil@gmail.com to find out if spots for parents are still available.

Our next School Council meeting will be Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the LCI Library. Discussion and presentation topics will include the Feb. 6th District Town Hall Meeting and the Alberta School Councils' Association resolutions and annual general meeting. All parents are welcome. We welcome your questions or suggestions, including meeting topics.

Please contact us at: lcischoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Library & Textbook Centre

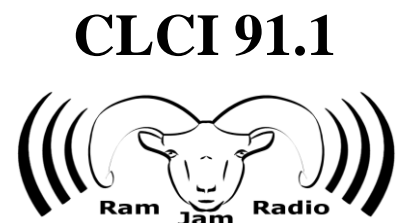
Reminder - If you have any outstanding library books or textbooks, **please return them to the Library or Textbook Centre.**



LCI Radio Station

L.C.I. students, parents, and staff; **L.C.I.** now has its own radio station!

Students will be hosting radio programs before school and during the lunch break. We are looking for CDs to help build our musical library. So, if you have some CDs you would like to donate to the school, they will graciously receive them for this project.



Please send them to David Fletcher (Mr. Fletchers mailbox is in the main office). Thank you !!

What's Happening at LCI?



February 2 Report Card
February 10 Staff Professional Learning Day - Students not in attendance
February 11 Chamber Choir Dinner and Dance – L.C.I. Large Gym
February 20..... Family Day - Holiday – Students not in attendance
February 21 & 22 Family Day Break – No school
February 23 & 24..... Teachers' Convention – Students not in attendance
February 28 & 29..... Curling Zone Championships
February 29 School Council Meeting



March 2 AP/NHS Student Conference
March 2 & 3 Grade 9 Zone Basketball Championships
March 5-11..... Junior Varsity and Varsity Post Season/Zone Championships
March 10-14..... Choralfest Festival (Calgary)
March 13..... L.C.I. Band Concert with Foothills Brass and Gilbert Paterson –
Southminster Church – 7:00 p.m.
March 15 & 16..... Staff Professional Learning Day –Students not in attendance
March 19- 30..... Kiwanis Music and Speech Arts Festival
March 21 School Council Meeting



April 1-5..... Summerdance – Yates – 7:00 p.m.
April 4 Distinguished Achievement Awards – Large Gym
April 6-13..... Easter Break
April 19` Report Card
April 19-22..... Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival (L.C.I. Singers & Chamber Choir) – Banff
April 24..... Grade 9 Access to Excellence/Grade 9 Orientation Evening
April 25 School Council Meeting
April 25-30..... L.C.I. Band Tour
April 26..... Parent/Teacher Interviews – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
April 27 High School One Act Festival – U of L
..... Staff Professional Learning Day – Students not in attendance

