

Lester B. Pearson High School Student Council Newsletter

It is finally the end of this school year. It has been an exceptional year and all your hard work has paid off. Congratulations to LBPHS students for pushing through their last semester.

Mask Recycling Student council collected masks on the first day of every week that students left in their classrooms. It is important to us that we reduced the environmental impact of daily mask wearing and keeping our PPE out of landfills. The Green Committee met once a month to sort through plaza recycling to make sure that we responsibly dispose of our waste.

St- Patrick Day Decorating We had decorated for Saint- Patrick's day and we did daily raffles to commemorate the day and to give our students something fun to look forward to.

Staff Appreciation Student Council gave staff members succulents with a personal message and daily coffee for a week at lunch. It was to show the staff and how appreciative we are to them. Staff members enjoyed their gift.



Breakfast Club Thanks to generous donations from Breakfast Club of Canada and a Grant from the President's Choice foundation we had decided to offer free breakfasts until the end of the year starting on the week of April 12. Students were able to get juice or water, fresh or preserved fruit and vegetables, cereal, granola as well as dairy options.



Empathy Day Student Council organized a day filled with activities and presentations about empathy for the entire school.

Student council wrote positive messages, post-it notes, and stuck them on over 1000 student desks.



We had a school wide presentation from Live Different. Their speaker, Johnny Henderson shared his own stories and taught everyone about empathy. A panel of Student Council members shared their own life experiences.

The purpose of "Empathy Day" was to reach all students through peer-guided hands-on activities and dynamic group discussions that enable the development of compassion, understanding and empathy for each other and

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their school community. Secondary 4 will be entering secondary 5 next year, and this group will most likely set the tone for next year. Student Council members organized empathy workshops for Secondary 4 students. The students played kahoot games and icebreakers.

Non- Uniform Day Non-uniform day was held on April 30th. We raised 698\$ and split it between the Canadian Red Cross' effort in India and the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Women's Leadership & environmental workshop A group of selected council members were chosen to watch a live interview of Sarika Cullis-Suzuki, a marine biologist and the daughter of David Suzuki informing us about the dangers imposed on our environment and what we can do about it.

Seedling Club The green committee planted seedlings at the beginning of March and sold them to the LBP community during the month of May for only \$1 each.



Denim Day was held on May 11th. We raised 387\$ donated the money to the cure foundation in support of the battle against breast cancer.

Raising Awareness in May Pearson Pride day was held on Friday, May 14th. On Monday, May

17th students were encouraged to wear purple shirts to celebrate gender & sexual diversity.



Outdoor Beautification Our Green Committee built an outdoor garden for the whole neighbourhood to enjoy. We began by weeding the area, removing any dead foliage, added new shrubs and spread-out fresh cedar mulch. they built and planted garden beds for a community vegetable garden (with seedlings from our indoor greenhouse) in order to add a new interactive element. We also repaired and painted our benches that could be found in front of both student entrances.



Student council also started a community library so that people can drop off/pick up books to enjoy for free. We hoped that this would help build interest in reading and improve our sense of community.

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Free Lunch Snack Student Council gave free Mr. Freeze to students during their lunch break. We also gave away some additional snacks courtesy of our breakfast club during lunch hour as students went outside.



LGBTQ+ Lego In commemoration of Pride month, some Student Council members assembled our new "Everyone is Awesome" LGBTQ+ Lego set. You can now find it on display at the main office.



Class of 2021 Photo Secondary 5 students were able to take the traditional "Class of photo" separately, during the second to last week of school and we were able to reunite them through the magic of digital photo editing.



Secondary 5 Graduation Party Although we were not able to offer our secondary 5 graduates a formal prom, we had a graduation party to celebrate the class of 2021. Students were able to continue the annual tradition of signing a ceiling tile, we awarded this year's dubious award winners, there was a live DJ, a photobooth, freshly made pizza, cotton candy & snow cones, a henna artist, and a goodbye gift for all to remember us by.



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