

# Pearson Road Elementary



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are so excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year with your children! This is a wonderful school community, where we value and honor each learner and their families. Our diversity is our strength and we acknowledge that YOU are an integral part of our team!

It was a particularly difficult end of summer for our community with the wildfires impacting all of us in some way. I was personally evacuated, with the fires just meters from my home, so I understand the emotional toll these things can take. Should you or your children need anything unique at this time please do not hesitate to contact me. Community was what got me through this difficult time and I am honored to be a part of your community now.

A big "thank you" to our custodial team who worked diligently throughout the hot summer days to make our school sparkle for the fall. Additionally, the teaching staff has been preparing and planning for a successful year for each of our students and Ms. Jaime Schaad, our new admin assistant, has been busy in the office in preparation for a smooth opening. Our current enrollment is approximately 270 students with 12 classroom divisions of grades K – 5. We are thrilled that most of our staff is returning to us this year alongside a few new faces.

Keeping you informed is important to us and we aim to do this in a few different ways. We send a bi-weekly ["What's Happening at Pearson Road"](#) newsletter, we update our [PSE Website](#) and we post events and important dates on our [PSE School Calendar](#). Please ensure we have your correct email address on file as this is our main method of communication with you. Finally, you can opt into text messaging for timely announcements and absence alerting by texting "YES" to 978338.

As a staff we are committed to providing a safe learning environment for students while modeling kindness, empathy, dignity, and respect. We ask the same of all community members visiting our school. We love to welcome the community in and are already planning *Caring Community Events* throughout the year. We invite you all to join us for a Welcome Back Hot Dog BBQ, on **Wednesday, Sept. 20th from 5-6:30 pm!**

Please remember that the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5th, is a half-day 8:30am to 11am for grades 1-5. [Kindergarten families](#) please see our website should you require a refresher of the gradual entry information we provided in June. Our staff will be outside at 8:15 am to direct students to their new classrooms/teachers on Tuesday morning. I am confident we are going to have another amazing year of learning together. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

***Nina Ferguson***

Principal

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