



# Dec 18-Jan 12, 2023-4

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

### Principal's Message:

The final newsletter for 2023! We are so proud of our students' progression. Everyday students and staff come to Pearson Road with a shared goal of learning progression and it shows! As you review the Student Learning Updates (formerly Report Cards) coming home this Thursday, please note that the teacher's comments regarding progression are perhaps most informative. The Learning Progress Continuum provides a snapshot assessment in relation to curriculum learning standards, whereas the comments really do indicate the learning/growth over time.

Please note that we have our Annual Winter Concert on Thursday, December 21st in our school gymnasium. As our population continues to grow, we wanted to proactively invite immediate family members only. We simply won't have space for friends and extended family. We invite you to join us for **ONE** of the following performances:

- Afternoon show at 1:15-2:15pm
- Evening performance from 6pm -7pm

Informational items:

- Please complete the Ministry of Education's: [School Aged Child Care Survey](#), more information on page 3.
- Please note that we require a parent/guardian/emergency contact to be available to us at all times your children are with us in school. We have had a few experiences lately of not being able to get ahold of parents when their children need immediate attention. This makes supporting our students quite difficult. Thank you for ensuring a backup plan if you are unavailable.
- Parents are required to notify the school, through the School Messenger App, of absences or lates. Letting the classroom teacher know is not sufficient or reliable. Teachers will not be able to report absences on your behalf. Please do your best to have students here by 8:25am when the bell goes.
- While we acknowledge the valuable experiences that travel can bring to your families, we want to be sure that our families understand that extended family vacations can be complicated for several reasons. Students will miss valuable learning that teachers cannot replicate for you. Should you be considering an *extended* family vacation please speak with Mrs. Ferguson.

In closing, we wish you and your families a wonderful and healthy holiday, doing all the things that you love most. Looking forward to reuniting in 2024!

Sincerely, Mrs. Nina Ferguson



Monday, Dec 18	Tuesday, Dec 19	Wed, Dec 20	Thursday, Dec 21	Friday, Dec 22
			Student Learning Updates sent home. Winter Concerts - 1:15pm OR 6pm	
Monday, Jan 8	Tuesday, Jan 9	Wed, Jan 10	Thursday, Jan 11	Friday, Jan 12
Back to School Day				

### Important Dates to Remember:

Report Cards go home	Dec 21
Winter Concert 1:15-2:15pm OR 6-7pm	Dec 21
Pancake Breakfast 	Dec 22
Back to School Day	Jan 8



Copies of School Newsletter: "What's Happening at Pearson Road" can be found on our school website under the Parents tab > [School News](#)





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

## SEL CORNER

### Gratitude

Gratitude is truly a practice because we are retraining our brains through repetition to choose to notice and appreciate the things in our lives, things in others and things in the world. Regularly practicing gratitude is scientifically proven to enhance happiness, optimism, improve social support and increase overall satisfaction with school, family, community, friends and self.

During the month of December, many people focus on what they want but we can experience the benefits of gratitude when we are grateful for what we already have. It's even more empowering to have discussions around how we can be grateful for challenging elements in life like, "I'm grateful for having difficulty in Math because it reminds me that I don't give up when things get tough."

#### Gratitude at Home:

- Gratitude takes practice! What can we do as a family to work on expressing Gratitude more regularly to each other and those around us?
- Discuss why you are grateful for your child. Be specific: who are they? How do they make you feel? Ask them what they are grateful for about your family, your home, your neighborhood, etc..

#### Activity:

Start a Family Joy Journal where you keep an ongoing list of gifts (people, places, things) that you are grateful for and how you showed your Gratitude for that thing. Try to write in it each day for 30 days. Write as many things as you can think of for that day as possible. How many days until you reach 100? How about 1000?

I am so grateful to be a Pearson Panther because it's such a warm and welcoming community!  
Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Church

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [Maegan.church@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:Maegan.church@sd23.bc.ca)



### Pearson Road Elementary Hot Lunch Program

Pearson Road Elementary Hot Lunch Program is now open for any parents who wish to order for lunches their student(s).

Parents must create an account on the MunchaLunch website. Ordering and payments are managed through [MunchaLunch](#). ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE DONE ONLINE. We cannot accept cash or cheque payments at the school. [MunchaLunch Website](#)

This program is run by the Pearson PAC, all questions should be directed to [pse.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:pse.pac@sd23.bc.ca)

### SCHOOL ABSENCES and COMMUNICATION:

Please make sure you have signed up with [SchoolMessenger](#) to report all lates, absences and early departures. You are required to inform the school when your child will be absent from school. This app makes that reporting very easy for you.

## SchoolMessenger App



SchoolMessenger is also how the school communicates with you! If there are any issues with you not receiving messaging please contact us as there may be an issue with the email address we have on file for you.



## Upcoming PAC Dates:

Mon Jan 22 - PAC Monthly Meeting - 5:30pm in Library

\*More information for upcoming PAC meetings and 2024 events coming soon!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, we are sharing the survey information below to help inform the Province's [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives:

This is a friendly reminder to complete the 2023 School-Aged Child Care Demand Parent Survey by December 20 to help inform the Province's planning for future expansion of school age child care. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

While we know school-aged child care is a vital service families rely on to ensure their children have a quality, affordable, and inclusive place to be during a parent's full work day, we do not yet have regional or provincial data to understand the demand.

By completing this survey, you can help the Province to better understand your community's needs for school-aged child care. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and the results will help inform future [ChildCareBC](#) initiatives.

To complete the survey, please follow this link:

[COMPLETE CHILD CARE SURVEY HERE](#)

Please do not share the link with anyone else.

If you have any questions, please contact [ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ChildCareBC.Engagement@gov.bc.ca). If you encounter any technical difficulties, please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) at [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com).

If you have already completed the survey, thank you and please disregard this note.

We greatly appreciate your input and thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Education and Child Care



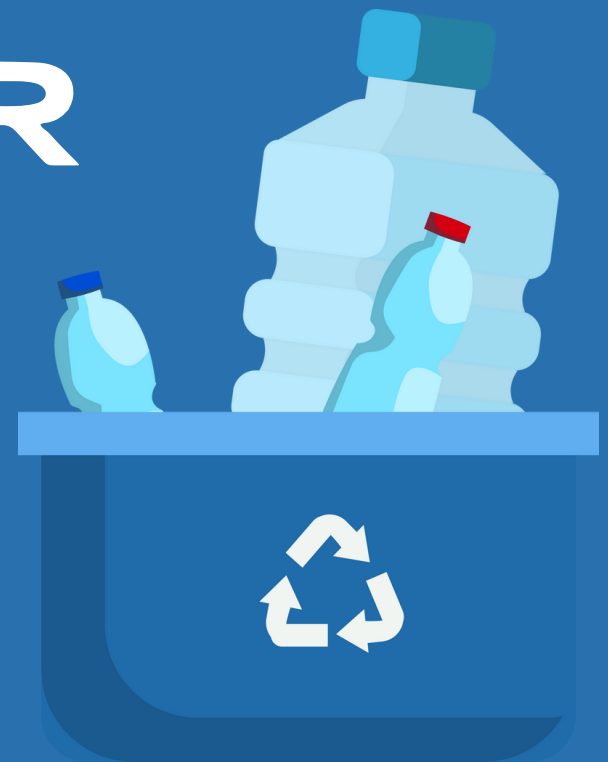


# SAVE YOUR HOLIDAY EMPTYES

Help support our PAC by donating your bottles and cans to our upcoming Bottle Drive! Simply drive through the kiss and drop and drop off your bagged recyclables!

**JAN 10 & 11 - 8:00-8:30AM**

EMAIL [PSE.PACPRESIDENT@SD23.BC.CA](mailto:PSE.PACPRESIDENT@SD23.BC.CA) FOR MORE INFO!



# Circle of Security for Families Winter 2024

Monday, Jan 15th until March 11th

9:00 am - 11:00 am

No Class on Feb 19th

Where

Central Okanagan Family Hub

700 Pearson Rd, Kelowna, BC

8 Sessions, must be able to attend all session/  
Childminding included

REGISTER NOW



# IPALS



## IMMIGRANT PARENTS AS LITERACY SUPPORTERS

**IPALS is a free 8-session literacy program** that aims to help immigrant and refugee families and caregivers learn new strategies to support their preschool and kindergarten-aged children's learning in fun and interactive ways. Through IPALS, children learn to develop language and literacy skills that will help them prepare for school. \*\*Participants will receive free books and materials.

- ✓ At least one parent must be a Permanent Resident; Protected Persons and all Ukrainian Temporary Residents also qualify
- ✓ Participants must commit to all sessions
- ✓ Limit of 12 families
- ✓ Snacks will be provided

Registration date: December 5th, 2023

### When:

Tuesdays (8 sessions total)

2024 Lessons: January 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27

### Time:

11:00am to 2:00pm

### Where:

Pearson Road Elementary, Central Okanagan Family HUB

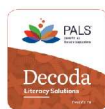
700 Pearson Road, Kelowna, BC, V1X 5H8

Program for  
immigrant and  
refugee families  
with children 2-5  
years

To register or for more information, please contact:

Pat Pobuda, Education Coordinator

250-762-2163 ext. 3 | pat@projectliteracy.ca



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*We* **LEARN**  
FALL/WINTER 2023

TOGETHER WE INSPIRE  
**WONDER ISSUE**



**SCAN ME! TO READ THE ISSUE**





# Central Okanagan Family Hub - Kelowna

[www.facebook.com/COFHP](https://www.facebook.com/COFHP) for up-to-date info or [www.cofh.ca](http://www.cofh.ca)

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

## January 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> <b>Closed for New Years Day</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 9:30am-12:00pm & 2:00pm-4:00pm <b>Song, Games &amp; Stories with Rutland Library</b> 10:00am-10:30am	<b>3</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 9:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm	<b>4</b> <b>Song Story &amp; Rhyme,</b> 9:30am-10:30am <b>Drop-in Play Time, 11:00am-2:00pm</b> <b>Connect &amp; Play, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Parent Talk,</b>  9:30am-12:00pm <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 12:30pm- 4:00pm
<b>8</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time, 9:30am-12:00pm</b> <b>Physio with Melina, 9:30am-11:30am</b> <b>Connect &amp; Play - Family Friend,</b> 12:00pm-2:00pm <b>Connect &amp; Play - Childhood Connections, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 9:30am-11:30am <b>Song, Games &amp; Stories with Rutland Library</b> 10:00am-10:30am <b>IPALS, 11:00am-2:00pm</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Food Support Program,</b> 9:30am-12:30pm  <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 1:00pm-4:00pm	<b>11</b> <b>Song Story &amp; Rhyme - Childhood Connections, 9:30am-10:30am</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time, 11:00am-4:00pm</b> <b>Connect &amp; Play - Childhood Connections, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Parent Talk,</b>  9:30am-12:00pm <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 12:30pm-4:00pm
<b>15</b> <b>Circle of Security, 9:30am-11:30am</b> <b>Connect &amp; Play - Family Friend,</b> 12:00pm-2:00pm <b>Connect &amp; Play - Childhood Connections, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b>  9:30am-11:30am <b>Song, Games &amp; Stories with Rutland Library, 10:00am-10:30am</b> <b>IPALS, 11:00am-2:00pm</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Japanese Story Time,</b> 10:30am-1:00pm <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 1:00pm-4:00pm	<b>18</b> <b>Song Story &amp; Rhyme - Childhood Connections, 9:30am-10:30am</b> <b>Nobody's Perfect, 11:00am-1:30pm</b> <b>Connect &amp; Play - Childhood Connections, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Parent Talk,</b>  9:30am-12:00pm <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 12:30pm-4:00pm
<b>22</b> <b>Unplug &amp; Play Week</b> <b>Circle of Security, 9:30am-11:30am</b> <b>Connect &amp; Play - Family Friend,</b> 12:00pm-2:00pm <b>Connect &amp; Play - Childhood Connections, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 9:30am-11:30am <b>Song, Games &amp; Stories with Rutland Library, 10:00am-10:30am</b> <b>IPALS, 11:00am-2:00pm</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Food Support Program,</b> 9:30am-12:30pm  <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 1:00pm-4:00pm	<b>25</b> <b>Song Story &amp; Rhyme Childhood Connections, 9:30am-10:30am</b> <b>Nobody's Perfect, 11:00am-1:30pm</b> <b>Connect &amp; Play - Childhood Connections, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Parent Talk,</b>  9:30am-12:00pm <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 12:30pm-4:00pm
<b>29</b> <b>Circle of Security, 9:30am-11:30am</b> <b>Connect &amp; Play - Family Friend,</b> 12:00pm-2:00pm <b>Connect &amp; Play - Childhood Connections, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b>  9:30am-11:30am <b>Song, Games &amp; Stories with Rutland Library, 10:00am-10:30am</b> <b>IPALS, 11:00am-2:00pm</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time, 2:00pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Drop-in Play Time,</b> 9:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm	<b>NOTE: Food Support Program</b> has now changed to every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.	



## Programs this Month:

Call or text to [236-970-4567](tel:236-970-4567) for your scheduled Family Hub time. The Hub is open from 9:00am-4:00pm every day.

### Family Play Time at the Hub, The Bridge Youth and Family Services

Parents/caregivers with children are welcome to drop-in for a family play time in the HUB playroom. For more information call the HUB at **236 970 4567**

**Tuesdays, drop-in starting at 9:30am**

### Food Support Program, The Bridge Youth and Family Services, Helen's Acres Community Farm, Central Okanagan Community Food Bank

Receive essential food security support while connecting with community partners each week to explore valuable local resources.

Email Laura at [laura.banman@thebridgeservices.ca](mailto:laura.banman@thebridgeservices.ca) or Tong at [tongriang@cofh.ca](mailto:tongriang@cofh.ca) to book an appointment.

**By appointment only. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 9:30am-12:30pm**

### Outato Ohanashino Kai (Japanese Story Time for infants & toddlers)

Japanese Storytime provides a space where children can practice and reinforce the Japanese language and culture, also it serves as an immersive space that is 100% Japanese.

**Registered members only. No drop-in. Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11:00am-1:00pm**

### Physio with Melina

Milena Perini, Pediatric Physiotherapist from Physio for Kids is available once a month to address inquiries on infant motor development, tummy time, engaging activities for babies and toddlers. For children aged 0-4 years.

**Once a month - call [236-970-4567](tel:236-970-4567) to book - Appointments start at 9:30am**

### Connect & Play - KCR Family Friend Program

Playtime for moms and children is part of the Family Friend Program. Meet other moms in the program and let your children play.

**Select Tuesdays, 12:00pm-2:00pm. Email [familyfriend@kcr.ca](mailto:familyfriend@kcr.ca), or visit [www.kcr.ca/family-services/family-friend](http://www.kcr.ca/family-services/family-friend)**

### Parent Talk: The Bridge Youth and Family Services

Support and information group for parents of children 0-6 years old. Opportunity for parents to share and gather information about issues that are impacting their lives and their parenting, create connections, and be a part of a supportive parenting community. Child care is provided. Please bring a snack for your child(ren).

**Select Fridays, 9:30am. If you are new to this group and would like to join, call Laura at [250-878-6331](tel:250-878-6331)**

### Connect & Play - Childhood Connections

Every Monday & Thursday join a staff from Childhood Connections CCRR to engage, create and connect. Childhood Connections CCRR staff will be there.

**Mondays & Thursdays, drop-in, 1:00pm-4:00pm**

### Song, Story & Rhyme Time - Childhood Connections

This program will celebrate diversity, embrace communication through songs, rhymes and stories, and promote an environment where every child and family feel valued and included.

**Thursdays, drop-in, 9:30am-10:30am**

### **Circle of Security - The Bridge Youth and Family Services**

At times families feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Circle of security parenting program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

**Registration is open. No drop-in. January 15<sup>th</sup> - March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mondays, 9:00am**

### **Songs, Rhymes, Games & Stories: Rutland Branch, Okanagan Regional Library**

Join the Rutland Public Library for an energetic half hour of songs, rhymes, games, and stories that focus on early literacy and language development.

**Tuesdays, drop-in, 10:00am-10:30am**

### **No Body's Perfect Parenting Program - YMCA of Southern Interior BC**

Free 6-week parenting program. Work with a trained facilitator and discover positive parenting ways. Share questions, concerns, ideas and discuss real life parenting situations. **No drop-in. January 18<sup>th</sup> - February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thursdays, 11:00am-1:30pm**

### **IPALS: (Immigrant Parents as Literacy Supporters) - Project Literacy**

Free 8-week literacy program that aims to help immigrant and refugee families and caregivers learn new strategies to support their preschool and kindergarten aged children's learning in fun and interactive ways.

**No drop-in. January 9<sup>th</sup> - February 27<sup>th</sup>. Tuesdays, 11:00am-2:00pm**

### **Join us in celebrating Interior Saving 10th Annual Unplug & Play and Family Literacy Week! January 21<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

The goal of Unplug & play and Family Literacy is to encourage young families to participate in shared play while maintaining a healthy balance with screen time and technology. During this week we will be promoting many fun community activities. Visit the website for more details at [www.unplugandplayweek.org](http://www.unplugandplayweek.org).