



Dec 4-15, 2023

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

## Principal's Message:

At Pearson Road we are very proud of our diversity. We celebrate and honor all of our students, their families and their cultures. We do this in a way that is inclusive but also with an awareness that some cultural celebrations may have a foundation in religion. Cultural pride and celebration in public education is done delicately to avoid religious connections. We aim to be honoring and inclusive. Should you have any wonders about our celebrations we invite you to chat with your child's teacher or principal for clarity. We are quite confident that you will find our choices are non-religious yet inclusive. And finally, please note that all classroom parties and theme days are on an invitation basis.

Please keep a close eye on our [School Website/Calendar](#) to stay up to date with special events.

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:

- Parents are required to notify the school, through the School Messenger App, of absences or lates. Letting the classroom teacher know is not sufficient and not 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.

Sincerely, Mrs. Nina Ferguson



Monday, Dec 4	Tuesday, Dec 5	Wed, Dec 6	Thursday, Dec 7	Friday, Dec 8
	Scholastic Book Fair in Gathering Room	Scholastic Book Fair in Gathering Room	Scholastic Book Fair in Gathering Room	
Monday, Dec 11	Tuesday, Dec 12	Wed, Dec 13	Thursday, Dec 14	Friday, Dec 15

## Important Dates to Remember:

PAC Winter Movie Night	Dec 18
Report Cards go home	Dec 21
Winter Concert 1:15-2:15pm OR 6-7pm	Dec 21
Pancake Breakfast	Dec 22



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





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## 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



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.



## 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 be 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)

## SEL CORNER

## Gratitude

Here at Pearson Road, we are looking forward to focusing on Gratitude during December. Gratitude means more than simply saying thank you. Greater Good in Education defines gratitude as "a feeling or state that results from both (1) recognizing a good thing, such as a positive outcome or gift we've received, and (2) recognizing that this good thing came from outside ourselves. Although we most often experience gratitude in response to the actions of other people, we can feel grateful to nonhuman sources, too, such as nature, a higher power, or the universe."

The article goes on to say: Several studies have investigated the nuances of gratitude, finding that three factors tend to increase the amount of gratitude people feel for benefits they've received: the more purposefully someone has helped us (as opposed to unintentionally or with an ulterior motive), the more they've sacrificed to do it, and the more the outcome benefits us, the more grateful we feel. Studies show that practicing gratitude can increase our well-being and our happiness.

[Click here](#) for some ways that you can practice gratitude at home with your family. Greater Good in Education also has [gratitude practices for adults](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.  
In gratitude, Mrs. Church (Social Emotional Learning Teacher)  
[Maegan.Church@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:Maegan.Church@sd23.bc.ca)





# 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:**

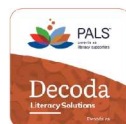
Pearson Road Elementary, Central Okanagan Family HUB  
700 Pearson Road, Kelowna, BC, V1X 5H8

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](mailto:pat@projectliteracy.ca)**



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**Check out The Hub at Pearson Road online at: <https://kcr.ca/family-services/cofh-kelowna/>**

**KCR**  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

1(250)763-8008 | [info@kcr.ca](mailto:info@kcr.ca)

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**Family Hub**  
Central Okanagan Family Hubs - Kelowna

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**About**

The Central Okanagan Family Hub is a one-stop shop for supports and services for families. It is a welcoming second home for families to connect with each other and to community supports.

It is through a team effort of community partners and parents working together to create a positive impact through the sharing of time, money, expertise, staff, volunteers, and space.

Find out what's happening in our community!  
[Click Here](#) to sign up for the KCR EBlast Newsletter

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# Pearson Road Elementary



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Email: [pse@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:pse@sd23.bc.ca)



November 20, 2023

Dear Families,

The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school the first week of December!

**Location:** PSE Gathering Room (Room 13)

Date	Before School	Lunch	After School
Tuesday, December 5		11:35-12:05	2:30-4:00
Wednesday, December 6	8:00-8:25		2:30-5:00
Thursday, December 7		11:35-12:05	2:30-4:00

\*Payment available via Cash, Debit, Visa/Mastercard

All purchases benefit our school and earn rewards that can be redeemed for our classroom and school libraries.

Thank you,

Alicia Saunders & Jayme Bush





## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

# PAC PAGE

### Upcoming PAC Dates:

Mon Dec 18 - PAC Winter Movie night - 5-7pm school gym  
(parents must attend)

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



## GOT EMPTIES?

### BOTTLE DRIVE

FUNDRAISING



Bring your empty beverage bottles, cans and containers to Columbia Bottle Depots, 680 Dease Rd. and donate your refund directly to our school PAC! Donate your empties regularly; we are accepting donations ALL YEAR LONG!!!



Direct your refund to our account #, the school phone number:

## 250-870-5118

All funds raised help with field trips, supplies, sports, bussing and more!!  
Tell all your friends and family!!! (Please have all empties in CLEAR bags)

If you would like to donate your empties but are unable to drop them off, please email us at [pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca) and we can arrange a pick up time!

## PSE PAC

Pse.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca  
[PSE PAC Website Link](#)



### PSE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) INVITES YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

#### ONE SHORT MEETING PER MONTH

We support our students with:

- Field Trips
- Fun Days
- Student Celebrations
- New Playground Equipment
- Classroom Enhancements

#### Why participate?

- Have input in how we support our kids and their school.
- Our efforts go directly to our kids!
- Without adequate PAC members we will NOT receive the funding available.
- It is less than 1 hour per month
- EVERYONE is welcome!