



Jan 15-26, 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:



Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you refreshed and filled with the promise of new beginnings. As we step into 2024, I am thrilled to reconnect with our Pearson Road Panther family and extend my warmest wishes for a year filled with joy, growth, and wellness.

Reflecting on the achievements and resilience of our community over the past year, I am inspired by the dedication and spirit that define us as Pearson Road Panthers. As we embrace the possibilities that the new year brings, let's continue to celebrate the diversity that enriches our school community. By promoting open dialogue, understanding, and respect, we aim to create an environment where every Panther feels valued, heard, and included.

We value strong Community Engagement as we know that building strong partnerships between school and home is vital for the success of our students. We will continue to actively seek opportunities to engage with parents, guardians, and the broader community to ensure that our collective efforts create a supportive and nurturing educational environment. We also know that the well-being of our students and staff is paramount. We will continue to prioritize mental and physical health, creating a school culture that promotes balance, worth, and a sense of belonging.

As we embark on this new year together, I invite each member of our Pearson Road Panther community to contribute in your own unique ways. Together, we can make 2024 a year of growth, achievement, and memorable moments for our students. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to the year ahead.

Warm regards, Sincerely, Mrs. Nina Ferguson



Monday, Jan. 15	Tues, Jan 16	Wed, Jan 17	Thursday, Jan 18	Friday, Jan 19
		Monday Hot Lunch for next week is due today. Wednesday Hot Lunch due month by month.		School Spirit Day: Spirit Animal
Monday, Jan 22	Tues, Jan 23	Wed, Jan 24	Thursday, Jan 25	Friday, Jan 26
PAC mtg 5:30pm		Monday Hot Lunch for next week is due today. Wednesday Hot Lunch due month by month.		Terrific Kids Assembly 10:30am

Important Dates to Remember:

Cultural Assembly 10am	Jan 31
Early dismissal at 11:30 for Parent Teacher Conferences	Feb 1
Early dismissal at 11:30 for Parent Teacher Conferences	Feb 2
Teacher Professional Day (No School)	Feb 16
Family Day (No School)	Feb 19



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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SEL CORNER

New Year's Resolutions

January is a month when people often make resolutions for themselves. Children can also take part in this as they see older family members create positive changes and adopt healthy habits. If you and your younger family members would like to take part in making resolutions make sure to keep it fun and to stick to no more than one or two goals. Here are some ideas:

- I will drink water every day and healthy beverages like milk with meals. I will keep soda and fruit drinks only for special times.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I will try to find a physical activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) or a sport I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- I'll try to be friendly to kids who may have a hard time making friends by talking with them and inviting them to join activities.
- I will keep my personal info safe and not share my name, home address, school name or telephone number online. Also, I'll never send a picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer or phone without asking my parent if it is okay.
- I will try to talk with my parent or a trusted adult when I have a problem or feel stressed.
- I promise that I'll do my best to follow our household rules for videogames and internet use.
- I will save time to read for fun.

(Falusi, L.O. American Academy of Pediatrics, 2021)

Happy New Year, Pearson Panthers!

Mrs. Church

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 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). Ordering for Mondays is week by week (orders in by the Wednesday prior) and Wednesday's Hot Lunch is done month by month.

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

This program is run by the Pearson PAC, all questions should be directed to pse.pac@sd23.bc.ca



SCHOOL ABSENCES and COMMUNICATION:

Please make sure you have signed up with [SchoolMessenger](https://www.schoolmessenger.com) 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!



Spring Sports in the Community

Spring Sports - Registration is open for spring sports, if you are interested register as soon as possible.

See attached links for soccer, baseball, basketball, and flag football.

Funding options:

KidsSport - open for applications

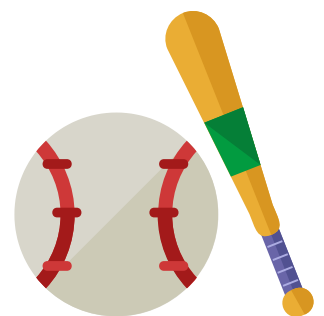
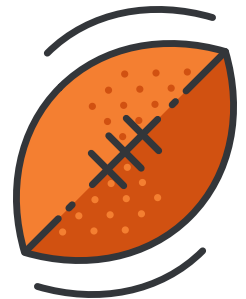
JumpStart - which is accepting application sometime this month

Rutland Youth Soccer: <https://www.rutlandyouthsoccer.ca/article/90174>

Baseball: <https://www.comba.ca/registration-contact>

Basketball: <https://www.kelownaminorbasketball.com/>

Flag Football: <https://kmfa.ca/pages/flag>



Safer Schools Together is providing family presentations with partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare on “Social Media Awareness”. These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers to navigate the digital world.



Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Everyone Welcome!

Upcoming Training:

January 17

January 23

February 7

February 28

Register Now

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

Pearson Road Elementary



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Cold Weather Guidelines

It is critical that students arrive at school each day prepared for cold weather. Parents should check the local forecast for up-to-date weather information. Students must be dressed appropriately so that they remain safe and comfortable during the following times:

- Outside playtime before and after school
- Lunchtime playtime
- Break (15 minutes in the morning)
- Unexpected emergency situations such as Fire Drills (at all temperatures)
- Bus breakdowns
- Unscheduled and scheduled outside breaks and learning experiences.

We expect that students have boots and snowpants in order to participate in sledding.

We do not have a district policy for cold weather procedures. However, the following guidelines will be in place at Pearson Road to ensure our students are safe.

BELOW FREEZING:

- (-1 Celsius to -15)

Students are expected to go outside. Parents should ensure that their child brings the following items needed to stay warm and comfortable when outside:

- Warm coat
- Gloves/Mittens
- Head/Ear covering
- Boots

- (-15 Celsius to -20 Celsius)

Students will be expected to go outside for 15 instead of 30 minutes of playtime providing the wind is calm. The Environment Canada website (<http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca>) will be used to check weather conditions. The same clothing items as noted above should be worn.

- (-20 Celsius and colder with wind chill)

Students will stay inside during lunch and recess. Supervision will be provided by Admin and regular NHS during lunchtime. At break, scheduled teachers and admin will supervise indoor activities.

Thank you parents for helping to keep our students warm and safe outside during this cold weather snap. Hopefully it is short lived!

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

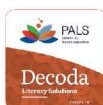
700 Pearson Road, Kelowna, BC, V1X 5H8

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

To register or for more information, please contact:

Pat Pobuda, Education Coordinator

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