



Jan 29 - Feb 9, 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:

This past week we have brought in the Okanagan Gymnastics Club to provide each class with three Gymnastics sessions. I know we are normally the Pearson Panthers, but this week we have looked more likely bouncing bunnies and leaping lizards!

Next week we will be inviting all parents and guardians in to engage in conversations that support the continued growth of our learners. The Parent-Teacher relationship is critical. As much as we have valuable information to communicate with you about your student's learning, we know that you are the expert of your child and we also benefit greatly from your feedback! Please see Class Dojo for specific information about how to access the conference offerings (open-house or by appointment) in your child's classroom.

Speaking of your valued feedback, each year, the Ministry of Education conducts an anonymous survey to gather opinions on achievement, human and social development, and safety. The survey is also used by the Representative for Children and Youth to report on the wellbeing of youth in BC, and by the Ministry of Health to support healthy school initiatives. All parents are asked to participate. The survey is completed electronically. Below you will find the instructions needed to complete the survey, which takes approximately 5-10 minutes. Parents/Guardians can complete the survey any time before Friday, April 26th, 2024.

To complete the survey:

1. Go to: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
2. Go to the Parents section and choose: **Direct Access-NO LOG ON** number required option (bottom right)
3. Select District: **23 Central Okanagan**
4. School: **Pearson Road Elementary School**
4. Language: Your preference

If you require further information, please contact the school at 250-870-5118. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Warm regards, Sincerely, Mrs. Nina Ferguson



Monday, Jan. 29	Tues, Jan 30	Wed, Jan 31	Thursday, Feb 1	Friday, Feb 2
2024-25 School Registration begins		10am - Cultural Assembly - Kutapira Drummers	Early Dismissal at 11:30am - Parent Teacher Conferences	Early Dismissal at 11:30am - Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, Feb 5	Tues, Feb 6	Wed, Feb 7	Thursday, Feb 8	Friday, Feb 9

Important Dates to Remember:

Teacher Professional Day (No School)	Feb 16
Family Day (No School)	Feb 19
Terrific Kids Assembly	Feb 23
Pink Shirt Day	Feb 28
Harmony Day (please watch for further info in next newsletter)	Feb 29



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

Having Fun With Family

January can be a very looooong month. The weather can be uncomfortable, the days are dark and long and people start to feel cooped up at home. Here are some fun ideas from tinybeans.com that you can do with your family to keep the winter blues away.

Thirty-two Fun Activities Even the Big Kids Will Love

I hope you try some of these ideas. Having fun with our families has many benefits. It can improve mental health, reduce stress, and boost self-confidence, as well as having many other positive results (Highlandsprings Specialty Clinic, <https://highlandspringsclinic.org/the-top-ten-benefits-of-spending-time-with-family/> 2020.)

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](https://munchalunch.com) Website

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://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 Feb 22 - PAC Monthly Meeting - 5:30pm in Library

2024 - 2025 Budget Presentation

The public presentation explaining how the District's budget is established will take place at the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm by Zoom.

Please request the zoom link from the COPAC President (copac.president@sd23.bc.ca). meeting.

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>

