



June 12 - June 23, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:

We continued to celebrate Pearson Pride this week as our biggest crew yet of Intermediate Athletes earned their spot at District Track and Field Finals. Everyone had fun, worked hard and did their very best. We had some great results too!

As we near the end of the school year, this is a great time to round up any Library books that might be hiding out at home. Doing Library Inventory is a big job and having our all of our books returned supports our team in doing a great job.

Our Pearson PAC has been working hard to prepare for the Family Carnival on June 21st. We sure hope you are able to join in on the fun! Please see the poster attached.

Grade 5 Parents please note the Grade 5 Farewell Celebration will be on Friday, June 23rd from 1:30-2:30. We will have a gym gathering to recognize each of our departing Panthers and then share some ice cream to celebrate.

As always, should you have any concerns or questions please feel free give me a call anytime or book a time to pop in!

Sincerely,
Nina Ferguson

Monday, June 12	Tuesday, June 13	Wednesday, June 14	Thursday, June 15	Friday, June 16
		Grade 5 Year End Trip		
Monday, June 19	Tuesday, June 20	Wednesday, June 21	Thursday, June 22	Friday, June 23
		PAC Carnival 5 -7:30 PM		Gr 5 Farewell Celebration 1:30-2:30
		PSE PAC Meeting 5-6 PM		

Important Dates to Remember:

School Play Day Options	June 26 OR 27
Terrific Kids Assembly 10-11 AM	June 28
Third Term Report Cards	June 29
Last Day of School 8:30-2:30	June 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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Please send a reusable bottle FULL of water each day!



Interested in Digital Wellness?

Bite-sized learning ideas and resources to help families learn to live well in a digital world. If you would like the monthly newsletter with helpful tips, ideas, resources, and more! Sign-up [HERE](#)

Creativity

We all instinctively know that the ability to be creative is important, for children and adults. Creativity allows us to view and solve problems more openly and with innovation. Creativity opens the mind. It broadens our perspectives and can help us overcome prejudices. Many people think they're not creative if they don't create visual art, music or a piece of creative writing. We might think, "I'm just not creative." However, when definitions of creativity are expanded, we realize that there are many ways to stretch our brains and we're already doing many of them. A few of the ways we're creative everyday are changing recipes, problem solving, making jokes, socializing, playing sports, doodling, daydreaming and playing and having fun. Embracing mistakes is also an excellent way to be creative as you notice what happens when things don't go as planned.

Click [HERE](#) to explore some ideas to foster your child's creativity and remember that many of these strategies will also engage your own unique ideas!

With Kindness, Mrs. Church (Social Emotional Learning)
maegan.church@sd23.bc.ca



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All student absences and lates must be reported through the School Messenger App:



You can enter absences in SchoolMessenger in 3 ways:

(1) Enter an Absence Using the Smartphone App

Download on



(2) Enter an Absence Using the Online Parent Portal
visit go.schoolmessenger.ca

(3) Enter an Absence by Calling the School
press "1" and follow the prompts

Planning Playdates at School

We have noticed an increase of students trying to plan playdates with school friends while at school. While we love to hear that our students are building great friendships with school friends, please have your student get permission, organize rides and make arrangements at home the day before. We have noticed an increase of students needing the office phone to make play date plans rather than having it available for emergency use.



Please Note:
**Are you planning an
extended family
vacation???**

While we acknowledge the valuable experiences that travel can bring to your families, we want to be sure you understand that extended family vacations can be complicated for several reasons. Students will miss valuable learning that teachers cannot replicate for you. Teachers will not create work packages for vacations, as they must focus on creating valuable in-person learning opportunities. As we have many students wishing to attend Pearson Road, students on extended vacations (longer than 1 month) may be required to withdraw from our school and reapply upon their return. We cannot guarantee availability at that point. Should you have further questions please contact Mrs. Ferguson to discuss.



School Traffic Incidents

If you see any concerning school traffic incident's on your way to or from school please report it. Fill out [this report](#) to collect all the important and relevant information needed to take action.



What Bullying Is and Is Not

What bullying is NOT

It is important to distinguish bullying from other unkind, mean and harmful behavior.

Calling someone a name or pushing someone once

Being rude or having an argument with someone is not bullying

Hurtful behaviour that kids do back and forth, to each other

Of course, these behaviors should be addressed but may have different consequences and interventions, which is why the distinction is critical.

What is bullying?

It involves:

Unequal power - One child has more power than another child (or it seems this way to the children involved).

Hurtful actions - Physically or psychologically harmful behaviour takes place, which can be direct or indirect actions.

Repetitive behaviour - The hurtful actions keep happening.

One sided- The hurtful actions are done by one child to another and not reciprocated

To be defined as bullying, all 4 of the previous components must be present: (1) repeated actions or threats, (2) a power imbalance, (3) intention to cause harm and (4) one-sided .

Optional Elementary Track & Field Events for your athletes outside of school



Jack Brow Memorial Track & Field Meet

Kelowna, British Columbia

June 30 - July 2, 2023

This event is open to all athletes from age 9 - 99.

Elementary, Middle and High School athletes who are NOT members of BC Athletics may register by paying the \$3 Day of Event fee in addition to their entry fees.

Registration information can be found at <https://www.trackie.com/online-registration/register/jack-brow-memorial-track-field-meet/488885/>

Time for Sunscreen

As we move into summer weather and more beautiful sunshiny days please send your children to school with sunscreen already on.





PSE PAC PRESENTS

SPRING
CARNIVAL

FUNDRAISER - June 21

★ We are looking for volunteers
and sponsors to help make this
event successful★

Ways you can help:

- Monetary Donation
- Help Set up/Clean up
- Supervise a station

To donate or volunteer please
email us at :
pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca or
fill out below and send back
with your student:

Name: _____
I will help by: _____



Canada Safety Council
SUMMER 2023



HOME ALONE AND BABYSITTING COURSES

HOME ALONE COURSE

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Age: 9 yrs and up



BABYSITTING COURSE

Time: 9:00 - 2:00 pm

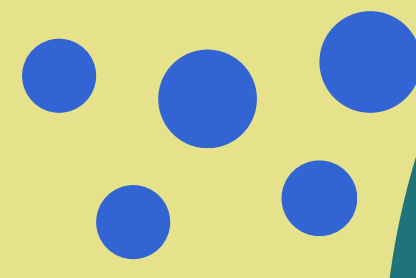
Age: 10 yrs and up

Register online at www.babysittingkelowna.com or
text/call 250-317-2868 or email: kidz4safety@gmail.com

KELOWNA, PEACHLAND, PENTICTON, LAKE COUNTRY



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June 13, 2023
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Board Room

Affinity Group for Parents/Guardians of Black Students

LOCATION: 1040 HOLLYWOOD ROAD, KELOWNA, BC
HOSTED BY: BRENT CARMICHAEL

Please join us to provide input and continue the conversation on improving educational experiences for Black students in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

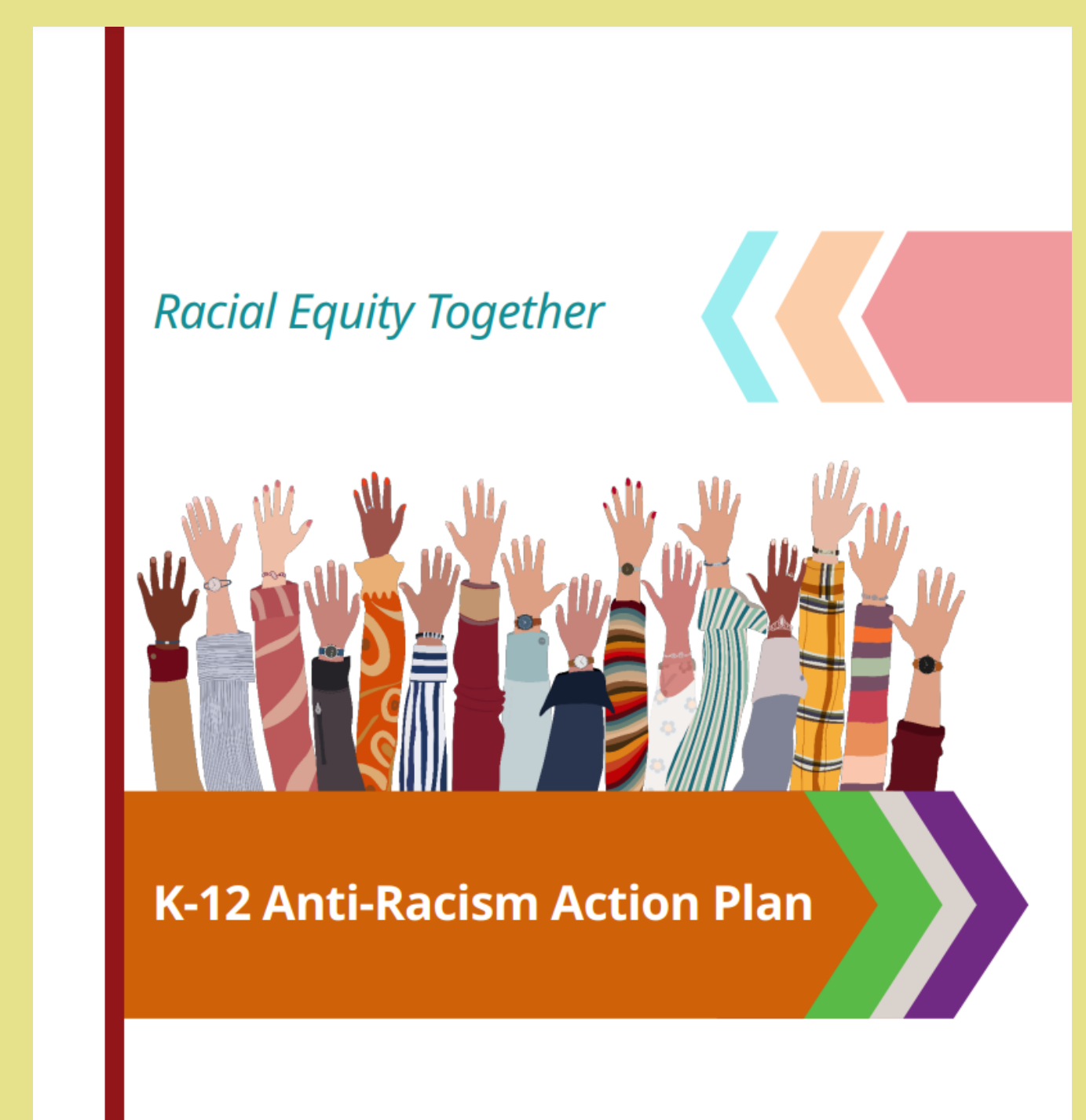
**Click the image to review the
K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan**



WHAT IS AN AFFINITY GROUP?

An Affinity Group is defined as a group linked by a common purpose, ideology, or interest.

We will be hosting our third Affinity Group Meeting focused on Black students for their guardians, parents, and other community members in April.



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 2023!

Our Homestay Coordinators are now matching students with families for 2023-24 placements.

Please apply soon if you are interested.

Email:
homestay@sd23.bc.ca

Phone:
250-470-3258



\$1,100/MONTH PER STUDENT (MAX. 2 STUDENTS)

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SUMMER CAMPS

To register visit:

www.pacificsportokanagan.com

OR

www.kelowna.ca/parks-recreation



PLAY Skills | Half-Day Camp Ages 6-9

PLAY Skills Camps are designed to support the development of fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching, running and jumping. With these skills, kids have a foundation to explore and enjoy different sports and physical activities for life.

**July 4-7 | Full Day - afternoon session facilitated by RDCO*



XploreSportZ | Full Day Camp Ages 9-12

For sport-lovers who want to experience a variety of new and exciting sports under the direction of certified coaches. If you're tired of the same-old sport scene, discover the Xcitement of XploreSportZ camps! Camps include opportunities to try new sports, instruction from certified coaches, daily recreational swims or skates, the "XploreSportZ Olympics" and loads of fun! A bicycle is required.

SPRING VOLLEYBALL PROGRAMS

INDOOR &
OUTDOOR
STARS AT \$49

MAY 22 - JUNE 29



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**French Immersion Kindergarten
Informational Session:**
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
@ 6:00-7:00pm
bit.ly/FI-Information-Session

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 30, 2023, at 7:00 am for 2023 - 2024 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 17, 2023

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7:00 am. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school by email by **Friday, March 17, 2023**.

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of supporting documentation below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

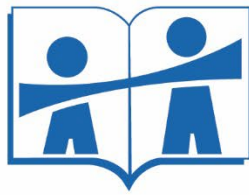
AFTER Thursday, August 31, 2023

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will receive a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2023, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2023. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.



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June 1, 2023

RE: 2024-2025 School Calendar

(The 2023-2024 School Calendar is established and available to view at www.sd23.bc.ca.)

Dear Parents/Guardians and School Community:

The Ministry of Education passed Bill 36, the School Amendment Act, which eliminated the Standard School Calendar. As a result, school districts are now required to establish their own school calendars. The Calendar Committee is comprised of representatives of the partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools, including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee has met to draft a proposed 2024/2025 school calendar (attached), which meets the requirements of Bill 36.

Section 87.01 (7) of the School Act requires consultation on school calendars. A board must make public a proposed school calendar one month before submitting it to the Ministry. We are inviting the community to review the proposed calendar for the 2024/2025 school year and to provide input to the proposal before it is discussed by our Board of Education at a public meeting.

I invite you to provide your input about this proposal by Friday, June 30, 2023, by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

<https://ca.research.net/r/2024-2025SchoolCalendarSurvey>

We anticipate that the finalized 2024/2025 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents early this fall. Copies will be provided directly to you through your child's school.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this proposal.

Yours truly,

Bob McEwen
Executive Director of Human Resource

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-2025 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2024/2025
Days in session	190 (3 Summer Pro Days August 26, 27, 28)
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 3
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Monday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 11
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 25
Remembrance Day	Monday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 23 – January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Wednesday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 6
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 14
Family Day	Monday, February 17
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 17 – March 28
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 31
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 18
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 21
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 19
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 27

The Calendar for 2024-2025 complies with Bill 36 - School Amendment Act (School Calendar Regulation).

The minimum hours of instruction are:

- Kindergarten 853 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grade 1-6 878 hours (based on 288 minutes X 183)
- Grades 7-12 952 hours (based on 313 minutes X 183)

Provides the:

- Number and dates of the days in session
- The number and dates of each day of instruction
- Vacation Periods and the Statutory Holidays
- The dates of each Non-Instructional Day
- The number of hours of instruction offered students in each grade group

SCHOOL CALENDAR FORM - GENERAL

2024/2025 CALENDAR

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■ Instructional
 ■ Non-Instructional
 ■ Vacation Period
 ■ Statutory Holiday



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care