

March 6 - Mar 17, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:

At Pearson Road Elementary School we value kindness as a core value in everything we do! We expect all students and staff to practice kindness, inclusion and respect for each other. February 15th marked this year's Pink Shirt Day as part of our Kindness month. We have worked with our students to make every decision through the lens of kindness. If we think first, "Is it KIND?" we know that our students will always make the best decisions. ♥





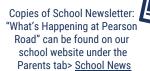


Monday, Mar. 6	Tuesday, Mar. 7	Wednesday, Mar. 8	Thursday, Mar. 9	Friday, Mar. 10
Monday, Mar. 13	Tuesday, Mar. 14	Wednesday, Mar. 15	Thursday, Mar. 16	Friday, Mar. 17
Drummer Bobby visits	Drummer Bobby visits	Drummer Bobby visits	Drummer Bobby visits	Drummer Bobby visits
		PSE PAC meeting 5-6 pm	Second Term Report Cards sent home	Terrific Kids Assembly

Important Dates to Remember:

Spring Break March 18- April 2







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HOT LUNCH at PSE!

Hot Lunch is available each Wednesday, and is a schoolfundraiser organized by our PAC. Families can choose to order food items if they choose to one month at a time.

Ordering for each month happens in the month prior please see here for further information:

HOT LUNCH ORDER CLICK HERE





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.

What Bullying Is and Is Not

On February 22, we marked Pink Shirt Day: a day when our community says no to bullying and acknowledges the power and importance of kindness and compassion by wearing pink shirts.

Bullying is a very serious issue and therefore, it's very important to know exactly what it is and what it is not.

What is bullying?

The government of Canada defines bullying as "willful, repeated aggressive behaviour with negative intent used by a child to maintain power over another child."

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 (such as name-calling, insults, threats, kicking, hitting, punching, etc), which can be direct or indirect actions. The abusive behaviour may be face-to-face or done behind a child's back (such as teasing, exclusion, gossiping and spreading rumours)
- Repetitive behaviour The hurtful actions keep happening, so the child being affected finds it increasingly difficult to escape. (https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/bullying/how-recognize-bullying.html). To be defined as bullying, all three of the previous components must be present: (1) repeated actions or threats, (2) a power imbalance and (3) intention to cause harm.

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

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

Click here for additional information and resources about bullying.

All student absences and lates must be reported through the <u>School Messenger App</u>:



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.

Public Budget Survey 2023/2024

We would love to hear your feedback on the 2023/2024 Budget! Click here to access the Survey. The deadline for the Survey is March 3rd!















Pearson Road Elementary



700 Pearson Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5H8

Telephone 250-870-5049

Email: pse@sd23.bc.ca

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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. Students in grades 4, 7, 10, and 12, and their parents, along with all school staff are asked to participate in the survey. *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 28th, 2023.

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,

School: Pearson Road Elementary School

Language: your preference

4. Please note there are a few additional questions added at the end specific to PSE that we would appreciate your feedback on.

Your participation in this survey will allow PSE and our school district to use your input when making decisions that impact your children. If you require further information, please contact the school at 250-870-5118. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

Sincerely,

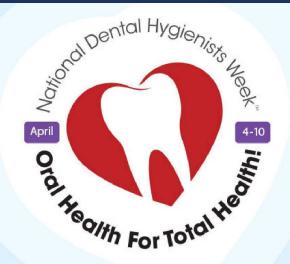
Nina Ferguson, Principal

Oral Health Month is coming!

April is national oral health month! As part of the activities, the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) is hosting our annual Attack the Plaque kids' colouring contest.

Download the colouring sheet, at www.cdha.ca/colouringcontest

Colouring contest deadline: May 1, 2023

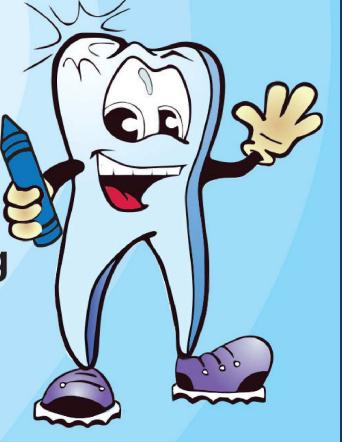


The new Colouring Contest is here!

Great Prizes!

Win a Toys R Us gift card and kids oral health prize packs from Sunstar G•U•M.

cdha.ca/colouringcontest





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by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

"I'M SO PROUD OF YOU"

Because it...

- Reduces fear of failure

 Often a child's greatest fear is letting you down. Using this sentence demonstrates your support and gives your child the confidence to experiment with new strategies.
- Increases self-esteem
 Showing warmth and affection can increase your child's self-esteem, as it helps them feel as though you accept them for who they are.
- Stops development of a fixed mindset Praising your child for the effort they put in, rather than their natural ability, can improve their reaction to failure and promotes a growth mindset.
- It's what a child wants to hear
 Your child is not looking for technical or tactical guidance but instead wants you to offer encouragement and common sense advice on effort, attitude and practical aspects.



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 <u>directly to the school</u> 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 <u>may not</u> 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.



You are invited to: Pearson Road's Walk-Thru ELFF Night!

We are so excited to connect with you, the families of 3-5yr old preschool children, in our area! We have put together a learning kit for your child(ren) and encourage you to join us for a quick walk-thru on May 18th 5-6pm, where you can grab a family snack and your child's kit.





If you plan on joining us, please register* using this link: Pearson Early Learning Family Night

*We can accommodate the first 40 families.



UBCO Summer Sports Camps

Get in the game this summer with UBCO Sport Camps!

Led by nationally recognized coaches and student athletes, UBCO Heat Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development. These camps are a great way to introduce youth ages 5 to 17 to a sport or help them improve their techniques. Camp programming includes golf, basketball, volleyball, biking and more.

Camps are set to run in July and August at UBC Okanagan. Follow this **link** or check out goheat.ca/camps to learn more and register today!

Contact ubcoheat.summercamp@ubc.ca for additional information.





Enhancing Lives - Connecting Communities

Anti-Discrimination Community Conversation













KCR Community Resources March 9, 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society, 442 Leon Ave, Kelowna

Have you experienced racial discrimination in the community? Join us in a small group setting for a meaningful conversation about your experiences, guided by IBPOC facilitators and supported by a well-being coordinator. This event is focused on opening space for sharing and reflections about experiences of racial discrimination. From these learnings, we will develop a broader anti-discrimination community dialogue that is rooted in the stories and needs of those who experience racial discrimination. There will be an opportunity to enjoy some traditional Indigenous foods and refreshments. Spaces are limited so book early! Email united@kcr.ca to register.



Building Services Worker Certificate Program Employment Services - KCR Community Resources Start Date: April 3, 2023

Become a Building Services Worker! We offer a free 14-week Building Services Worker program to prepare you to work in industrial, custodial and cleaning service settings. There are pre-college workshops provided by KCR to assist Participants in adjusting to returning to school and additional pre-employment KCR workshops following the completion of the certificate to assist with job search, resume and cover letter writing and job interview practice. Past Participants have successfully obtained employment with Interior Health, School District 23, various retirement homes, cleaning companies and maintenance positions. Learn more HERE

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Crows Mini Rugby

Follow the link for more information: https://rugbycanada.sportlomo.com/

on the site, enter the province and city and choose the Crows Mini Rugby program

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9AM -11AM APRIL 16 - JUNE 11 2023 AGES 3 - 13

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SPORT ON EARTH! GET ACTIVE,
LEARN NEW SKILLS, MAKE NEW
FRIENDS AND BE PART OF THE
AMAZING KELOWNA RUGBY
COMMUNITY

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REGISTRATION STARTS AT \$90 FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP, 8 WEEK PROGRAM, TRAINING IN THE FALL AND T-SHIRT!





REGISTER NOW FOR OUR FUN SRING BREAK CAMPS!!

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR KELOWNA

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR WEST KELOWNA

This spring break, join us for one of the best day camp experiences in the Okanagan! Our dynamic, Gymnastics BC trained instructors will lead campers through a mix of games and training exercises to build their skills while maintaining a safe and fun environment. We offer a variety of camps for a range of ages – beginners always welcome!

Fun Gymnastics Spring Break Camps 2023

Ages 5 - 12 years

Week 1: Monday, March 20 - Thursday, March 23 Week 2: Monday, March 27 - Thursday, March 30

Times:

Morning Session: 8:30 am - 11:30 am (Kelowna only)
Afternoon Session: noon - 3:00 pm (Kelowna and West Kelowna)

4-Day: Cost \$175/participant (morning or afternoon session) + GST Single-Day: Cost \$50/participant (morning or afternoon session) + GST

CLICK HERE FOR KELOWNA CAMP DETAILS AND TO REGISTER
CLICK HERE FOR WEST KELOWNA CAMP DETAILS AND TO REGISTER
LOOKING FOR PARKOUR/NINJA CAMPS? CLICK HERE

We look forward to seeing you at the gym! Your Kelowna & West Kelowna Gymnastix Teams



SPRING CLASSES

Spring Session runs from

April 3-June 25

Check out our class offerings at

okanagangymnastics.com

and sign up online!

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

Week 1: March 20-24

Week 2: March 27-31

\$300 per week

A fun-filled week of gymnastics, crafts, activities, pizza lunch and a movie on Friday!

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion to work with children or youth, enjoy driving and excited to have the holidays and summers off with your children?

Central Okanagan Public School District is in need of professional drivers to operate our school bus routes

For more information contact Transportation Services 250-870-5151 or email us at transportation@sd23.bc.ca

To apply

Scan the QR code or use the link: https://bit.ly/SD23BusDrivers

\$28.23 per hour

Applicants must have:

- Completed Grade 10
- A valid Class 1 or 2 B.C. Driver's License with Air Brake Endorsement or
- A class 5 License with a Class 2 Learners and Air Brake Endorsement
- A clear Driver's Abstract





