



Oct. 23 - Nov 3, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:

I hope this message finds you well in this beautiful month of October. As the leaves change and the weather cools, our students are also evolving in their learning journey. We are encouraged by the dedication and resilience our students have shown in adapting to the various challenges of schooling. Our teachers and staff continue to work tirelessly to provide a safe and enriching environment for every student.

We are thrilled to be able to provide every Pearson Panther with a Winter Coat on November 8th. Hopefully this beautiful weather holds out until then.

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will host their monthly meeting this coming Monday at 5:30pm in our School Library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to join the committee. The PAC will also be hosting their annual Family Halloween Dance. Please see poster attached for further information. Please note that parents/guardians **MUST** attend with their children.

Our commitment to the health and safety of our students and staff remains unwavering. Please ensure that you and your child(ren) continue to follow our safety protocols. Bikes, scooters and skateboards must be walked on property and helmets always utilized. And finally please remember the Staff Parking lot is not available to parents.

On the topic of safety, please be extra safe while you all enjoy Halloween. If your child chooses to dress up for school please remember to keep the weapons, masks and props at home as they can be difficult and distracting in the school setting. Also please do not send the Halloween candy to school.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and cooperation in making our school a wonderful place for your children to learn and grow. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely, Mrs. Nina Ferguson



Monday, Oct 23	Tuesday, Oct 24	Wednesday, Oct 25	Thursday, Oct 26	Friday, Oct 27
PAC Meeting 5:30pm in the Library	School Photo Retakes		PAC Family Halloween Dance (parents MUST attend with the children)	
Monday, Oct 30	Tuesday, Oct 31	Wednesday, Nov 1	Thursday, Nov 2	Friday, Nov 3
	Halloween (costumes optional)			Terrific Kids Assembly

Important Dates to Remember:

Remembrance Day Assembly 10am	Nov. 10th
Remembrance Day in Lieu (NO SCHOOL)	Nov. 11th
School Spirit Day: Silly Socks	Nov. 17th
PSE PAC Winter Market	Nov 18th (10am-4pm)



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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ARRIVING LATE - EARLY DEPARTURES

Just a friendly reminder that it is really important to have students arrive on time (8:25am) and be picked up on time (2:30pm). However, we understand that on occasion there are circumstances that require you to drop-off late or pick-up early, please pull into the front of the school and call the office to wait for someone to come out and meet/or deliver your child. Teachers will not be admitting late students or dismissing students early from their classroom doors, this is all done through the front office.



EARTH RANGERS - Battery Blitz

Please see pages 5 & 6 for a way to support our school and our earth. We are collecting all old batteries. Send them in to the collection boxes in each of our classrooms for the month of October.



No masks, weapons or props on Halloween please!

SEL CORNER:



Dear Pearson Families,

This month, we have started a very exciting program at Pearson Road Elementary. Ms. Kerr's grade 4/5 class and Ms. Konopada's grade 4 class have been invited to participate in a program called Roots of Empathy (ROE). This program teaches children about feelings, their own feelings, and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, a baby and their family will visit those classrooms, with me, Mrs. Church (a trained ROE Instructor) and Ms. Sinclair. We will gather the students in the classroom around a green blanket and over the year together, we will watch our Baby grow and develop.

The students predict and cheer when their ROE baby reaches the "developmental milestones" of the first year: "She can roll over!" "She got a new tooth!" "She can crawl!"

I will also coach the students in observing the baby and reading cues the baby gives as to how the baby is feeling: "Is the baby happy or sad?" "How can you tell?" And we use this discussion as a segway for the children to talk about their own emotions and to understand how their classmates feel: "Do you smile when you're happy?" Being able to understand how other people are feeling is called empathy. Ms. Sinclair and I will also visit the classrooms before and after each Family Visit to prepare and reinforce teachings using a specialized lesson plan for each visit.

For more than ten years across Canada and internationally, thousands of students have been learning respect and care for one another with the lessons started through their Roots of Empathy baby.

We're excited that these two classes will receive the ROE program! If you have any questions or would like more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ms. Church (Social Emotional Learning teacher)

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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 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.

SchoolMessenger



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 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



Please note the following PAC dates for October and November:

Mon Oct 23, 5:30pm: PAC meeting in the library

Thurs Oct 26, 5-7pm: Halloween Dance in the gym, by donation

Tues Oct 31: Deadline to apply for a vendor's table for the Holiday Craft Market

Fri Nov 17: Purdy's Fundraiser order deadline

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Sat, Nov 18, 10am-4pm Holiday Craft Market in the gym

Mon, Nov 20, 5:30pm: PAC Meeting in the library

*More information to come on these special events and fundraisers.

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!

Children's Grief Support Group



Central Okanagan Hospice Association is pleased to offer an eight week grief and loss support group for **children ages 6-12** who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend through death. This program offers a safe, caring environment for children to gather in discussion and expressive play and art activities.

Our next group begins on **October 25th, 2023** at
COHA August Centre, #200—1890 Cooper Rd, and runs
every Wednesday from 4:00pm-5:30pm.
(Oct 25th—Dec. 13th)

To refer a child to this group or for more information
Please call: **Ian Kunitski 250.763.5511**
Or email: **ian@hospicecoha.org**



PSE PAC PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

HALLOWEEN



Oct 26 5:00-7:00pm

**DANCING, FOOD, COSTUME COMPETITIONS, GAMES
AND MUCH MORE!**

Pearson Gym -- Entry by Donation

Parents must stay with students

Contact Pse.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca for
any questions or to sponsor!

