



May 25-June 5 , 2026

NEWSLETTER

Pearson Road Elementary



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Pearson Families,

This week, many of our Pearson Panthers got to showcase their talent at Pearson's Got Talent show! This coming week, our intermediate students will showcase their athletic skills at Apple Bowl!

We hope to see you at the upcoming PAC events and the Terrific Kids Assembly.

Kind Regards,

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Key Dates

- Mon, May 25- PAC AGM - 5:45 Library
- Tues, May 26- Chefs in the classroom field trip- Ms. Hodder
- Wed, May 27- Intermediates @ Apple Bowl
- Fri, May 29 - PAC Treat Fundraiser- 8:00 AM
Terrific Kids Assembly- 10:30
- Tues, June 2- District Apple Bowl Day
- Wed, June 3- Okanagan Library presentation for students
- Thurs, June 4- PAC Carnival- 5:00-7:30 PM



FROM THE DESK OF:

Ms. Hodder- Grade 2 /3Teacher

Every Tuesday morning, the delicious smells drifting from Mrs. Hodder's Grade 2 and Grade 3 classroom signal the start of "Chefs in the Classroom", a hands-on edible education program. Led by a team of volunteers from our community, including chef Terry Port, students learn how to cook and prepare food safely, understand where their food comes from, and learn about nutrition. They are also introduced to some interesting food. Did you know that beets can be pink? Or that some pansies are edible? Or that fennel tastes like black licorice? Students also plant and care for their very own garden located just outside our classroom door. Next week, our class will visit a working farm and orchard to see the full journey from field to table. This year, we are fortunate to have a few new class pets as well! Homestead Farms graciously donated a worm barn to our classroom so students can witness vermi-composting in real time! But truly, ask any student in room 21 what their favourite part of Chefs in the Classroom is? The eating, of course! As they enjoy what they have prepared under the guidance of Chef Terry. Bon appétit!!





FROM THE LIBRARY

News From the Library

We're getting ready for the end of the year in the library. Next week will be our final book sign-out, and **all books will be due back the week of June 1–5** so we can clean, organize, and account for everything. We'll also kick off our annual **Race to Return the Books**, where classes compete to see who can get *all* their books back first. This year's winning class will celebrate with a **pizza party**.



There is still plenty of excitement happening in the library. After the success of **Space Week**, where we explored planets, stars, and space exploration, we turned out the lights again for our second annual **Camping in the Library Week**. Primary students read *Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd by



the glow of real flashlights, while intermediates listened to "Scary Stories" around the campfire. Then, flashlights in hand, we searched the shelves for wildlife and great books before settling into our tents to "read through the night."

Since **Earth Day**, Ms. Mantilla's and Mrs. Hodder's classes have been immersed in the full process of bookmaking. We began with our inspiration text, *Step Gently Out* by Helen Frost, then headed to the garden

to photograph hidden treasures. Students selected their favourite images, edited them, chose a theme, and worked together to write a poem that ties everything together. Now we're eagerly awaiting the return of our published books. Other classes have been scanning environmental books to find kid-friendly ideas for helping the earth, and Ms. Burns' class sparked their curiosity with an insect inquiry using our primary non-fiction collection.

Many classes are deep into research projects right now, and in the library we've been exploring the special features of **non-fiction** texts. Mrs. Hodder's class is creating posters about their chosen animals, learning how to use the table of contents and index to quickly locate information, and practicing how to cite more than one source to give credit to authors and strengthen the credibility of their work.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to all the kids and families who made our first **Dress as a Book Character Day** a success. We had a fabulous turnout for our costume competition and it was so difficult to choose from all the creative and crafty costumes! I can't wait to see what you all come up with next year!



Our kindergarten classes have been using story-cube dice to spark their imaginations and create quick stories. Mrs. Street/Korzinski's and Mrs. Macafee's classes are learning about story writing and sequencing with our newest robots, the **Blue Bots** and **Bee Bots**. After reading *Can I Play Too?* by Mo Willems, students ordered sequence cards to show the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Then they learned to code their robots to walk from one event to the next on a story map. Now they are writing or drawing their own stories to code, including all the story elements: characters, setting, goal, problem, and solution. Ms. Mantilla's class will be the next to work with the Blue Bots.



Coming up on **June 3**, we will welcome a visit from the **Okanagan Regional Library**. Jenn Elder from the Rutland branch will introduce students to the **Summer Reading Program** and send home forms for those who need a public library card. Please make sure your child knows whether they already have a card or need one. Frequent reading over the summer is essential to prevent the "summer slide," and the ORL's program—with its activities, competitions, and prizes—is a wonderful way to keep kids motivated and reading all summer long.

Your librarian,

Ms. Charlton



FROM THE DISTRICT



We are looking for families to host international high school students from around the world.

The next round of placements begins in September 2026.

Homestay compensation will be \$1200/month/student starting in 2026-2027.

Apply now to join our team as a host family for international students experiencing Canada.

Link:

[Click here to learn more & apply](#)



FROM YOUR PAC

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Treat Sale

Our final Treat Sale of the year is happening next ***Friday, May 29th, at 8 AM!***

Students will be able to purchase a variety of fun treats and drinks for \$2 each, with proceeds helping support PAC programs, classroom enhancements, school activities, and other initiatives that benefit students throughout the year.

We are also looking for parent volunteers and baking contributions to help make the treat sale a success. If you enjoy baking, donating treats at drop off on Thursday or by 8 am in the morning of is a simple but incredibly helpful way to support the school. Even a small contribution makes a big difference.

Spring Carnival

Our PAC Carnival is coming up on ***Thursday, June 4th, from 5:00–7:00 PM,*** and we are looking forward to a fun evening for our school community. We are planning lots of exciting activities, including a bounce house, fish pond game, concession, and even a reptile petting zoo!

To make the event successful, we will need lots of parent volunteers to help with:

- Concession and food service
- Booths and games inside and outside
- Set up before the event
- Clean-up afterward
- General event support throughout the evening

Even an hour or two of help makes a huge difference.

PAC AGM Meeting on Monday

We also want to invite parents to our upcoming ***PAC AGM on Monday, May 25, at 5:45 PM in the school library.*** This is our annual election meeting, and we are currently seeking parents interested in joining the PAC Executive next year. Open positions include:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Co-PAC positions

We know that committing to PAC can sometimes feel intimidating or too time-consuming, but involvement does not have to mean taking on a major role. Many of the programs and events we run simply rely on parents helping where and when they can.

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Maybe you:

- Love to bake and could occasionally contribute treats for bake sales
- Have a couple of hours free on some Wednesdays to help distribute hot lunch
- Have a great hot lunch recipe idea to share
- Want to volunteer at occasional school events
- Simply want to stay informed and connected to what's happening at the school

Every bit of support matters.

This year, PAC has helped provide well over \$15,000 in field studies, classroom enhancements, activities, and other supports/benefits for students at our school. We truly want to continue offering these opportunities next year, but we need additional parent support to make that possible.

We are also exploring whether meeting times next year may shift to directly after school, as we understand the current 5:45 PM meeting time may not work well for all families. So, we'd love to hear your thoughts on this.

Hot Lunch Reminder

Our hot lunch program is open for ordering now for the remainder of the school year. We offer a range of restaurant-provided or healthy home-cooked meals, including vegetarian and halal options. If you have suggestions for meals you'd like to see us offer, or are available on Wednesdays to help cook or distribute, please let us know.

Order at MunchALunch.com for the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for continuing to support PAC events and fundraising activities – every purchase and volunteer contribution helps us continue providing valuable opportunities and enhancements for students at our school. If more parents are able to contribute even a small amount of time, it means no one person has to do too much – and together we can continue doing great things for our school community.

To get involved, please email us at pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca or pass along your contact details to your child's teacher, and we will get in touch!

We hope to see many of you at the AGM and Carnival!



FROM THE COMMUNITY

START STRONG

IGNITE A LOVE FOR VOLLEYBALL!

Volley Spark is a **FUN, ENERGETIC** volleyball intro for kids in **GRADES K-5!**

**MORE
INFO
HERE:**



VOLLEYPARK.CA

**JUNE 2026
PROGRAMS:**

GRADE K - 2 TRAINING

Mondays & Wednesdays
from 4:15-5:00PM

GRADE 3 - 5 TRAINING

Mondays & Wednesdays
from 5:00-5:45PM





IMPORTANT LINKS

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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.



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