



March 11 - April 5, 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:

Our Harmony Day celebration last Thursday was another joyful school community connection. We celebrated inclusivity, culture, and deeeee-licious food from all over the world. Please enjoy our photo collection attached. A big thank you to all of the parent volunteers and to the staff coordinators for making our day lovely. Also congratulations to the student performers who were wonderful.

A quick heads up that our school and district websites are about to be upgraded. As such, we will not have access to the our website to update, change dates or add new items for a short period of time. We will do our best to notify you of timely changes via Class Dojo, text reminders or emails. We hope you find the new websites much easier to navigate and informative.

Repeat items:

1. Planning for the **2024-2025** school year is well underway. All new students should register as soon as possible as we are nearing capacity in most grades. Please use this [REGISTRATION LINK](#). Grade 5's moving to middle school are automatically transitioned from Pearson to Rutland Middle School. You do not need to register again. If you are planning on moving from Pearson next year, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing us at pse@sd23.bc.ca
2. Please have a look at the 2025-2026 Calendar Proposal Information attached.
3. Families of 3- 5yr old children not yet in school you are invited to attend our Early Learning for Families (ELFF) Night, May 16th! We encourage you to join us in our outdoor learning centre on from 5-6pm. You can do a story walk, engage in the garden activities, meet some new friends, have a snack and receive some new learning items. [ELFF Night Registration here](#) if you plan on attending.

Our Strong Start, K's, and 1-3's had a ton of fun getting new shoes from Fed-Ex and Operation Shoe this week! We are very grateful for this generous program. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Spring Break together. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Nina Ferguson



Monday, March 11	Tues, March 12	Wed, March 13	Thursday, March 14	Friday, March 15
			2nd Term Student Learning Updates go home	School Spirit Day: Wear Green Last day before Spring Break
Monday, April 1	Tues, April 2	Wed, April 3	Thursday, April 4	Friday, April 5
Easter Monday - no school	First day back from Spring Break	Grade 3 Swimming Lessons start		

Important Dates to Remember:

School Spirit Day: Jersey Day	Friday, April 12
PAC Meeting	Monday, April 15
Cultural Assembly: Ventriloquist Kellie Haines	Thursday, April 18
Terrific Kids Assembly	Friday, April 26
Class Photo Day	Tuesday, May 14
ELFF Night 5-6pm	Thursday, May 16



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

PERSEVERANCE

This month is all about Perseverance. One way to think about perseverance is “pushing yourself through challenges and obstacles.” We all experience challenges in our lives. We all have moments when we feel like we can’t do it or that we want to give up on a big task. It is important to develop tools that help us work through those challenges in order to grow in those moments instead of giving up. How might you practice perseverance as a family this month?

You could review perseverance as a family! Here’s a fun challenge: Can you fit your whole body through an index card? While it sounds impossible, with the correct folding and cutting technique, you can make it happen! Give each family member a 4x6 index card and a pair of scissors. Ready for the answer? You can find the directions by clicking [here](#).

Consistency is hard. Have each person in the family commit to 1 thing they will do each day this week. Maybe it is flossing, drinking a certain amount of water, getting to bed at a certain time, limiting screen time, or exercising. Create a place where each person can tally their progress and see who can keep their streak going the longest!

We have all demonstrated perseverance in our lives. Many of us have seen people practice perseverance in ways that have inspired us. Stories are powerful tools for connecting as a family. You can use the following prompts to share stories about perseverance with each other.

- A time I (or someone else) showed perseverance was _____.
- An act of perseverance that changed/challenged me was _____.

Please email me if you have any questions at maegan.church@sd23.bc.ca

Sincerely, Mrs. Church



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](#). 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

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.



HARMONY DAY AT PEARSON ROAD



Harmony Day at Pearson Road





Upcoming PAC Dates:

- Monday, April 15 - PAC Monthly Meeting - 5:30pm in Library
- Thursday, April 24th - PAC Spring Family Dance

Parents interested in volunteering opportunities at the school (Carnival, Hot lunch, Chefs in the Classroom, etc.) please email Pse.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca



SAVE THE DATE

Wed, May 29th, 2024

PSE PAC PRESENTS

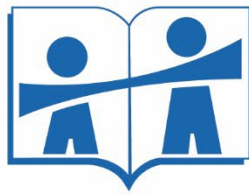
Spring DANCE

WED | APRIL 24 | 5:00 PM

ENTRY BY DONATION
PEARSON ROAD ELEMENTARY GYM
DOORS OPEN AT 4:45PM

TO VOLUNTEER OR SPONSOR
PLEASE CONTACT
PSE.PACPRESIDENT@SD23.BC.CA

Pizza & Treats for Sale



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

March 5, 2024

RE: 2025-2026 School Calendar

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 partner groups in the Central Okanagan Public Schools, including the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (C.O.T.A.), the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 (C.U.P.E.), the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA), and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC). This committee met to draft a proposed 2025/2026 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 2025/2026 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, April 5, 2024, by completing a very brief survey at the link below:

https://ca.research.net/r/2025_2026SchoolCalendarSurvey

We anticipate that the finalized 2025/2026 school calendar (once approved by the Board of Education) will be provided to parents/guardians later this spring. 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

Draft 2025-2026 School Calendar

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2025/2026
Days in session	190 (3 summer Pro Days)
Number of days of instruction	183
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 2
National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Tuesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 10
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 13
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 24
Remembrance Day	Tuesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 22 – January 2
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Thursday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 5
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 13
Family Day	Monday, February 16
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 16 – March 27
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 3
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 6
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 18
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 26

The Calendar for 2025-2026 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)
- Grades 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

Central Okanagan Family Hub - Kelowna

www.facebook.com/COFHP for up-to-date info or www.cofh.ca

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

March 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Program Key: Red= Registered program: Pre-registration required. Closed groups that run for several weeks. Green= Drop-in: Join without prior registration				1 Parent Talk, 9:30am-12:00pm Play Time, 12:00pm-2:00pm Language Cafe, 2:00pm- 4:00pm
4 Circle of Security, 9:30am-11:30am Play Time, 12:00pm-2:00pm Connect & Play, 1:00pm-3:30pm	5 Play Time, 9:30am-11:30am Story Time, 10:00am-10:30am Family Friend, 12:00pm-2:00pm Play Time, 2:00pm-4:00pm	6 Play Time, 9:30am-10:30am Japanese Story Time, 11:00am-1:00pm Play Time, 1:00pm-4:00pm	7 Song Story & Rhyme, 9:30am-10:30am Play Time, 10:30am-12:00pm Connect & Play, 1:00pm-3:30pm	8 Parent Talk, 9:30am-12:00pm Play Time, 12:00pm-2:00pm Language Cafe, 2:00pm- 4:00pm
11 Circle of Security, 9:30am-11:30am Physio with Melina, 9:30am-11:30am Play Time, 12:00pm-2:00pm Connect & Play, 1:00pm-3:30pm	12 Play Time, 9:30am-11:30am Family Friend, 12:00pm-2:00pm Play Time, 2:00pm-4:00pm	13 Food Support Program, 9:30am-12:30pm Play Time, 1:00pm-4:00pm	14 Song Story & Rhyme, 9:30am-10:30am Play Time, 10:30am-12:00pm Connect & Play, 1:00pm-3:30pm	15 Parent Talk, 9:30am-12:00pm Play Time, 12:00pm-2:00pm Language Cafe, 2:00pm- 4:00pm
18 Wellbeing Workshop, 10:00am-12:00pm Connect & Play, 1:00pm – 3:30pm	19 Play Time, 9:30am-11:30am Story Time, 10:00am-10:30am Family Friend, 12:00pm-2:00pm Play Time, 2:00pm-4:00pm	20 Play Time, 9:30am-10:30am Japanese Story Time, 11:00am-1:00pm Play Time, 1:00pm-4:00pm	21 Song Story & Rhyme, 9:30am-10:30am Play Time, 10:30am-12:00pm Connect & Play, 1:00pm-3:30pm	22 Parent Talk, 9:30am-12:00pm Play Time, 12:00pm-2:00pm Language Cafe, 2:00pm- 4:00pm
25 Play Time, 9:30am-11:30am Play Time, 12:00pm-2:00pm Connect & Play, 1:00pm-3:30pm	26 Play Time, 9:30am-11:30am Family Friend, 12:00pm-2:00pm Play Time, 2:00pm-4:00pm	27 Food Support Program, 9:30am-12:30pm Play Time, 1:00pm-4:00pm	28 Song Story & Rhyme, 9:30am-10:30am Play Time, 10:30am-12:00pm Connect & Play, 1:00pm-3:30pm	29 Closed



Programs this Month: [Call](tel:236-970-4567) or [text](tel:236-970-4567) to [236-970-4567](tel:236-970-4567) for your scheduled Family Hub time. The Hub is open from 9:00am-4:00pm every day.

Drop-in Programs

Family Play Time at the Hub, The Bridge Youth and Family Services

Parents/caregivers with children are welcome to drop-in for a family play time in the HUB playroom. For more information call the HUB at [236-970-4567](tel:236-970-4567)
Tuesdays, 9:30am-11:00am



Parent talk: The Bridge Youth and Family Services

Support and information group for parents of children 0-6 years old.

Opportunity for parents to share and gather information about issues that are impacting their lives and their parenting, create connections, and be a part of a supportive parenting community. Child care is provided. Please bring a snack for your child(ren).

Select Fridays, 9:30am - If you are new to this group and would like to join, call Laura at [250-878-6331](tel:250-878-6331)

Physio with Melina

Milena, Pediatric Physiotherapist from Physio for Kids is available once a month to address inquiries on infant motor development, tummy time, engaging activities for babies and toddlers. For children aged 0-4 years.

Once a month, Call [236-970-4567](tel:236-970-4567) to book, Appointments start at 9:30am

Connect & Play, Childhood Connections

Every Monday & Thursday join a staff from Childhood Connections CCRN to engage, create and connect.

Mondays & Thursdays, drop-in, 1:00pm-3:30pm



Song, Story & Rhyme time, Childhood Connections

This program embraces communication through songs, rhymes and stories.

Thursdays, drop-in, 9:30am-10:30am

Story time: Rutland Branch, Okanagan Regional Library



Join the Rutland Public Library for an energetic half hour of songs, rhymes, games, and stories that focus on early literacy and language development.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00am-10:30am

Language Café

For newcomers! It's a free program where you learn fundamental English skills. Specifically designed for individuals with zero English proficiency. We provide childcare support for your convenience.

Fridays, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Registration Required Programs

Food Support Program, The Bridge Youth and Family Services, Helen's Acres Community Farm, Central Okanagan Community Food Bank

Receive food support while connecting with community partners to explore local resources. Email Laura at laura.banman@thebridgeservices.ca or Tong at tongriang@cofh.ca to book an appointment.

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 9:30am-12:30pm

Outato Ohanashino Kai (Japanese Story Time for infants & toddlers)

A space where children can practice and reinforce the Japanese language and culture. This space is 100% Japanese.

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11:00am-1:00pm

KCR Family Friend Program

Playtime for moms and children is part of the Family Friend Program. Meet other moms in the program and let your children play.

Select Tuesdays, 12:00pm-2:00pm - Email familyfriend@kcr.ca, or visit www.kcr.ca/family-services/family-friend



Wellbeing Workshop - by UBCO Nursing Students

Interactive educational session by UBCO nursing students. Everyone is welcome to join; sessions are focused on individual and family social and mental wellbeing. Spring/summer clothing and prizes will be available.

Monday, March 18th, 10:00am-12:00pm





Okanagan College CDA Program

Direct Patient Care Clinic: May 9th to May 31st 2024

Appointment Info

Treatment Fee's

Screening Day Scaling:
\$15.00

*Exam, Polish, Fluoride, X-ray
Images & Fissure sealants:*

*Children Ages 5 to 15: **\$10.00**
Ages 16 and above: **\$25.00***

***Payment in
cash only please***

CDA DEPARTMENT

Dental Clinic

**#306 Health Science Centre
1000 KLO Road
Kelowna BC
V1Y 4X8**

***Pay parking
the app used is Pay by
phone.***

Appointment Criteria

Age 35 and older

Please see your regular Dentist for an exam and scaling if required. Our clinic will email you a treatment prescription form to take to your provider and have filled out & brought into your appointment here at Okanagan College. This form is to be completed within 60 days of your appointment within our clinic.

Ages 16 to 35

Will need to be screened either at your regular dentist or by one of our Dentists & Hygienists on May 9th, 10th or 13th for an exam and scaling.

A second appointment will also be scheduled to complete your remaining prescribed treatments which include: polish, fluoride, x-ray images & fissure sealants.

Ages 5 to 15

No pre-screening required. Able to book for any appointment time during our May Patient Care Clinic.

Appointment availability is limited, please reply to this e-mail or call (250) 862-5424 to schedule your appointment. Thank you!

Email: cbmitchell@okanagan.bc.ca