



September 11-22, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:

It has been a busy first week to start the school year off! Thank you to all our families for their support as we all settle into routines again. We welcomed 93 new students to our community this week, and every classroom has a full roster of students.

We are hoping for a great turnout at our Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, Sept 20th from 5-6:30 pm where we will be serving beef and veggie hot dogs, chips and juice boxes and aim to have enough for everyone to have one of each item. There is no charge for the food.

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) eagerly encourages all parents to join. You DO NOT have to volunteer or fundraise if that is not your thing! Meeting times and dates are currently being discussed. If you have any feedback for them on that please email Pse.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca The first PAC meeting is Wednesday, September 27th at 5:30 in the Library.

As student safety is ALWAYS our priority please be reminded (or informed, if you are new to us) that the school parking lot is for staff parking only. Parents may use the **KISS & DROP** lane in the **morning only**. Parents must remain in their car while the students exit the vehicle on the right-hand side and take themselves to their classrooms. If you must accompany your child to the classroom you are asked to please park off property and walk in together. THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE PARKING LOT AFTER SCHOOL. This is for student safety and we very much appreciate your support on this.

We have welcomed many new families to Pearson Road and some new staff members. Please see a complete staff list below to help you get to know us. Classroom teachers will communicate classroom-specific events through their individual platforms and we will continue to send this bi-weekly newsletter available online under [Parents>School News](#). Our [School Calendar](#) is always the most up to date place to check on school events/dates/times.

I am always available to meet with you or take your calls if you'd like to chat about anything at all.

Sincerely, Mrs. Nina Ferguson

Monday, Sept 11	Tuesday, Sept 12	Wednesday, Sept 13	Thursday, Sept 14	Friday, Sept 15
Kindie Mini Sessions only	Kindie Mini Sessions only	Kindergarten FULL DAY		
Monday, Sept 18	Tuesday, Sept 19	Wednesday, Sept 20	Thursday, Sept 21	Friday, Sept 22
StrongStart & Breakfast and Lunch Programs begin		WELCOME BACK BBQ (5:00 - 6:30pm)		



Important Dates to Remember:

Truth and Reconciliation Week: Wear Orange all week	September 25th-29th
PAC Meeting	September 27, 5:30pm in Library
No School - Truth and Reconciliation Day	Monday, Oct 2
Parent Teacher Interviews EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:30pm	October 4th & 5th
Administrative Implementation Day NO SCHOOL	October 6th



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.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SCHOOL FEES

\$35 for all school supplies
\$10 Student Cultural Fee

Fees will be added to your School Cash Online account for payment soon. Please wait for that email.

Truth and Reconciliation Week: WEAR ORANGE

To acknowledge and support Truth and Reconciliation the week of Sept 25th, we are encouraging our students to wear Orange shirts/items. Families may choose to use September 30th to continue their learning around Truth and Reconciliation. A great resource for those interested: <https://nctr.ca>

Social Emotional Learning

Welcome to another fantastic year at Pearson! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Maegan Church and I am Pearson Road's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) teacher.

Some of you may be wondering, "What is SEL and how will it benefit my child?" Social and emotional skills are important for both children and adults to build and maintain healthy relationships and to develop a strong and balanced sense of self. These skills are vital in school and the workplace. SEL can help children:

- Manage stress
- Improve relationships with family, friends, and peers
- Find healthy ways to communicate their needs
- Control their emotions
- Increase social engagement
- Promote the well-being of themselves and others
- Increase their academic success

If you'd like to learn more about SEL, you can [click here](#).

I will help your child learn these skills in many different ways, such as teaching lessons in assemblies and in their classroom, working with them in small groups, working one-to-one and supporting them during outside play time. SEL isn't just taught at school. [Click here for ideas](#) about how you can incorporate SEL into your home.

If you would like more information about what I do or if I can support your child or your family in any way, please reach out to me at maegan.church@sd23.bc.ca.



Sincerely, Mrs. Church
Social Emotional Learning Teacher



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STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS:

Verification forms will be sent home with every student at Pearson next week. PLEASE make sure you double-check all of the information listed on these forms, as this is the information that we use in emergencies. Families must list emergency contacts. We are asking that all forms be returned to your child(s) classroom teachers whether there are changes or not. Thank you for ensuring we have current information on file.



SCHOOL ABSENCES:

Please make sure you have signed up with SchoolMessenger to support our school in being informed as to when your child will be absent from school. For more information and a help tutorial please

visit: [SchoolMessenger App](#)

SchoolMessenger



ACCIDENT INSURANCE:

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019.

The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP), which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, visit:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>



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PSE PAC

Pse.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca

[PSE PAC Website Link](#)



PSE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) INVITES YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

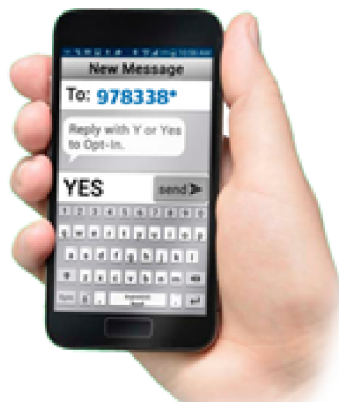
ONE SHORT MEETING PER MONTH

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!



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COMING TO
PEARSON
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