



June 17-28, 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:

Oh my heart! As our grade fives gear up for middle school and we welcome our Panther kindies, I am a mix of emotions as I savor my final days and write this last newsletter. Our students have learned together, played together, grew together and created together and what a joy it has been for us to be a part of their journey. It has been a wonderful year alongside your wonderful children.

We are looking forward to individual class yearend celebrations as well as our schoolwide events. Please be sure to check teacher communications and our school website to best support your children in being prepared for any unique and FUN days!

All grade 5 families are invited to join us for the Grade 5 Celebration Ceremony on Friday, June 21st at 1pm. We are so proud of our Pearson Panthers, and wish them the VERY BEST as they move on to middle school. You are ready! Go follow your dreams and set high standards for yourself.

We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday together and look forward to seeing our Pearson Panthers on Tuesday, September 3rd for our half-day start up (Kindies on the 4th). We are already planning for a fantastic year and can't wait to bring back some of our awesome family events.

I have loved every moment being your Principal and a piece of Pearson will remain in my heart forever. (As requested, I have re-attached my farewell letter.)

Warmest regards,
Mrs. Nina Ferguson

PS Open invitation to all Panthers to pop over to Dr. Knox Middle School to say hello. ♥



Monday, June 17	Tues, June 18	Wed, June 19	Thursday, June 20	Friday, June 21
Final PAC meeting 5:30pm Library	Grade 4&5 Splash Park	Grade 2 & 3 Splash Park		Indigenous Peoples Day Grade 5 Farewell - 1pm Family Welcome!
Monday, June 24	Tues, June 25	Wed, June 26	Thursday, June 27	Friday, June 28
Play Day Schoolwide	Grade 1's to Ellison Clubhouse Kindies to Splash Park PM	Final Assembly at 10am Grade 4/5's to bowling	Grade 2/3 to bowling	SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER!

Important Dates to Remember:

School office open 10am-3pm no school for students	Friday, June 28th
School office open 8am-3pm	Tues. 2nd -Fri 5th of July
School office re-opens 8am-3pm	Monday August 26th
First Day of school Grade 1-5	Tuesday, Sept 3, 8:30-11am
First Day of Kindergarten	Wed., Sept 4, 8:30-11am



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

Dear Pearson Road Families,

I can't believe that the year is almost over! As I start planning for next year, I'm wondering if you can help me with something? **Please click here if you're reading this** so I can see who's looking at the SEL Newsletter. This will help me know if I should continue writing it in the next school year.

In the meantime, I hope you and your children enjoy this read aloud called "Goodbye School" by Tonya Lippert about saying goodbye to school. The end of each school year is saying goodbye to classroom friends and a special teacher and of course, it's the beginning of an exciting new classroom, new friends and a new teacher.

I hope you all have a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely, Mrs. Church
Social Emotional Learning Teacher
maegan.church@sd23.bc.ca



Pearson Road Elementary Hot Lunch Program

Please note:

Wednesday's Hot Lunch is ordered (order deadline -end of each month).
Friday's in-house lunch is served.

Parents need to create an account on the MunchaLunch website. Ordering and payments are managed through MunchaLunch. **ORDERS MUST BE DONE ONLINE.** We cannot be at the school. MunchaLunch Website

CLOSED

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.



Our PAC AGM was held on May 27, and we appreciate so many parents coming to select next year's executives. Your involvement with the PAC really makes a difference to your child's school experience! Your 2024-2025 PAC representatives are:

President - Veronica Meola
Vice President - Gina-Lily Cooper
Treasurer - Gemma Robinson
Secretary - Serena Ricketts
COPAC reps - Madisyn Pearle and Ana Longman
Member at Large - Jordin Kutt

Next PAC meeting: Monday, June 17 at 5:30 in the library



Pearson Road Staff were treated to a week of WONDERFUL DELICIOUSNESS! We loved every single day and felt so appreciated. Your efforts meant the world to us and gave us a little pep in our step exactly when we needed it most. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

OUR STAFF IS PUN♥DERFUL!

**MON
03**

**DONUT KNOW WHAT
WE'D DO WITHOUT YOU**
DONUTS IN THE STAFF ROOM @ 8AM

**TUE
04**

**YOU'RE THE SAMOSA
TO OUR CHUTNEY**
SAMOSA CHAAT IN THE STAFF ROOM @
LUNCH

**WED
05**

**SODA-LIGHTED YOU
ARE AT PEARSON**
SODA, CHIPS & TREAT CART IN THE
STAFF ROOM - ALL DAY

**THU
06**

YOU FLOAT OUR BOAT
ICE CREAM FLOATS & BAKED GOODS
IN THE STAFF ROOM @ LUNCH

**FRI
07**

**THANKS FOR SHARING A
PIZZA OF YOUR HEARTS**
PIZZA & SALAD IN THE STAFF ROOM @
LUNCH



*Student Santiago with
Host Parents Sue & Roy Morgan*

"We love being part of the interaction
with the students and learning
so much about their culture."

Host Families Needed!

International students enrich
our schools and our homes.

You could be the best part
of their stay in Canada.

Apply today and become a memorable part
of an international student experience.

Host family compensation is \$1,100/month.

Email homestay@sd23.bc.ca
or call 250-470-3258 to learn more.



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

"What we love most is being part
of a student experiencing
Canada for the first time."



*Student Gabriel with
Host Parents Linda & Travis Matt*

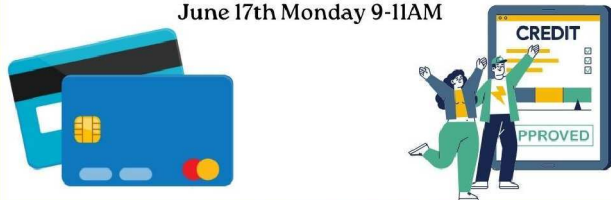


Launch Okanagan - Financial Education Credit

Learn about Canadian credit cards,
loans, credit scores and debt

Presented by Rita Harrison, the Launch facilitator

June 17th Monday 9-11AM



to register: 236 970 4567
or email: maya@cofh.ca



Cooking with Tristaca: Meal Planning - Feeding a Family

Simple Recipes & Nutritional Tips

Join us for nutritional classes with Tristaca
to learn, cook, and enjoy a meal together.

Child minding is available.

Thursday June 20, 10AM - 12PM



to register: 236 970 4567
or email: maya@cofh.ca



Launch Okanagan - Financial Education Savings, Investing and RESPs

The difference between saving and investing.
Information about Registered Education
Savings Plans (RESP) for your children's
education.

Presented by Rita Harrison, the Launch facilitator

June 24th Monday 9-11AM



to register: 236 970 4567
or email: maya@cofh.ca



Summer Health info session

Join us for family friendly interactive session by
UBCO nursing students and learn about common
health injuries within the Okanagan like heat
stroke, Ticks & poisonous plants.

To register please call : 236 970 4567 or
maya@cofh.ca

June 11th 9AM - 11AM



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Dear Beloved Pearson Road Community,

My heart is filled with a mixture of emotions as I share with you that after four incredible years of unforgettable memories, cherished relationships, and boundless growth, the time has come for me to say farewell to this wonderful school community in July.

It has been an honor beyond measure to serve as your principal, to walk alongside each of you through our challenges and successes, and to witness the remarkable transformations that continue to take place here daily. Each member of this school community has left a lasting mark on my heart.

To the students: You are the heartbeat of our school. It has been a privilege to watch you grow, learn, and evolve into the incredible individuals you are today. Your curiosity, resilience, and boundless potential inspire me, and I have no doubt that you will continue to shine brightly wherever your paths may lead. You will forever be a Pearson Panther!

To the staff: Your dedication, expertise, and unwavering love for children have been the cornerstone of our success as a school community. Together, we have worked tirelessly to create a culture of belonging, collaboration, and growth, and I am endlessly grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow alongside each of you. Your passion for education and commitment to our students' success will continue to shape the future long after my departure.

To the families: Your partnership and support have been instrumental in weaving together the strong sense of community and belonging within our school. Your trust and collaboration have not only enriched the educational experience for your children but have also strengthened the bonds that unite us as a school.

As I prepare to embark on the next chapter of my journey as the principal of École Dr Knox Middle School, I carry with me a profound sense of gratitude for all Pearson Panthers and our time together, the lessons we have learned, and the connections we have forged. While I may be leaving our beloved school community physically, please know that a piece of my heart will forever remain here with each of you.

I am confident that the spirit of resilience, excellence, and unity that defines our school community will continue to thrive in the hands of the dedicated staff, compassionate families, and extraordinary students and with the capable leadership of your new principal, Mrs. Jasmeet Virk. Mrs. Virk, has shared these words for you, "I am so excited. I am coming back full circle to Pearson. My first teaching contract was at Pearson in 2002. This is a homecoming for me!"

I urge you to embrace change with courage, continue to celebrate with pride, and remember the incredible impact you each have on this school community.

With deepest gratitude and warmest wishes,

Mrs. Nina Ferguson

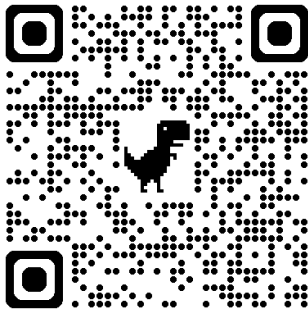


June 2024 Newsletter!

SUMMER 2024 CAMPS –we still have space available!

We are excited to offer a full summer of weekly themed STEM camps for local youth aged 5-12. Whether you are local or visiting the region, we look forward to hosting you for a day, a week, or even the whole summer!

- Location: Kelowna (UBCO) and/or Vernon (Clarence Fulton Secondary)
- STEM themes change weekly, so be sure to check out our offerings below
- Registration: By the day or choose multiple days through the registration system: <https://wwest-cwse.ca/camp-landing-page/>
- Cost: \$55/day from 9am-3pm, with extended care options available from 8-9am and/or 3-4pm (more details are available on our website)



WWEST STEM Curricular Support Program: Year in Review

Our team has just completed the WWEST/iSTAND STEM Curriculum Support program for the 2023-2024 school year. We reached 1000s of students across British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. The Okanagan Region from Enderby to Peachland received no-cost, in-person, STEM curriculum linked activities, once a week for four weeks. Communities outside this region had our team visiting over the course of one week to maximize travel and learning time. We strove to reach all interested schools and completed the year in mid-May, sending seven instructors to Kamloops, one instructor in Lillooet, and three instructors to the Ucluelet and Tofino regions.

We would like to extend our appreciation (limləmt and Kukwstsétsemc) to all schools and staff for providing us with opportunities to collaborate and learn alongside you and your community. Our Lead Educators, Science Bob and Christine the Science Queen along with our team (Stasia, Katie, Zach, Rachel, Kaleigh, Jenna, Polina, Chanel, Mayu, Skylar, Advay, Alysha, Rebecca) had a tremendous year and are already working on plans for the 2024-2025 school calendar!

Thank you for following along with our organization!

Coming Soon: WWEST STEM Curricular Support Program 2024-2025

Our team is currently planning the 2024-2025 program and will release the available registration dates this spring; with registration opportunities in late-August/early-September.

NEW: Thinking of Science Fair development or project-based activities? Support for Middle Years STEM Challenges and building community networks will be added to our calendar opportunities for 2024-2025.

REVAMPED: Teachers love learning too! In the upcoming year, WWEST/iSTAND will be expanding Professional Development and Mentorship opportunities and increasing networks across BC and the Yukon.



Please let us know if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive information on new lessons and registration launch. Email us at: wwest.ok@ubc.ca or visit our website at www.west-cwse.ca to stay current with our evolving STEM Curriculum Support Program for the upcoming school year.



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MAY STEM ACTIVITY

This month's STEM at Home activity is an Engineering Challenge: Can you design and build your own **Natural Water Filter**?

Terminology/Background Information:

- Engineering: a branch of applied science concerned with design and building structures, machines, and engines.
- Filtration: the process of removing materials from a liquid or gas by use of a medium that allows the fluid to pass through, but keeps the unwanted particles out.

Materials:

- One used plastic water bottle
- Scissors or knife to cut water bottle.
- Natural materials collected from outside to be used as filter material.
- Optional: An old sock/cloth, paper towel, coffee filter
- Elastic band

Instructions:

Step 1: Clean and remove the lid to the water/pop bottle

Step 2: Cut the water bottle/pop bottle in half. Use the top to create the filter (invert it), and the bottom will collect the filtered water.

Step 3: At the spout/opening of the bottle, create a barrier using a cloth or coffee filter, or even an old sock, to prevent things from falling through and secure it to the neck of the bottle, using an elastic band. To increase the challenge, is there something in nature you could use instead as the barrier?

Step 4: Create layers of filtration by adding the natural materials you have collected. Would moss work well? How about sand? Are leaves or humus good options as the top layer to absorb water? What can you observe in nature to help you think about and build your filter?

Step 5: With your layers of filtration complete, mix up a sample of "dirty water" using soil and bits collected from the ground added to water. Pour this mixture through the top of your filter and watch as it comes through the bottle and out the spout into the bottom half of the bottle. Was your filter a success, or is it back to the planning and collection stage?

CAUTION: Do NOT drink the filtered water! This activity is an example of how natural filters can help to remove particulates from water, however, the water may still contain contaminants that are not safe to drink!



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THE UNIVERSITY
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



Summer STEM Camps



Kelowna + Vernon



For more information and to register, visit <https://wwest-cwse.ca>

STEM MASH-UP JUNE 24-28 (KELOWNA ONLY)	Out of school early? Come participate in fun and engaging, hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) based activities!
STEM SURVIVOR JULY 2-5	Participants will enjoy learning survival skills through nature based STEM learning. To prepare youth for the upcoming outdoor season, activities will include building and using a compass, creating a shelter, filtering water, and much more!
LET'S GET MOVING JULY 8-12	Leap into exploring how things move! Participants will discover the science, technology, engineering and math behind how things move-boats, planes, and living things too!
STEM IN SPORT (HALF DAY) (KELOWNA ONLY) JULY 8-12 OR JULY 29-AUGUST 2	We are excited to partner with UBCO Heat to offer a STEM in Sport opportunity. Campers will attend the Heat Sports Camp in the morning, and WWEST STEM in the afternoon. Activities will focus on the relationship between STEM and sport! NOTE: Separate registration for both camps is required.
CAMP CSI: FORENSIC MYSTERY SOLVERS JULY 15-19	Calling all junior detectives! This camp focuses on solving mysteries using forensic science. Participants can look forward to hands-on activities such as fingerprinting, extracting DNA, chemical analysis, and much more!
MED SCHOOL 101 JULY 22-26	Join us for adventures in medical-based STEM! Learn about, and participate in activities related to the human skeleton, form and function of major organs, and keeping our bodies healthy.
OKANAGAN ECO EXPLORERS JULY 29-AUGUST 2	Learn about biodiversity, ecosystems, and food webs in the Okanagan region. This camp connects participants to STEM and nature in fun and educational ways.
PLANET PROTECTORS AUGUST 6-9	Participants will discover ways to keep our planet healthy through engaging in engineering design challenges and science experiments. Climate change, natural resources, space and beyond, are some of the activity topics this week!
GIRLS IN STEM AUG 12-16	This camp is all about encouraging young girls and those identifying as female to feel empowered to explore STEM through interactive activities.
MAD SCIENCE AUGUST 12-16	Calling all scientists! Join the WWEST team in a variety of STEM projects which will include chemistry, natural sciences, and physics experimentation!
TO INFINITY AND BEYOND AUGUST 19-23	Using a STEM lens, we will look at flight, and space beyond Earth! Design, play, and learn about the science of space observation and exploration, as well as the technology and engineering of flight and space travel!

For the most up to date information, follow us @WWEST_UBCO on:



Instagram,



Facebook and



LinkedIn

Wish to be involved? Email us at wwest.ok@ubc.ca

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EXPLORE PADDLING SUMMER PROGRAMS

DYNAMIC FUN ENGAGING
CULTIVATES RESILIENCE
INSTILLS CONFIDENCE
ALIGNS WITH BC CURRICULUM

TURTLES 6-8
DOLPHINS 8-10
ORCAS 10-13

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PERSONALIZED SUPPORTS
GROWTH MINDSET ETHOS
KIND CARING EXPERIENCED TEAM



**COMPREHENSIVE
DEVELOPMENT**



**TAILORED TO ANY
AGE AND ABILITY**



**DIVERSE SUPPORT
NEEDS WELCOME**