



What's Happening at Pearson Road

September 23- October 4, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was great to see so many Pearson families at the BBQ yesterday evening! We really value parent participation at Pearson!

Remember, Monday is photo day and Friday is Orange Shirt Day.

Your child's teacher will connect with you about the parent -teacher conferences coming up in early October.

A reminder to pay the school fee using School Cash Online.

Please feel free to reach me if you have any questions. Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Virk

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, Sept 23	Photo Day
Fri, Sept 27	Orange Shirt Day
Mon, Sept 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day- No School
Thurs, Oct 3	Early Dismissal-11:30 Parent Teacher Conference Day
Fri, Oct 4	Early Dismissal-11:30 Parent Teacher Conference Day

[Link to school calendar](#)

Parking Concerns

Please follow the "No Parking" signs in the neighbourhood.



We have many students walking in the front of the school. For their safety, please use the street parking during pickup.



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A Request

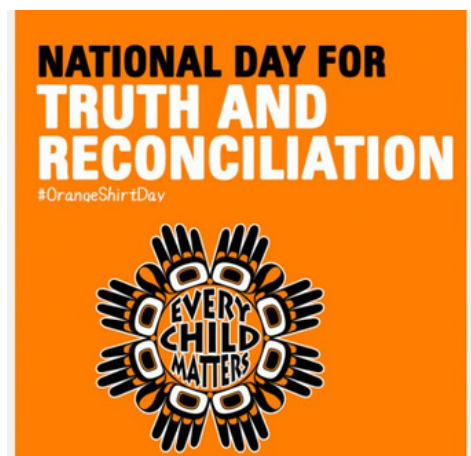
When coming to school, please report straight to the front office!

Our staff and teachers value the importance of our relationships with parents and welcome communication with you. However, please understand that we are focused on our students and can't accommodate unscheduled conversations with parents.

If you need to contact your child's teachers, please do so through Class Dojo or email so they can book a time for you.

If it is urgent, please let us know at the office and we will connect with your child's teacher.

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.



By wearing an orange shirt on September 27th at Pearson, you commit to the enduring truth that EVERY CHILD MATTERS, every day and everywhere.



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From the Desk of Ms. DeWolff!

Hello Parents,

Allow me to introduce myself – my name is Ms. DeWolff!

This year, we are going to be diving into Music and Drama with a special teacher – myself!

From now until the end of January, we will be exploring the beautiful world of music, which will include topics like music theory, singing, playing simple instruments, and dance. After that – from February to June – we will be digging into Drama! During the Drama portion of Fine Arts class, students will gain skills in physical & vocal expression, reading & writing scripts, public speaking, and design.

I am so excited to explore the arts with all the awesome students at Pearson this year!



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



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.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON

Photo Day:
Monday, September 23, 2024

Absentee / Retake Day:
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Find more information on what to expect by visiting our website
www.arizona.com

School Cash Online

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Please click here to see how to register for School Cash Online



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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION &
OVERALL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.**

**From your
PAC!**

JOIN THE PAC

**EMAIL YOUR PAC PRESIDENT WITH ANY QUESTIONS
PACPRESIDENT @SD23.BC.CA**

THANK YOU!

The PAC would like to thank the faculty and staff for welcoming us all to the family BBQ last night. What a great opportunity to connect with our Pearson community!

Thank you also to everyone who participated in the PAC's silent auction. The funds raised from this event will benefit all of our children with excellent programming throughout the year.

We were delighted that _#_ businesses donated over \$3000 worth of merchandise and services. A huge THANK YOU to the following businesses for their generous support:

Airhouse
Ashley Thorne
Avalon Rose
Auntie Nee Nee's
Dr. Sandy Crocker & Associates
Energyplex
Gina-Lily Cooper
Just Cozy
Kernels
Loadza Toys
Okanagan Lifestyle
One Board Shop
Packing House Pub
Saje
Sonic Wash
SpecSavers
The Purple Seahorse
Urban Kids
Van Houtte Coffee
WickerLand



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**From your
PAC!**

HOT LUNCH

Hot lunch will be available on Wednesdays starting October 9. Order from a delicious selection of meals now at www.munchalunch.com until September 30. The website will be open for ordering from the 15-30th of each month for the following month.

NEXT MEETING

Our next PAC general meeting will be on Monday, October 21 at 5:30 PM in the library. All parents and legal guardians of Pearson students are encouraged to attend. Meeting information is available at PAC & Parent Meetings - Pearson Road Elementary (sd23.bc.ca)

FALL FESTIVAL!!

Get ready for fun at our first ever FALL FESTIVAL on Wednesday, October 23 from 4:30-7:00PM. Enjoy music, games, food and friendship!

A sign-up form for volunteers and donation requests for this event will be sent out soon, and we ask for your help to make this a great event for our families.

SECRETARY NEEDED!

The PAC is looking for a new secretary. Being a PAC executive is a great way to be more connected to the school and contribute to the Pearson community. If you would like more information about the role, please contact Veronica Meola at PSE.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca.

HPS Bulletin



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Issue #7 | Time of the chokecherry Ƨəx'wƧəx'wɪp

**"Got Time for Health"-
COTA Summer Pro-D
Presentation Link**

**Click here for Strategies for
Building Connection**

**Click here for an Elementary
Reading list that fosters
Belonging and
Connection**

**"Diversity is a Fact.
Inclusion is an Action.
Equity is Choice.
Belonging is an Outcome."
-Arthur Chan**

**Click Here for District
Health Plan**

Social Wellbeing

Belonging and Connection

* [Click here](#) to view the full plan with goals.



Welcome back to school!

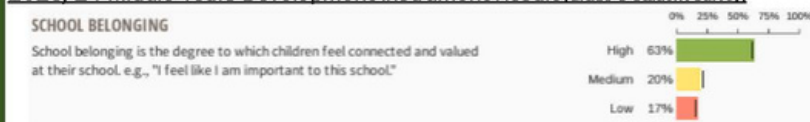
Our Health Promoting Schools (HPS) crew is looking forward to the new school year and *together* we hope to enhance the health and wellbeing of the student learners. We couldn't help but notice how the theme of *Together*ness weaves itself through the BC curriculum, our District Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive School Health Model contributing to the holistic health and development of the student learners. When we think of the word *Together*ness we think of a state or feeling of closeness and happiness among people.

What SD 23 students are saying about belonging and connectedness at school...

2023 McCreary Adolescent Report (Grade 7 to 12 Student Survey)

Youth who agreed/strongly agreed they felt....	2018	2023
School staff expected them to do well.	80%	75%
School staff treated them fairly.	69%	65%
Safe at school	71%	62%
Teachers cared about them	65%	59%
Like a part of their school	56%	51%
Other school staff cared about them	54%	49%
Happy to be at school	56%	45%

2023/24 Middle Years Development Instrument Result (Grade 5 Student Survey)



High = Agree a little or a lot Medium = Don't agree or disagree Low = disagree a little or a lot

Together let's continue to focus on creating optimal learning environments that help student learners feel valued, safe and welcome. We've all been in those classes where there is a sense of community, students have a voice, are engaged in the designed learning and *together* learners are taking responsibility for the well-being of others. Inclusive learning spaces are the result of intentional design by staff, where we provide time for students to develop personal awareness and responsibility, positive personal and cultural identity, and social awareness and responsibility. Through the Personal and Social Core Competency within the curriculum, the foundation of *Together*ness is highlighted.

Thank you for reading.
Alicia Kudryk and Andrea Locke



First and Fast Strides Learn to Skate Program

Skaters wear comfortable clothing, hockey or figure skates, hockey or ski helmet and gloves/mittens.

Classes: Monday's 5:45 - 6:30pm @ MNP Place Rink #2

For more information and to register please scan the QR codes below

September 23, 30 Oct 7



October 21, 28 November 4



November 18, 25 December 2, 9



**FIRST
& FAST
STRIDES**



Kelowna

Fall Registration Open!



**New location & time!
Willow Park Church
Fridays & Saturdays**

www.ecocooks.org/registrationkelowna