



What's Happening at Pearson Road

September 9- 20, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Seeing our Pearson Panthers return to school this week was an absolute pleasure. The students are settling well into their classes and getting to know their teachers and new classmates. We have 280 students at Pearson this year and 12 classrooms. The Kindies have started their gradual entry as well.

Please set up School Cash Online by clicking on the [link on the school website](#). We encourage all families to use School Cash online to pay the school fee.

Please feel free to reach me if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Virk



Instructional Staff:

Allison Macafee – Kindergarten
Sarah Korzinski – Kindergarten
Maddison Pizzey - Kindergarten/Gr 1
Mimi Mantilla – Grade 1
Sandra Davis – Grade 1 /2
Lynn White – Grade 2/3
Kristie McClellan – Grade 2/3
Sara Conne – Grade 2/3
Rosslyn Hodder – Grade 2/3
Samantha Steenwyk- Grade 4
Debra Henriksen – Grade 4/5
Taylor Vaton – Grade 5
Kendra Collingwood – PE Prep
Karliana Wolff – Fine Arts Prep

Student Support Staff:

Katherine Charlton – Teacher-Librarian
Jane Sinclair – Learning Assistance /ELL
Teacher Erika Geary – ELL Teacher
Karie Carter– ELL Teacher
Maegan Church- Inclusion Teacher
Katharina Bennett- Inclusion Teacher
Leah DeVos – Inclusion Teacher
Cody Malmsten - Indigenous Advocate
Lindsay Zuyderduyn- School Counselor
Andrea Miller- Speech Pathologist
Lynn Wales- Vision Teacher
Bridgit Daniels – HOH Teacher

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, [click here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, September 12 - Terry Fox Run
Thursday, September 19 - Family BBQ
Monday, September 23 - Photo Day

[Link to School Calendar](#)



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Support Staff:(CEA)

Kristina Romanchuk
Virpal Chahal
Inderjit Chand
Marly Abbot
Jessica Laplante
Sam Meakins
Gregory Petty
Amandeep Lalli
Madisyn Pearl

Strong Start Facilitator

Deb Dachwitz

SWIS Worker

Samar Aly

Noon Hour Supervisor

Candace Goyette
Karen Pizzol
Sherry Armstrong
Melanie Orleskey



Students will participate in
the Terry Fox run at school
on Thursday, Sept 12 @
10:30

PHOTO
DAY
SEPT 23RD



**WELCOME
BACK BBQ**

SEPTEMBER 19TH
BACK FIELDS
5:00 PM

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.



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BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

SEPTEMBER 2024

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DEAR PARENTS

We invite you to come meet and greet with the teachers, principal and parents!

SEPTEMBER 19TH 5:00PM-6:30PM

Music, FREE food and PAC silent Auction

📍 Pearson Road Elementary

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY





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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.artona.com

PEAR



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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**

What is PAC?

It's the Parent Advisory Council, and as the parent or guardian of a Pearson student, you are already a member! We want to send a warm welcome to all of our new and returning Panthers!

Our PAC's mission is to support the Pearson community in the following ways:

1. Promote open communication among parents, school personnel, and students
2. To help promote parental education and awareness of educational issues
3. To contribute to the effectiveness of the school by promoting the involvement of parents and other community members
4. To organize and assist in school events and activities
5. To advise the school principal and staff on parental views about school programs, policies and activities
6. To raise funds for materials, equipment, activities and provide services that enhance the school experience for students in keeping with School District 23 policy.

Your 2024-2025 PAC Representatives are:

President: Veronica Meola

Vice-President: Gina-Lily Cooper

Treasurer: Gemma Robertson

Secretary: position is vacant

Member at Large: Jordin Kutt



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PAC Meeting:

Monday, September 16, 5:30 PM in the library

All parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for a short meeting to find out what the PAC is up to. We will introduce you to the executives and discuss our upcoming events and plans for the year.

If you are curious about how you can be more involved in the school and your child's educational experience, this is a great way to start!

Meetings will be held several times throughout the year. The schedule will be on the school calendar. You're always welcome to come.

Hot Lunch:

Hot lunch will be served on Wednesdays, starting October 9. There will be a variety of delicious meals available, both from local restaurants and some that are freshly prepared in the school kitchen. Orders must be placed from September 15-30 for October's lunches.

Place your lunch orders from the 15-30th each month using www.munchalunch.com

Silent Auction:

The PAC will hold a Silent Auction fundraiser on Thursday, September 19 at the Pearson Welcome Back Barbecue. Please stop by the auction tables to meet your PAC representatives and bid on some lovely items and services. If you would like to donate goods or services to the auction, please contact the PAC at pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca

We need a Secretary!

The PAC needs you! If you are able to attend a monthly meeting and take the minutes, please consider becoming our next secretary. For more information, contact pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca



Partners for inclusive Education (PIE) is a welcoming online space committed to supporting parents/guardians to learn more about the how students with neurodiversity, disability, support needs and/or diverse abilities are supported in their neighborhood school.

PIE is a space where parents/guardians, staff and community come together as partners to champion inclusive education by learning and supporting each other as we navigate the school years together. We connect virtually five times a year offering workshops, speakers, and opportunities to connect with other parents/guardians.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources

Next Event Date:

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: September 17, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Topic: "Your Child's Team...Who is Who?" "The first few weeks of school." "How to Prepare for your Child's IEP."

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

PIE Offering Letter to Parents

To all parents and caregivers of SD23,

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year!

Some of our parents and caregivers may have heard of the group: Partners for Inclusive Education. (PIE) This group focusses on topics and questions as it relates to families and students that require additional support in our schools. This support can be for neurodivergent designations, learning support, medical or physical support, or gifted designations to name a few.

Navigating through the school system, while managing any kind of additional need, diagnosis or designation can be challenging. As a group, PIE provides a space for support, education and opportunities to ask questions. We meet once ever 2 months and use this time to present on topics that would be helpful for parents and discuss topics relevant to families as it relates to designations or diagnoses.

Our hope is to create an environment where parents feel welcome, informed and part of a community within our School District, that share unique challenges.

Please join is for out first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 at 6:30PM. The meeting will be virtual, and we would like to give all parents an opportunity to discuss future topics of interests and what support looks like to them.

Link to meeting:

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

If you would like to receive emails and updates from Partners for Inclusive education, please complete and submit the electronic form below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/5ZWgBTDZ4m>

Thank you and we hope to see you there,
Sarena Smith