



May 6-17, 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

Principal's Message:

I want to extend my utmost gratitude for all of the lovely messages that I have received regarding my leaving Pearson. I am also grateful, to each of you for your part in my time here. I have attached the letter again for those who have shared that they missed it. I take with me nothing but fond memories. ♥

Families of 3- 5yr old children (not yet in school) are invited to attend our Early Learning for Families (ELFF) Night, May 16th at 5pm! 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.

Now that you have had two weeks with our new website, do you have any feedback for us? Please let us know by emailing us at pse@sd23.bc.ca

Warm regards,
Mrs. Nina Ferguson



Monday, May 6	Tues, May 7	Wed, May 8	Thursday, May 9	Friday, May 10
Group A Head Start Begins 12:30-2:30pm	Group B Head Start Begins 12:30-2:30pm	Drummer Bobby workshops		Drummer Bobby workshops
Monday, May 13	Tues, May 14	Wed, May 15	Thursday, May 16	Friday, May 17
	Class Photo Day	Early Learning for Families Night (RSVP link above)		

Important Dates to Remember:

Victoria Day (no School)	Monday, May 20
Sumobot Robotics Competition	Wednesday, May 22
Apple Bowl (grade 4&5)	Thursday, May 23
PAC Mtg AGM	Monday, May 27th



Copies of School Newsletter: "What's Happening at Pearson Road" can be found on our school website under the Parents tab> [School News](#)



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PEARSON ROAD

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Bucket- Filler or Bucket-Dipper?

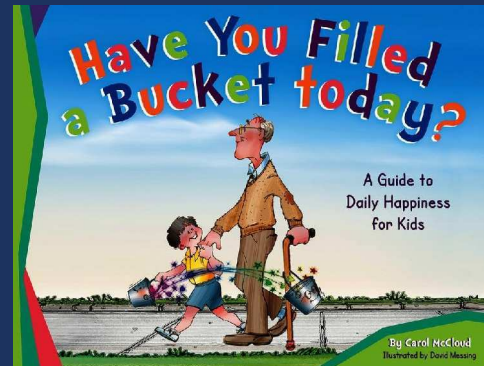
Bucket Filler or Bucket Dipper?

Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids by Carol McCloud is a clear and entertaining story that teaches that everybody carries an invisible bucket to hold all their good thoughts and good feelings about themselves. Having a full bucket makes you feel good about yourself, while having an empty bucket leaves you with uncomfortable feelings. If you want to fill your own bucket, you start by filling someone else's bucket. It also teaches that if you dip into someone's bucket and make them feel sad, you also dip into your own bucket and increase your sadness.

Kindness is like a circle in that it is a continuous cycle of giving and receiving. Sometimes, we need to be the first one to fill a bucket and break the chain of negativity.

[Click here to access a youtube read aloud](#) of the story and [click here to go to the author's webpage](#) for fun family activities to encourage bucket filling.

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 month by month (order deadline -end of each month). Friday' in-house lunch (now including vegetarian options) is ordered week by week (order deadline - Wednesday prior).

Parents need to 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.



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

JOIN THE PAC

Looking for a way to become more involved in your child's school?
Come join the PAC!!

On May 27th we will hold our annual general meeting, where we will be electing our new executives! Please consider volunteering as a member of our PAC Executive Team or come help elect your next executive team. Helping on the PAC is a great way to meet other PSE parents and to help support all our students!

Email our current president, Jassleen Viridi at
pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca for any questions!

NEXT MEETING & AGM
MAY 27th at 5:30pm
PSE Library



Upcoming PAC Dates:

- **Wednesday, May 8 - Carnival planning meeting** - 7pm at Willow Park McDonalds (If you would like to be part of planning this year's carnival, please join us! Contact pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca for more information. We are looking for donations of drinks, chips, and items for prizes, as well as volunteers for the event.)
- **Monday, May 27 - PAC AGM** - 5:30pm in the school library (We strongly encourage all parents to attend the Annual General Meeting to help select your PAC executive for next year!) If you would like to run for an executive position, please email Jassleen Viridi at pse.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca.
- **Wednesday, May 29 - PAC Carnival - 4:30-7:30pm** (Come have loads of fun with lots of games, bouncy castles, music and yummy treats. Admission and many activities will be FREE. There will be food, drinks and activity tickets for purchase, and donations are welcome.



SAVE THE DATE

Wed, May 29th, 2024

Pearson Road Elementary



700 Pearson Road, Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5H8

Telephone 250-870-5188

Email: pse@sd23.bc.ca

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

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

May 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 Drop-in Play Time, 9:30am-10:30am Japanese Story Time, 10:30am-1:00pm Drop-in Play Time, 1:00pm-3:30pm	2 Drop-in Play Time, 9:30am-11:30pm Drop-in Play Time, 12:00pm-3:30pm	3 Parent Talk, 9:30am-12:00pm Language Cafe, 12:30pm-2:30pm Drop-in Play Time, 2:30pm-3:30pm
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27 Drop-in Play Time, 9:30am-11:30am Physio with Melina, 9:00am-11:00am Drop-in Play Time, 12:00pm-3:30pm	28 Drop-in Play Time, 9:30am-11:30am Family Friend, 12:00pm-2:00pm Drop-in Play Time, 2:00pm-3:30pm	29 Drop-in Play Time, 9:30am-11:30am Drop-in Play Time, 12:00pm-3:30pm	30 Drop-in Play Time, 9:30am-11:30pm Drop-in Play Time, 12:00pm-3:30pm	31 Parents Talk, 9:30am-12:00pm Language Cafe, 12:30pm-2:30pm Drop-in Play Time, 2:30pm-3:30pm



Programs this Month: [Call](#) or [text](#) 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).

Physio with Melina



Melina, 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 9:00 am

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.



Childcare 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)

Songs, Rhymes, Games and Stories: 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, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Community Partners:

Food Support Program: The Bridge Youth & 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 Maya at maya@cofh.ca to book an appointment.

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

Registered 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

Registered Connect & Play - 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





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: May 13, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Topic: SD 23 Accessibility Plan (update). Inclusive Education update and Competency Based IEPs.

Year End Celebration

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



Kelowna Minor Football Association

We are safe contact

we teach it, we demand it and we ensure our athletes safety is our focus

Registration is now open, please visit kmfa.ca

You will need to sign into your PowerUp Sports account to register: Kelowna Minor Football Association Registration - KMFA Online Registration -- by PowerUp Sports.

U10: Those born in **2017** will play flackle this year.

Those born in **2016** can choose to play either flackle or tackle.

Those born in **2015** will play tackle this year.

U12: Birth years **2013 & 2014**.

U14: Birth years **2011 & 2012**.

We are looking forward to seeing you on our fields this season

join us on Facebook Kelowna minor football association (KMFA) white logo

or on Instagram [kmfa_football](https://www.instagram.com/kmfa_football) to get more information on safe contact