



Hilder Pearson Elementary, Poulsbo WA
Principal—Deb Foreman

P.R.I.D.E and Passion for Learning

Pearson's vision of helping students learn to have P.R.I.D.E. (good citizenship) and a passion for learning will help to prepare them for a future we cannot possibly imagine. Pearson Elementary School has a long history in this community and has served students since 1887. Our current building, built in 1952, was named after one of the first Pearson students who later became a teacher in the North Kitsap School District. The Pearson staff welcomes students and families of diverse experiences and backgrounds to join us in our PRIDE and Passion for Learning!

We believe it is important to educate the whole child. Like all schools in Washington, we have a strong focus on the core subjects of literacy and math. But we also make time to share other music, civics, visual arts, and social skills. Our staff has taken on the goal of integrating a strong science program as core content and as integrated content in other subject areas.

We expect our students to be good citizens every day. We help them learn our P.R.I.D.E. philosophy of being POSITIVE, acting RESPECTFULLY, having INTEGRITY, being DEPENDABLE, and making sure we are ENGAGED in the hard work of learning. We believe that we may not be great at everything YET, but with hard work, we can become strong learners.

Special Opportunities Include:

- lunch time groups such as CATS Choir, PRIDE Drumming Group, Tinker Club, and a variety of Book Clubs
- fieldtrips, by class or grade level, include: the Marine Science Center, releasing salmon in Liberty Bay, Keyport and PSNS for engineering projects, going to local water festivals or fish hatcheries, and Bremerton and Seattle symphonies.
- three STEM Family Nights each year
- two student musicals each spring



*...a community of
problem solvers who
innovate, collaborate,
and communicate.*





Community Involvement

Pearson Elementary has a wonderful community to support us. Our PTA provides family activities such as our Harvest Festival, Pizza & Movie night, and Family Kickball Game. They also help to support important learning opportunities for students like field trips, teacher grants, Field Day, and our STEM Family Nights. Our school has the support of the Poulsbo Fire Dept. who helps our kindergarten and 1st grade students with bicycle helmets and teaches them about being safe.



Support Systems

Our school believes that learning how to be a responsible and respectful community member is as important as our academic learning. We teach our students how to make positive choices and provide support to help them when they struggle. We have a therapy dog available to our students in times when they may benefit from her calming presence. We also have programs to support their academic learning such as our Learning Assistance Program for literacy skills, a special education program for deeper study in all skill areas, and a counseling program which has our counselor going into classrooms to teach social skills.



Military Connections

The volunteers at the Keyport and PSNS Naval Bases meet with our 4th and 5th grade students to offer some exciting science and engineering experiences with rockets and underwater vehicles. The Navy Band NW also visits us to share exciting music and teach students about band instruments. Our school counselor meets with small groups of students whose parents are deployed to help them adjust to the rigors and stresses of having a parent away from home.



Special Opportunities

The opportunities at Pearson are wonderful activities in which students can really spread their wings and expand their brains. We have two musical plays each year that are produced by a team of teachers. We also have S.T.E.M. Family Nights that invite families in to learn science, technology, engineering, and math processes and concepts.

Hilder Pearson Elementary quick facts

Year Established: 1887
 School Mascot: Lion
 School Colors: Royal Blue and Yellow

Classroom Teachers: 18
 Average Years Teaching: 16 years
 Enrollment: 317 students
 Free/Reduced Lunch: 32%

Washington State Achievement Awards

- 2014—Reading Growth
- 2013—Overall Excellence, Recognized as top 5% of Schools based on state achievement index
- 2012—Special Recognition—Closing the Achievement Gap and High Progress awards
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