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Pearson Road Aboriginal Children's Gallery a Highlight of Arts and Culture Week

Kelowna, BC: On Wednesday April 23 from 12:15pm to 1:30pm, the Aboriginal students at Pearson Road Elementary will proudly display their artwork in the school's 'gallery'. The Aboriginal Children's Art Gallery exhibit celebrates the unique perspectives and talents of Aboriginal students at the school. This event is a feature of Arts and Culture Week.

"Our Aboriginal Children's Art Gallery is quite impressive! We've established a gallery setting complete with mood lighting," says Pearson Road Elementary School Principal Susan MacNeil. In addition to paintings and drawings, student-made masks will also be on display. "The artists will be seated by their creations ready and eager to answer questions about their work!"

"We are also thrilled to have one of our First Nations parents providing some traditional, mood-enhancing music. There will be drumming and perhaps some dancing as the kids get into the spirit."

MacNeil notes that the artwork being featured in the art gallery will be painted on the school's retaining wall. The art project will be part of the "Regain our School" campaign to deter graffiti artists.

Pearson Road Elementary school is located at 700 Pearson Road. Kathy Neufeld, the First Nations CEA at the school, worked with the children and set up the gallery.

Although the public viewing takes place on Wednesday from 12:15pm to 1:30pm, the gallery will be open for the rest of the week.

For more information about Arts and Culture week: <http://www.bcartsweek.ca/interior.htm>

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