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Time Capsule in the Making at Pearson Road

Kelowna, BC: On Tuesday, January 22, students at Pearson Road Elementary will make a little bit of history—a cubic foot of history to be exact—as they prepare their William Bennet Bridge time capsule. This project, dubbed: "Remember the Past; Honor the Future" is an opportunity for students to create lasting memories of their school years.

Pearson Road children will fill a small wooden box with meaningful items including a Pearson Road school uniform. They will paint and decorate the box with their school name, etc.

Everyone is welcome to stop in at the multipurpose room at Pearson Road Elementary (700 Pearson Road) on Tuesday at 11:30 am to see the fun.

In April, each school in the Central Okanagan will add their time capsule to a larger, weatherproof time capsule container at a special ceremony in City Park. The container will then be secured to a bridge pontoon where it will remain for the next 27 years. In 2035, when the bridge ownership is transferred to the Province, the time capsule will be opened giving students and staff a unique opportunity to glimpse the past and see the technology, fashion, education, and culture of our present age. The youngest students, currently five-year-old Kindergarteners, will be in their early 30's when the box is reopened.

The WBB Time Capsule project is being coordinated by the Ministry of Transportation and School District No. 23. The Ministry of Transportation has generously supplied the time capsule boxes and bridge space. The weatherproof container is being built by Dean Nutter, Chair of the Welding Trades Department at Okanagan College and his students.

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