

PROSPECTUS  
2024/25



Our **Why** is to guide children  
in discovering their true calling and  
developing a deep sense of purpose,  
empowering them to leave a meaningful legacy  
that positively impacts the lives of others.

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## Welcome!

When you choose Pear Tree School, you're not choosing 'just another K-12 school'. Our team is here ensure that every child, including yours, gets the guidance and environment they need to discover their **'Why'** - and make it come alive.



# Inspiring Purpose. Empowering Legacies.

Pear Tree School's mission is to provide a complete, inclusive, and stimulating education that nurtures the intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and ethical development of every student.

We aim to equip our students with the skills, knowledge, and values needed to lead fulfilling lives and make a positive impact on the world.

Working in partnership with teachers, families, and the wider community, we strive to create a supportive and dynamic learning environment that encourages active participation, critical thinking, and personal growth.

By combining academic excellence with a whole-child approach, we continually inspire and empower our students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens.

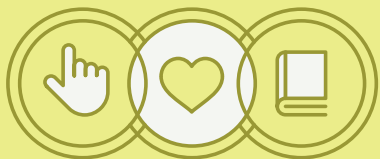
We are dedicated to ongoing growth and evolution, both as individual professionals in education and as a school as a whole, in order to continuously provide an education that meets the changing needs of our students and prepares them for success in all aspects of life.

## Some of our school's values:

- > Be willing to try your best and embrace failures
- > Respect yourself, others, physical spaces and communities around us
- > Actively listen with an open heart and share your ideas/opinions in a respectful way
- > Approach situations with care and concern
- > Connect the skills learned in school to real life
- > Use a growth mindset to set goals for yourself
- > Provide helpful feedback and encouragement for others



16 Maximum class sizes



Whole-child approach



Theme & Project-Based Learning



Masters-qualified teachers



Digital portfolio



1 hour of P.E. per day

# The Pear Tree Method

At Pear Tree School, we teach children to connect and apply education to real life. We strive to provide all of the skills that students need to develop into strong learners, able thinkers, and positive agents of change in their community and the world.

Pear Tree School provides progressive, advanced and innovative education through theme and project-based learning, a whole-child approach, and meaningful integration of technology.

At Pear Tree School, students will be inspired to excel beyond the normal parameters of traditional school systems through a truly progressive and enriched approach to education – one that cultivates their curiosity, confidence,

independent thinking, and ability to authentically apply what they learn in life.

Our reputable skills-based curriculum helps children thrive by integrating real-life skill sets and applied knowledge into their daily lives.

We not only inspire academic excellence, but nurture a child's individuality, confidence and holistic, long-term well-being. Find out more!

## Our Method Offers:

- > Theme & Project-based learning approach
- > Real-life application
- > Whole-child approach
- > Maximum class sizes of 16 students
- > Masters-qualified classroom teachers
- > ePortfolio & goalsetting
- > The B.C. curriculum, and beyond
- > Leadership & life skills
- > Healthy hot lunch program
- > Daily physical education
- > Comprehensive outcomes





Goal setting for every child



Building lifelong confidence

Starting in Kindergarten



Strong foundations in early literacy, numeracy, art and science



# Grade K-1 Early Years Program

## Inspiring Lifelong Journeys in Learning.

In the pivotal early years of education, Pear Tree School lays the cornerstone for a lifetime of discovery, growth, and achievement.

Our mission transcends traditional learning; we aim to ignite a deep-seated passion for exploration and understanding in every child, preparing them not just for the next grade but for life's vast adventures.

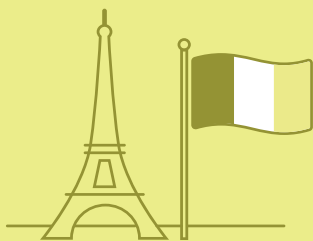
At the heart of our Early Years Program is The Pear Tree Method, our holistic approach designed by educators with Master's degrees in education.

This innovative method integrates creative, hands-on learning approach to the BC Curriculum with a focus on nurturing the whole child.

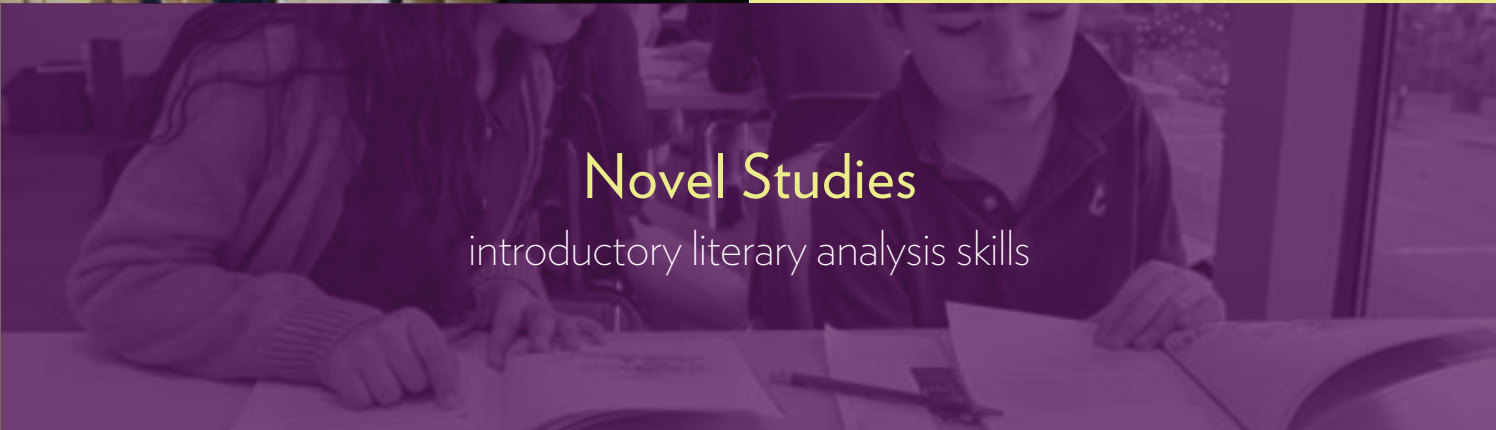
We believe every child is a universe of possibilities waiting to be explored. Our K-1 students thrive in 2 x dedicated classes (16 students per class; 32 students total). Our dedicated M.Ed-educated teachers provide personalized attention, ensuring that each student's unique interests and abilities are recognized and cultivated. In our small, intimate classroom settings, your child's confidence, curiosity, and love of learning will flourish.

## 36 Outcomes for a Brighter Tomorrow, Encompassing:

- > **Social Development:** Fostering teamwork, empathy, and community involvement.
- > **Emotional Well-being:** Cultivating resilience, self-awareness, and a positive mindset.
- > **Physical Health:** Encouraging active play, coordination, and healthy living habits.
- > **Academic Excellence:** Building foundational skills in literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking.

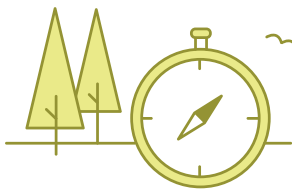


Introductory French  
language skills



## Novel Studies

introductory literary analysis skills



Experiential learning through  
outdoor education





# Grade 2-3 Primary Program

## Nurturing Curiosity, Cultivating Dreams.

At Pear Tree School, the journey through the primary years is an adventure of growth, discovery, and joy. Building upon the solid foundations laid in the early years, our Grade 2-3 Program is designed to deepen knowledge, enhance skills, and inspire a lifelong passion for learning. In this pivotal phase, we marry the joy and wonder characteristic of this age with a rigorous academic framework, all while adhering to the BC Curriculum.

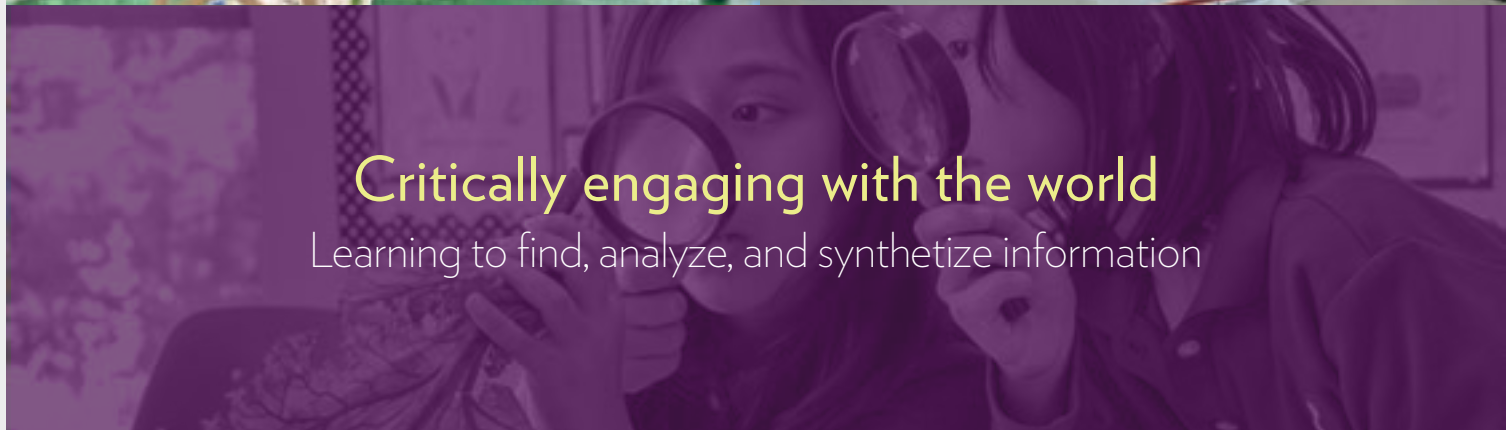
Our Grade 2-3 students thrive in 2 x dedicated classes (16 students per class; 32 students total), benefiting from the unique advantages of a combined grade setting,

small classroom sizes, and many potential friends. This environment fosters a close-knit community where students support and inspire one another, guided by our M.Ed-educated teachers who expertly facilitate this dynamic learning journey.

Rooted in our mission to empower students to reach their full potential, the Grade 2-3 Program focuses on achieving meaningful outcomes that prepare students for success both in and out of the classroom, including critical thinking, collaboration and leadership, global awareness and responsibility, and lifelong wellness.

## In our Primary Years Program, the Pear Tree Method integrates:

- > **Academic Rigor with the BC Curriculum:** Ensuring a comprehensive educational experience that meets and exceeds provincial standards.
- > **Personalized Learning:** Tailoring instruction to meet the unique needs and aspirations of each child, fostering an environment where every student feels valued and understood.
- > **Holistic Development:** Balancing intellectual growth with social, emotional, and physical well-being, preparing students for the complexities of the world with empathy, resilience, and ethical responsibility.



# Grade 4-5 Intermediate Program

## Empowering Explorers of Knowledge.

As your child joins our intermediate years, Pear Tree School offers a transformative educational experience that aligns with our core mission: to inspire, nurture, and empower every student for the challenges and opportunities ahead. Our Grade 4-5 program is meticulously designed to build upon each child's unique skills and strengths, offering a rich, future-focused education that paves the way for lifelong success.

As students navigate the intermediate years, our focus is on preparing them not just for the next grade but for life. We instill in them the confidence, curiosity,

and resilience needed to approach future challenges with excitement and preparedness. Our holistic approach ensures that students are not only academically equipped but also emotionally and socially ready to thrive in all future endeavors.

In response to the demand for Pear Tree School, we are excited to announce the upcoming expansion of our Grade 4-5 offering to include 2 x dynamic classes. This growth reflects our commitment to providing more students with the opportunity to benefit from our unique educational approach.

## Our Intermediate Years Program integrates:

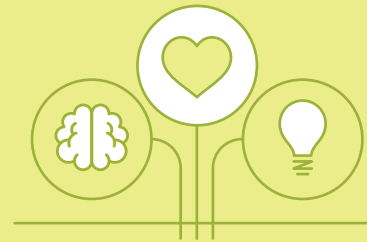
- > **Academic Rigor with Real-World Relevance:** Following the BC Curriculum, we ensure students achieve and surpass provincial academic standards while connecting learning to the world around them.
- > **Personalized Learning:** Recognizing the individuality of each student, we tailor our educational approach to support their unique journey towards academic and personal excellence.
- > **Experiential Learning:** Through hands-on projects, field trips, and real-world challenges, students engage in meaningful learning experiences that foster critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills.





# Public Speaking & Presentation Expertise

Developed continuously since kindergarten



Think & act like leaders

# Grade 6-7 Lower Middle Program

## Shaping Future Leaders and Innovators.

As our students embark on the crucial Lower Middle School years, Pear Tree School is dedicated to offering an educational journey that is not only transformative but also deeply aligned with our foundational mission: to inspire, nurture, and empower each student for the myriad of challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Our Grades 6-7 program is thoughtfully crafted to further develop each child's unique talents and abilities, providing a comprehensive, forward-thinking education that sets the stage for lifelong achievement and fulfillment.

### **Equipping Students for Tomorrow**

As students progress through the Lower Middle School years, our aim extends beyond academic preparation for the next educational milestone; we are dedicated to molding students who are confident, inquisitive, and resilient—ready to embrace the future with enthusiasm and preparedness. Our holistic model ensures students are well-rounded, not only excelling academically but also developing the emotional and social intelligence necessary to succeed in all walks of life.

## Our Lower Middle Program combines:

- > **Academic Excellence with Real-World Application:**  
Expanding upon the BC Curriculum, we ensure that our students not only meet but exceed provincial academic standards, all while making meaningful connections between their learning and the global community.
- > **Tailored Educational Journeys:**  
Acknowledging the diverse strengths and aspirations of our students, we customize our teaching strategies to foster individual academic and personal growth.
- > **Real-World Learning Experiences:** Through project-based learning, field excursions, and real-life challenges, students partake in enriching activities that enhance their critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving capabilities.





Seamless integration  
of technology



**Higher Level Thinking & Applied Skills**  
through complex, theme-based problem-solving activities



# Grade 8-9 Upper Middle Program

Discover a World Where Education Meets Purpose.

At Pear Tree School, we're not just another school; we're a beacon for redefining what education can be.

Nestled in the heart of the Kits community, our Grade 8-9 program is designed to ignite passion, inspire action, and instill a profound sense of purpose in every student.

Imagine an education that transcends textbooks and fosters real-world connections every day. At Pear Tree School, we transform learning with our pioneering Pear Tree Method – a harmonious blend of theme-based

learning and a holistic approach to student development. Here, education is about discovering your “Why” and preparing for the “What’s Next.”

Our mission is to craft a learning journey that nurtures intellectual growth, emotional resilience, and ethical leadership. The Pear Tree Method isn't just our approach; it's our promise to ensure every student not only excels academically but thrives in life. Through project-based learning and real-world application, we equip you with the essential skills to navigate and shape the future.

Beyond academic excellence, our students master life skills that set them apart: from critical thinking to creative problem-solving, from emotional intelligence to ethical leadership. Our program promises 36 transformative outcomes, preparing you to lead and succeed in a rapidly changing world.

Integrity, Innovation, Compassion, and Excellence: these are the cornerstones of Pear Tree School. These values illuminate our path, guiding every lesson, project, and community engagement, shaping students into conscientious, global citizens. **Join us!**



Theme & Project-Based Learning

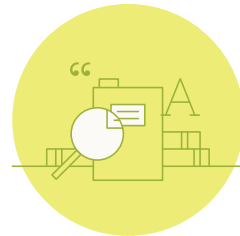
## BC Certificate of Graduation Dogwood Diploma

Student cohorts  
Stronger academics & motivation

Entrepreneurial themes & projects  
Solving complex, real-life problems



In-house university advisor  
Application guidance & assistance



Advanced numeracy & literacy skills  
with real-life application

Immersive, extended trips  
While fulfilling graduation credits

# Grade 10-12 High School Program

Pear Tree's High School Program will redefine what the high school experience should be like. By 2028, Pear Tree School will be a full K-12 school offering a BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and up to **120** graduation credits.

At Pear Tree School, we believe high school is more than just getting good grades and graduating. Our unique approach, the Pear Tree Method, goes beyond the usual classroom lectures. It's about getting your child ready for the real world. We focus on solving actual problems that matter – just like the ones they'll face after they leave school.

Our classes will be co-taught by a team of 3 x 'polymath' teachers, each specialising in one of three areas: science/math, social studies/humanities, and entrepreneurship.

Our themes are all about the real world, helping students become great problem solvers and creative thinkers. They'll complete their high school courses and credits through our amazing interdisciplinary themes. These themes will be developed by a team of experts: Pear Tree's directors, high school teachers, and education consultants - and approved by the Ministry of Education.

The accompanying 120 graduation credits that these themes fulfil will reflect the nature of a Pear Tree School education, one

that is interdisciplinary, is intended to solve complex real-life problems, and has an entrepreneurial angle - as will our exciting extended overnight education trips! These aren't just fun excursions; they're a key part of our students' education, helping them earn their graduation credits, become global citizens, and learn about the world in a whole new way.

Also, Pear Tree School is continuously building connections with local and international universities that have similar approaches.









# Healthy Hot Lunch Program

Pear Tree School is passionate about healthy living. What your child eats and drinks has a direct impact on their academic, socio-emotional, and physical performance.

That's why Pear Tree School has its own Healthy Hot Lunch Program that is compulsory for all K-12 students.

Our Healthy Hot Lunch Program has been designed in collaboration with a holistic nutritionist, and Pear Tree's in-house chef to ensure that all food is nutritionally well-balanced, local, and seasonal. Accompanying our Healthy Hot Lunch Program is our Food Education Program.

Throughout your child's education at Pear Tree School, cooking will play an extensive role! Not only will your child learn how to cook, they will also learn many science concepts through cooking science.

We cater to a range of dietary needs, including gluten free and vegetarian/vegan.

Furthermore, research demonstrates that developing good eating habits in childhood sets good eating habits for life.

## Our goals are to:

- > Maximise nutrition and health
- > Optimise academic performance
- > Develop good eating habits - for life
- > Promote cultural diversity & appreciation
- > Expand a child's range of tastes
- > Support social skills development
- > Strengthen our welcoming inclusive community
- > Build confidence & curiosity
- > Develop a risk taking
- > Foster a growth mindset



# Physical Education Program

At Pear Tree School, your child will receive 1 hour of physical education every day. That's 5 hours per week!

Our Physical Education Program is directly tied to our whole-child education approach. In fact, through our daily Physical Education Program we develop your child's academic, social-emotional and physical abilities.

Pear Tree School is an urban school in the heart of beautiful Kitsilano! Pear Tree School students benefit from top-notch, professional sports facilities that we have access to in our community – above and beyond those of many larger schools!

We offer a diverse range of sports and

activities, some led by our dedicated P.E. teacher and others by external specialists. Our extensive sports and recreational activities include:

- > Athletics
- > Basketball
- > Climbing
- > Cross country
- > Dance
- > Gymnastics
- > Ice skating
- > Martial arts
- > Parkour
- > Soccer
- > Sea Kayaking
- > Swimming
- > Tennis
- > Touch Rugby
- > Volleyball
- > Yoga

## Our goals are to:

- > Improve all-round physical health
- > Develop well-rounded physical skills
- > Maintain mental health & wellbeing
- > Foster a love of physical activity
- > Create body positivity
- > Improve academic performance
- > Develop socio-emotional skills
- > Foster teamwork & leadership skills
- > Promote lifelong health
- > Build confidence
- > Foster a growth mindset & grit

# Parent & Student Testimonials

Student - Kelly ★★★★★

Pear Tree felt like another family to me. I realized that I have developed many new friendships and have learned what I am capable of. Developing my confidence was one thing, but I have also learnt many life lessons. Every Friday assembly taught principles that helped every student.

Student - Elliot ★★★★★

I really felt like everyone in Pear Tree was just a family. We were all very close to each other and everyone around me was very, very nice. It really showed me how much communication and friendships matter.

Student - Alex ★★★★★

Pear Tree helped me gain confidence in being more social, because with a smaller class and school in all. I also developed confidence in my skills and knowledge, because I felt free to ask, answer and share my opinions without feeling like I would be made fun of and be worried if I was wrong.

Parent - Zahra ★★★★★

The group of staff are wonderful, very smart and kind, and focused on each individual students' needs. They have built an inclusive environment and their project-based learning approach is practical and impactful. Our daughter has grown so much, both socially and academically, since being there.

Parent - Irina ★★★★★

If you are looking for a school that fosters children's love for learning and helps them grow as confident, responsible and kind people then look no further!

Parent - Penny ★★★★★

Pear Tree doesn't just focus on academic results, but shaping our kid to grow in all aspects of life, to become a better part of the community. The teachers, the staff, and the kids work collectively and really make up a warm and welcoming environment.

Parent - Elizabeth ★★★★★

Pear Tree's approach allows students to perform at their full potential in a very caring and warm environment.

# Application Process & Tuition

Pear Tree School is pleased to accept applications **for all grades (K-8)**. Find out more about our school by visiting our website, which provides comprehensive information.

Also, we strongly encourage parents to attend a private tour and/or Open Houses at our location, by appointment only. Dates/times are shown on our website at [www.peartree.school](http://www.peartree.school).

## 2024/25 Local Tuition

For 2024/25, Pear Tree School has annual fees of \$21,120. Annual fees are paid in 3 x installments. Month-to-month payment options available upon request.

## Application Process

1. Apply online (at any time). You will be sent an invoice for the non-refundable application fee of \$300 + GST, which can be paid online.
2. Email accompany documentation, e.g. report cards, copies of passports.
3. Student assessment (may involve one-day trial).
4. Family interview.

Pear Tree's directors will notify each family about their decision shortly after the application process is completed. As enrollment is ongoing, students are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Our ideal student?

Pear Tree School chooses students based on our school's compatibility with the whole family, rather than on the individual child.

Education is a team effort between a school, parents and the child. Pear Tree School is simply looking for Vancouver families that support our 'Why', progressive education method, and values.





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