

# École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

250-870-5135

School Website

<https://cas.sd23.bc.ca/>



## WEEKLY HOWL For May 8, 2026

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| <p><b>Monday May 11th</b></p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:10 am – 10:50 am – Field Study – Park to walk to Fascieux Creek</li> <li>• 3:20 pm – Fun Run # 2 at Mission Creek Regional Park</li> <li>• 6:30 pm – PAC Meeting in the Library</li> </ul>                                   |
| <p><b>Tuesday May 12th</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Wednesday May 13th</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:00 am – Body Positive Bollywood Cultural Performance</li> <li>• 11:23 am – 11:54 am – Mme. Pitts Fundraiser for BCSPCA – Small items and Bake Sale ROOM 105</li> <li>• 1:45 pm – Roots of Empathy Visits Casorso</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Thursday May 14th</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 am – 11:30 am – Gr 4 – 6 French Immersion Cultural Event at Evangel Church</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Friday May 15th</b></p>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Coyote “ Swag” Friday</b></li> <li>• <b>DON'T FORGET MOTHERS DAY EVERYONE !</b></li> </ul>  |



### Office Hours

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

### Safe Drop off / Pick up Times

Supervision Begins at 8:10 am

Supervision Ends at 2:45 pm

### Bell Schedule

8:25 am – Warning Bell

**8:30 am - SCHOOL BEGINS**

10:54 am – Lunch Recess

11:18 am – End of Playtime

11:23 am – Lunch ( eating time )

11:54 am – Lunch Over

1:27 am – 1:42 am – Little Recess

2:30 pm – End of Day



**NO PARKING**

### LATE, LATE, LATE!

**Too many children are arriving late in the mornings. Please try your best to be on time, as students should be **seated and ready to learn by 8:30 a.m. sharp.****

**Thank you for your cooperation and support!**

Casorso Parking Lot is reserved for staff, daycare providers, and families with a valid disability parking pass.

**We've noticed that morning drop-off traffic is making it difficult for staff to find parking. We kindly ask that all other families please park on the street in designated areas or use the Church of God parking lot and enjoy a short walk over.**

Please remember: no idling.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

# STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

We will be holding student placement meetings during the month of May to arrange classes for September. Present teachers, the Learning Assistance Teacher (who co-ordinates our student support services), the School Counsellor, and the Principal will attend. The development of class lists is given a great deal of time, careful thought and understanding with the knowledge teachers have of each student and what will be in the child's best interest. Because teachers see how students function in a classroom every day, they are confident that they can make the best class placement possible for your child.

Parents will also be beginning to think about what is best for their children in terms of their class placement for 2026/2027 at Casorso. While there are many things that must be considered when we make up classes, and we are somewhat limited in what we can do to accommodate 'wish lists', we encourage parents to be involved and provide information that will help us make good decisions. We always want to do what is best for children and families and therefore value any requests for placement that involve grade/class configuration, and those that involve a preferred placement regarding another child or friends. However, we cannot consider requests for specific teachers, and requests must have an educationally sound explanation behind them.

**We will gladly be accepting requests in writing or by email up until 3:00 pm, May 8th**

It should be noted that combined or 'split' classes are not necessarily homogeneously grouped (see more information regarding combined grade classes under the 'Communication' ⇨ 'Parents' tabs of our website). For example, the more academically advanced grade 4 students are not automatically placed in a Grade 4/5 class with 'weaker' grade 5 students. There are many factors that are taken into account in the process:

- *Relative independence*
- *Learning and teaching styles*
- *Social groupings*
- *Class size*
- *School Based Team recommendations*
- *Special needs*
- *Previous placement history*
- *Instructional groupings*
- *Gender balance*
- *Academic achievement*

We will re-assess the class and school organization after the August registration period as we become aware of any enrolment changes that have taken place over the summer. As is the case every year in all schools, teaching assignments and class organizations are subject to change in the fall. Class lists will be posted at the front of the school on the Friday before the first day of school in September.

**Please Note: Parents hold on to your child's report card! You will need it to obtain your child's P.E.N. number. Class lists posted will show the student P.E.N. numbers only. Due to the Freedom of Information Act, we are no longer allowed to post student names.**

Sincerely, Jared Birkeland  
Principal, École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School  
Ph: 250-870-5135  
e-mail: [Jared.Birkeland@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:Jared.Birkeland@sd23.bc.ca)



## NEEDED AT Casorso Elementary

THIS SUMMER The BC Summer Games are coming to Kelowna this July 22 - 26. **Casorso Elementary** is an accommodation site for young athletes and we need reliable volunteers to help us create a memorable experience. If you are interested in helping out please [CLICK HERE FOR VOLUNTEER REGISTER](#)

To Register for this, please click on this link : [REGISTER HERE](#)



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**Kindergarten**  
**"Getting to Know You"**



**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

*Parking is available on Casorso Rd, or in the Mission Springs Church of God parking lot. Please arrive a few minutes early as the session begins promptly at 9:30 am.*

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9:30 – 10:30 am, we have scheduled a **Getting to Know You** orientation session for all new kindergarten students and their parents. At this **Getting to Know You** session, your child will tour a Kindergarten classroom and participate in a fun activity. Parents will meet with our Principal, Mr. Birkeland, and Vice Principal, Ms. Morin, and a number of key staff members for an information session.

We hope you will be able to make arrangements to attend school with your child on this very special day. As this is a special day for your new Kindergarten student, we request that you do not bring younger siblings if at all possible.

In June, you will receive a letter explaining the first week of school procedures. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

We would appreciate a call from you if your situation has changed and you wish to withdraw your Kindergarten application for 2026/2027.

Sincerely,

Jared Birkeland  
Principal, École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School



# Coyote Highlights



**Thanks Ms Mireau and all your  
volunteers for putting on such an  
amazing show !**



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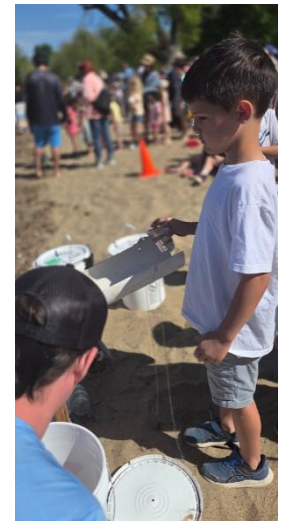


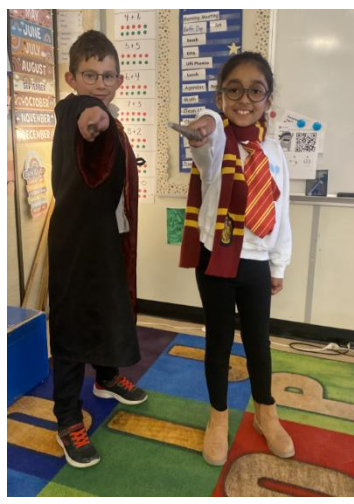


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**Mr Sookocheffs  
Class  
at Rotary Beach  
doing the  
Salmon Release  
Ceremony**





**Ms Thompsons  
Class  
Sprint Squad  
Day**



**Casorso  
Running Club**



**Website:** <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> **Email:** [cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca)

It's not too late to donate to our school PAC Fundraiser . DONATE DONATE DONATE TODAY ! Every donation, big or small, makes a real difference for our kids. Donate here: <https://bit.ly/Casorso>

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on Monday, May 11th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, in the Casorso Library. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

The PAC is made up of all parents and guardians of Casorso students. Get involved by joining our meetings, volunteering, or simply donating. Together, we can help Casorso Elementary thrive. Let's make our school the best it can be! Watch this 1-minute video to learn how you can support our children's education at Casorso by supporting the PAC: <https://vimeo.com/1072237238/386ea62f43>

## Donate Support the Students at École Casorso Elementary

Help support our students with quality education, and fun and meaningful experiences by donating to the Casorso Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

### How the Funds are Utilized:

Your generous donations allow the PAC to continue its active involvement with the school by providing essential support such as:

- Organizing spirit events like the fall festival, spring dance, and family fun night.
- Supporting field trips, facilitating the hot lunch program, and hosting teacher appreciation luncheons.
- Providing financial support for the gym, library, and music programs.
- Funding classroom improvements like tower gardens, duck egg incubators and an outdoor learning space.

### Donation Options:

A suggested **minimum donation of \$35.00** will help us reach our annual goal, however, any donation amount is welcome and appreciated. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

- \$35** Helps one student attend yearly field trips.
- \$50** Supports classroom improvements.
- \$100** Helps purchase new equipment for the gym.
- \$500** Contributes to school spirit events.
- \$1000** Covers the PAC's contribution to the library.

**Deadline:**  
Friday, April 24, 2026

**Questions:**  
Contact  
[cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca)

**Donate:**  
**Online**  
Donate at [School Cash Online](#).  
**Cheque**  
Make cheques payable to SD 23 as per instructions attached.



**Columbia Bottle Depot.** Bring your returnable items in a transparent plastic bag. Print a label using the phone number 250-870-5135 to raise money for our school.

**Nature's Fare**  
Nature's Fare (Cooper Road) gives Casorso 3% back when you make a purchase. Collect your receipts, and drop them off at the school office.

**Mabel's Labels**  
Details: Stay organized during the school year with waterproof name labels and tags.  
How-To: Visit Mabel's Labels at [mabelslabels.com](http://mabelslabels.com), click "Support a fundraiser", type "Casorso", select "Casorso Elementary School (Kelowna)", and then "Shop Now".



# COLOURS 4 CARING

May 24th 2026 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Family Colour Run Fundraiser!



REGISTER NOW



Ben Lee Park  
Kelowna  
1 - 3km Colour Run  
Kids Zone, BBQ,  
Food Labs & more!  
0 - 5 free participation  
6 - 99 \$25 fee  
BBQ Bundle \$5



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Peter Chambers, Public Manager  
Patrick Chambers, Public Manager

Colour Station Sponsors  
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# PAYTON & DILLON BUDD MEMORIAL RIDE + WALK

JUNE 7, 2026 | SUTHERLAND BAY PARK

FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT

RIDE  
OR  
WALK



WWW.BUDDRIDE.COM



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# NITEO SUMMER DAY CAMPS!

Week 1: July 6-9  
Week 2: July 13-16  
Week 3: July 20-23  
Week 4: July 27-30

Ages 6-12  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30am-12:30pm  
OR 1pm-5pm  
Cost: \$80/week (subsidies available)

Willow Park Church

www.niteo.org/summer  
info@niteo.org



Contribute

Create

Discover

## RECREATION PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Fun, friendship, and new experiences start here.

Our recreation programs give children and youth a safe, welcoming place to spend time after school, on weekends, and in the evenings.

Participants can build friendships, connect with positive role models, learn new skills, and explore a wide variety of activities from arts and crafts, out-trips, culinary skills, STEM activities, to sports games and more!

AGES 7-13

Enderby  
Falkland  
Kelowna  
Lake Country  
Lavington  
Peachland  
Vernon  
West Kelowna

REGISTER TODAY [www.bgco.ca](http://www.bgco.ca)

## Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Take your STEM learning beyond the classroom!

Join our action-packed, hands-on summer day camps to explore the wonderful worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math! Build, explore, and design through our camps' interactive sessions.

All of our summer camps are taught by passionate, subject area expert university students and meticulously designed to tap into core foundational knowledge and speak to young curious minds.

Dive into Coding, innovate in unique environments like our All Girls' Camps, and more! Each week is a dynamic mix of hands-on activities, demonstrations, tours, mentors, and design challenges.

Limited bursaries available. Please scan the QR code to learn more.

A Glimpse of Geering Up Camps

Weekly programming from June 29th to September 3rd, 2026  
9AM - 3PM (Before/After Care options available)  
UBC Okanagan, Kelowna Campus  
Grade Levels: 1-12 (Program themes vary)

Register Today!

For more info, visit: [bit.ly/kelownacamps](http://bit.ly/kelownacamps)

## Brave Hearts Club

Children's Grief and Loss Support Group

Where Healing Meets connection

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN HOSPICE ASSOCIATION

Wednesdays from 4pm-5:30pm  
April 29 - June 17

Central Okanagan Hospice Association is pleased to offer an eight week grief and loss support group for children ages 6-12 who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend through death.

- A safe space to explore grief
- Art, games, gentle discussion
- Snacks and refreshments
- No cost to attend

Registration is Required  
Starts April 29, 4pm-5:30pm  
andi@hospicecoha.org  
250.763.5511  
COHA August Center, #200-1890 Cooper Road

## May Cub Club

Pollinator Flower Power

This month we are discovering the amazing flower power of your favorite pollinators, and maybe a few you wouldn't expect! Get a close look at bees and butterflies, decorate a bee hotel and mix up a flower seed bomb to help your local pollinators thrive.

Sunday, May 31 | 1pm - 2pm

Visit [kelownamuseums.ca/events](http://kelownamuseums.ca/events) for more information and to book your spot.

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