



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – May 16th, 2025

250-870-5135

School Web Site – <https://cas.sd23.bc.ca/>



WEEK OF May 19th, 2025

MONDAY 19th

- Victoria Day - School Closed

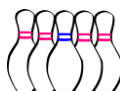
TUESDAY 20th

- 3:15 pm - Fun Run #2:
Mission Creek Regional Park



WEDNESDAY 21st

- 9:00 am - Gr 6 to Eagle Bay Camp
- 11:40 am - Loyst to Okanagan Bowling Club



THURSDAY 22nd

- 9:30 am - Kindergarten Orientation



FRIDAY 23rd

- Coyote Spirit Day: Tacky Tourist/Hawaiian Day



Or, Wear Your Coyote T-Shirt!



- Gr 6 students return from Eagle Bay Camp (1:30 pm)



SAFE DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES

Supervision Begins: 8:10 am
Supervision Ends: 2:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am 3:00 pm



Our office, *and therefore the school*, is accessible and open, between these times. During these hours, office staff are available to assist both students and families as necessary.



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION - UPDATE:

For those families who have children who are entering Kindergarten this coming September for the 2025 / 2026 school year, this is a reminder to register to attend our Kindergarten Orientation. This informative, one hour session will begin at 9:30 am on Thursday, May 22nd. Please **RSVP** at the following link to register for the Orientation: [Register](#)



STUDENT ENROLLMENT: 2025 - 2026

We are currently processing registrations for the **2025 - 2026** school year. If your child will **not** be returning to Casorso, please let their teacher or the Office know at your earliest convenience.

(Please note: if your child is currently in Grade 6, this message is not intended for you!)



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STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR THE 2025/2026 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 2025/2026 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 16th

It should be noted that combined or 'split' classes are not necessarily homogenously 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:

• <i>Relative independence</i>	• <i>Special needs</i>
• <i>Learning and teaching styles</i>	• <i>Previous placement history</i>
• <i>Social groupings</i>	• <i>Instructional groupings</i>
• <i>Class size</i>	• <i>Gender balance</i>
• <i>School Based Team recommendations</i>	• <i>Academic achievement</i>

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

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> Email: cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca

DONATE TO THE PAC

This is the last week of the Casorso PAC's new fundraiser, in replacement of the Spring Raffle, and we need your help not to reach our **annual fundraising goal of \$15,000!** We are asking for a **minimum donation of \$35 per student by May 16th**. For more information, such as how to donate, please see the attached flyer or visit the Casorso PAC website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/events--fundraisers.html>

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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>

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Family Fun Night is coming up on June 6th, 5:00 - 8:00 PM! Wristbands are now available to purchase for \$8/family at <https://casorso.hotlunches.net/admin/>. We also need volunteers to make this event happen! Here is the link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA8A72FABFAC61-56821918-casorso#/>. More details can be found in the flyer.

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Casorso PAC has a "return it" account at Columbia Bottle Depots (1936 Kent Road). Consider donating bottle deposits to the PAC! Bring your returnables in a clear or transparent plastic bag. Print a label using our PAC account phone number (250-870-5135) to raise money for our school! More info. about other ongoing fundraisers can be found on our website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/events--fundraisers.html>

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Casorso PAC Family Fun Night: Friday, June 6th - INFORMATION (4 pgs)
2. Go By Bike Week for Schools: May 31st to June 6th - POSTER
3. Casorso PAC New Fundraiser & Charitable Tax Receipts - POSTERS (2 pgs)
4. The Strong Roots Centre, Childhood Connections: Colour Run Fundraiser - POSTER
5. Kidzfest Children's Festival & Luminarium OK Lake Park, Penticton - POSTERS (2 pgs)
6. City of Kelowna: Licensed Summer Break Camps - Registration Opens May 5th, 2025
7. Central Okanagan Public Schools: School Bus Safety Stop - POSTER
8. Canada Safety Home Alone & Babysitting Courses - POSTER
9. Royal Soccer Club: Soccer Day Camps 2025 - POSTER
8. Kelowna Minor Basketball Association, Boys & Girls Gr K-10: POSTER
9. Kelowna Minor Football: NFL Flag Football - POSTER
10. Kelowna Kodiak Lacrosse – POSTER

"CAS – Putting Our Paws Together To Make A Difference!"

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

WHEN: FRIDAY JUNE 6th, 2025 5:00-8:00 PM



HELLO CASORSO FAMILIES!

Every end of year the Casorso PAC hosts a FAMILY FUN NIGHT at Casorso Elementary. It is an opportunity for students, staff and parents to play games, have dinner, socialize, and come together as a community.

Casorso Coyote Spirit!

WHAT: Outdoor bouncy castles and obstacle course, games and prizes, stuffy walk, food trucks, popcorn, treats and much more to enjoy with your family! Classroom basket prizes to be won.

FOOD: There will be Oh Natural Foods Food Truck, Ruthless Waffles and Scooters Ice Cream

ORDERING: Wristband Ordering (\$8 per family)
Open May 12th-May 23rd

Ordering Instructions:

1. Login to your fun lunch account: <https://casorso.hotlunches.net> If you don't have an account, you must register for one first, then log in.

2. Select the ORDERS tab, then select Student Orders from the drop-down list
3. Choose the Casorso Family Fun Night ordering button

- a. Order wristbands for your family under one child.
- b. COST \$8 per family.

Every family attending must pay \$8.00. Additional wristbands for additional siblings are free. If you have more than one child, please select the number of additional wristbands you will need.

5. Submit your order
6. Pay for your order

Please use PayPal as your method of payment. You do not need to have a PayPal account to do this. You can also purchase wristbands the night of the event for \$9 per family.

7. Your wristbands will be available for pick-up in front of the school (2:15p-2:45pm) June 2nd and 3rd OR at the event on June 6th.

You are also welcome to bring a picnic if you prefer.
Dining Tables will be set up for your convenience.
Note: We do not provide refunds for unused tickets.

- Unpaid orders will be CANCELLED.

Volunteering

Please consider volunteering so that the event is a success!

This evening relies on the support of our amazing volunteers. We cannot make this happen without the participation of the Casorso community. Please consider volunteering a portion of your time so that everyone can enjoy the many events planned. Stations without adequate supervision will be closed. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/7c6d4B88A72FABFAC61-56821913-casorio>

Squishmellow (and stuffie) Walk

(think cake walk, but with squishmellows!)

****Please drop off new or clean, gently used (tags still on) squishmellows or stuffies at any time in the box by the office.****

Classroom Theme Baskets

One of the highlights of Family Fun Night is the Classroom Theme Basket \$1 ticket raffle. Tickets will be sold the night of the event for \$1 each (cash sales only) and the draw will take place at 7:30pm on June 6th.

Donations

Your child has the opportunity to participate by contributing a new item, whether big or small to their own classroom basket. Please send items (must be new) to your child's classroom by May 30th. Either individual items or a group item that several families would like to contribute to are welcome additions to

the baskets. The children gain a sense of pride and excitement as they see the beautiful baskets that they have created.

Funds raised will be used to help fund school projects including the library, music program, field trips, tech/computer equipment as well as sponsoring the evening.

BASKET THEMES AND CLASSES:

GREAT OUTDOORS	PITT & BARCLAY
MOVIE NIGHT	ELLIOT & EZZARD
SUPPORT LOCAL	JAWORSKI & THOMPSON
ALL THINGS SPORTS	FRIESEN
GIFT CARD BONANZA	HARDY & LUTZ
LET'S GET CRAFTY	GREGOIRE
POOL/BEACH PARTY	SNARSKI & BROWN
BOOK WORM	LOYST & KEBER
WHAT'S COOKING LITTLE CHEF	PARK & SOOKOCHEF
GARDENERS DELIGHT	BERG & JOYCE
HEALTH & WELLNESS	VANDERVOORT & WELLER
FAMILY FUN	RICHARDSON & FEDERKO

SUGGESTED ITEMS (BUT ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF IS GREAT)!

GREAT OUTDOORS (Camping, BBQ, Hiking)

Tent, sleeping bag, BBQ, sleep mats, chairs, cooler, tarp, cook stove, lantern/flashlight/headlamp, s'more supplies, camping food, bug spray, citronella candles, tablecloth, BBQ needs, outdoor eating gear, hiking boots, hiking poles, backpack, outdoor games, picnic basket, gift card to Canadian Tire or an outdoor store

MOVIE NIGHT

Popcorn, snacks, candy, streaming Gift cards, movie theatre gift cards, cozy blanket, candle, popcorn shakers, skip the dishes, sparkling water, pops or juices

SUPPORT LOCAL

Specialty chocolate, handmade local soaps, jams, honey, candles, snacks, jewelry, scarves, beach blankets, anything local!

ALL THINGS SPORTS

Baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, hockey, tennis or badminton equipment, water bottle, outdoor games, frisbee, teams sports apparel, sports themed books, Gift card to sports stores

GIFT CARD BONANZA

Gift cards for anywhere!

LET'S GET CRAFTY

Markers, pencil crayons, sketch books, paper, paint supplies, craft kits, colouring books, jewelry kits, gift card to craft store

POOL/BEACH PARTY

Pool/beach toys, beach towels, frisbee, volleyball, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, sunglasses, mini golf, sunscreen, sprinklers, back yard games/toys, umbrella, picnic gear, water squirts, swim goggles

BOOK WORM

Books of any kind, reading light, bookmarks, journals, pens/pencils/markers, book ends, book holder, book bag, blanket/throw, reading socks, wine glasses, gourmet snacks, tea, coffee, hot chocolate gift card to local bookstore or amazon

WHAT'S COOKING LITTLE CHEF

Baking mixes, frosting, cookbooks, apron, cookie cutters, decorating & cooking supplies, oven mitts, ingredients for baking, pots and pans, measuring cups/spoons, gift cards to HelloFresh or other meal service

GARDENERS DELIGHT

Plants, seeds, gardening tools, gardening books, gardening gloves, hose, sprinkler, water can, sunscreen, bug spray, garden decorations, hand lotion, planters and pots, gift card for garden store

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, creams, facial kits, pedicure kits, massage products, nail polish, books, magazines, gift card to salon or spa, picnic basket, blankets, punch pass to a gym, yoga class, pilates class, yoga mat, gym towel, protein powder, wellness drinks, vitamins

FAMILY FUN

Board games, cards, games of any kind for all ages, movie passes, Gift cards to Scandia, H2O, climbing gyms, Myra Canyon, Energy Plex, Laser tag etc

Feel free to collaborate with other families to help fill our baskets

Questions? Please contact Candice 778-878-3161 candicedeba@gmail.com

Thank-you from your Casorso PAC Executive!

Email: Cas-pac@sd23.bc.ca website: www.casorsofamilies.weebly.com

GOBYBIKEWEEK for SCHOOLS

MAY 31 TO JUNE 6

SPRING 2025



HELP YOUR SCHOOL

WIN

Two BC schools will
WIN \$1,000
to support active
transportation!



REGISTER
TODAY!



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BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

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Donate to 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). All donations are used to improve the quality of education and welfare of our students while building a supportive community.

We are asking for monetary donations to reach our **annual fundraising goal of \$15,000.**

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.

How to Donate:

Online

Donate at [School CashOnline](#).

Cheque

Make cheques payable to SD 23 as per instructions attached.

Donation Deadline:

Friday, May 16, 2025

(Donations are happily accepted throughout the year).

Questions:

Contact cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca



May 3, 2022

Guidelines: Issuance of Charitable Tax Receipts for PAC Donations

PAC's are not registered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as a charitable organizations. As such, PACs cannot issue tax receipts themselves.

However, the SD23 Board of Education is a CRA registered charitable organization and is entitled to issue income tax deductible receipts for scholarship donations and donations for other educational purposes.

The SD23 Board of Education Policies 730 & 730R establish the definitions and rules for donations and tax receipting.

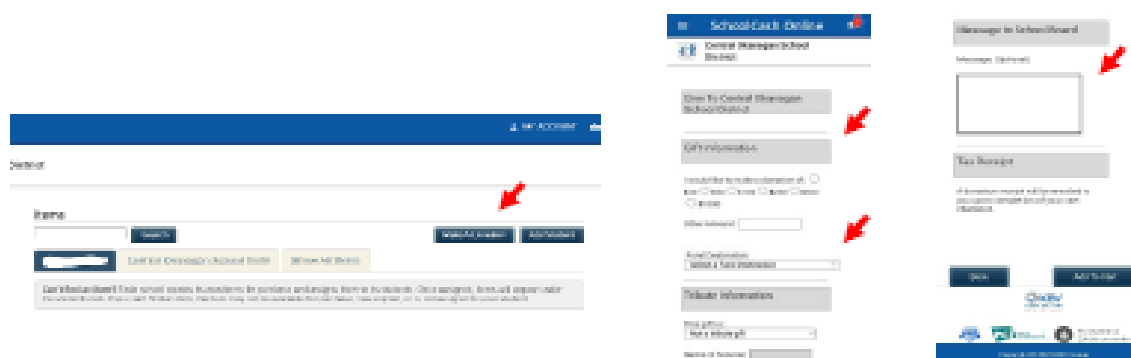
<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%207%20%20Community%20Partnerships/730R.pdf>

To determine if a donation is eligible for a tax deductible receipt, please consult SD23 policies and your school principal.

If it is determined that a donation is eligible for a tax receipt, your PAC may direct donors as follows:

Option A - For Donors With Students Enrolled in SD23

1. Direct donors to <https://centralkanagan.schoolcashonline.com/> (a user account must be created)
2. Once the donor is logged in, direct them as follows:
 - a. Select "Make a Donation", enter the amount (minimum \$20 to receive a tax receipt)
 - b. Select "Fund Destination" for the donation (e.g. the recipient school name)
 - c. In the "Message to School Board" section indicate the donation's purpose (e.g. "Donation for the KLO Modular Farm")
 - d. A tax receipt will be automatically issued at checkout.



The image shows three screenshots of the SchoolCash Online interface. The first screenshot shows the 'Make a Donation' button. The second screenshot shows the 'Fund Destination' dropdown menu. The third screenshot shows the 'Message to School Board' text area and the 'Tax Receipt' section. Red arrows point to these specific elements.

Option B - For Donors With or Without Students Enrolled in SD23

Write a cheque to School District 23 (minimum \$20 to receive a tax receipt)

1. Indicate the purpose of the donation in the notes section of the cheque. Be as specific as possible and be sure to include the school's name.
2. Attach a letter requesting a tax receipt from SD23 and include your mailing address.

Related Policy - *Policy 735 - Advertising and Sponsorships in Schools*

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%207%20%20Community%20Partnerships/735.pdf>



The Strong Roots Centre

Childhood Connections

COLOURS FOR CARING 2025: FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER

DATE: MAY 25TH, 2025

TIME: 11:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION: MISSION RECREATION PARK
4105 GORDON DRIVE, KELOWNA

**» REGISTER
NOW!**



**THANKS TO AN
ANONYMOUS SPONSOR,
EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE
WILL BE MATCHED—UP TO
\$20,000.**



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HA Penticton, BC
HA

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JUNE 5-7, 2025
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\$11 in advance -- \$12 at the gate

Tickets available at www.hahahakidzfest.com



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HA Kidzfest
HA Penticton, BC
HA

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JUNE 5-8, 2025

OK LAKE PARK, PENTICTON

\$8 in advance -- \$10 at the gate

Tickets available at www.hahahakidzfest.com



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2025 Licensed Summer Camps



City of Kelowna day camps offer an exciting week of gym games, crafts, outdoor play and an out-trip to the downtown splash park or Parkinson Rec Center for an afternoon of swimming!

**Join our fantastic staff
for action-packed
weeks for kids K-12Y!**

Weekly Camp Themes

June 30 - July 4* Oh Canada
July 7 - 11 Space Exploration
July 14 - 18 The Enchanted Forest
July 21 - 25 Gamer Week
July 28 - August 1 Art Attack
August 4 - 8* Water Splashdown
August 11 - 15 All About Sports
August 18 - 22 Best of the Best



Watson Road Elementary
475 Yates Road

**no care on Stat holidays*

July 7 - 11 Space Exploration
July 14 - 18 World Olympics
July 21 - 25 Myths and Legends
July 28 - August 1 Medieval Times
August 4 - 8* Cowboy Jamboree
August 11 - 15 Water Week
August 18 - 22 Bankhead's Got Talent
August 25 - 29 Camp Rewind



Bankhead Elementary
1280 Wilson Avenue

**no care on Stat holidays*

Registration opens Monday, May 5

Registration must be completed
through the Program Manager.
Please contact for more information.

Subsidy available!



Bankhead: bankheadkelowna@gmail.com



Watson Road: wraskelowna@gmail.com



**Save a child's life –
it's only a moment of your time.**



**You must stop for school buses showing
flashing red lights and extended stop signs.**



Traffic in both directions
must stop, as children may
cross the street in front of
the bus.



Failure to stop for a school
bus can result in a \$368
fine. Repeated violations
carry escalating penalties.



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WEST KELOWNA

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For Boys &
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APR - JUN 2025

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Dedicated GR 4/5/6 Girls only Div for West Kelowna & Kelowna Team.

Sign up today at  kelownaminorbasketball.com

Find more info on the West Kelowna Minor Basketball Facebook page.

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**SPRING NFL FLAG
IS RETURNING TO KELOWNA
ARE YOU READY**

📺 Exciting News! 📺

NFL FLAG is returning to Kelowna Minor Football
Association for Spring 2025! 🏈🌟

KMFA has been a cornerstone for the Okanagan's football
future, providing top-tier development for young
athletes.

From Little Tykes (5-7) to U10-U16, our NFL Flag
programs are designed to give every player an
unforgettable experience! 🙌

This is the opportunity your young athlete has been
waiting for! 🌟 Whether they're new to football or ready to
take their skills to the next level, KMFA is the place to be.

📅 Registration is now open!

👉 Stay tuned and sign up by visiting our Instagram,
Facebook, or head over to kmfa.ca for all the details!

Let's make this Spring unforgettable! 🌟

#KMFA #NFLFlag #OkanaganFootball #FutureChampions
#FootballFamily #KelownaSports



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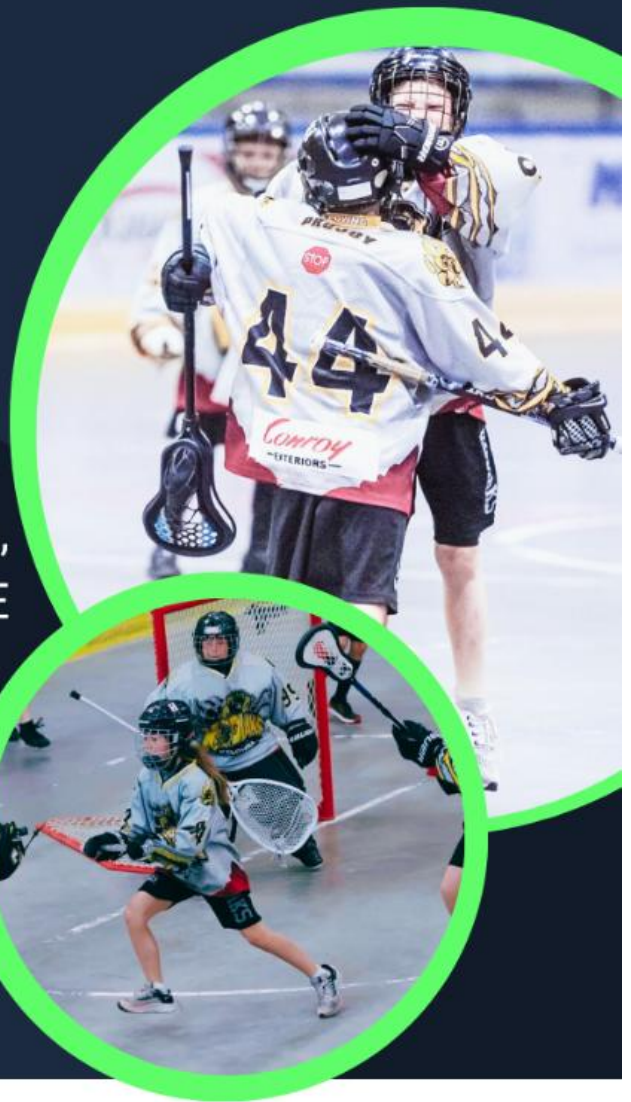
JOIN THE FUN!

Build skills, make new friends,
and most importantly, HAVE
FUN.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

SEASON RUNS APRIL UNTIL JUNE 30

*UNLESS SELECTED FOR PROVINCIALS



Register at:
kelownalacrosse.ca



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