



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – May 10th, 2024

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF May 13th, 2024

Spring Show Production Week: **OLIVER! Junior!**

MONDAY 13th

- 6:30 pm - PAC Meeting (Library)



TUESDAY 14th

- Fruit & Veggie - Mini Peppers



WEDNESDAY 15th

THURSDAY 16th

- 12:15 pm - Oliver! Junior! (Show #1, Evangel Church)
- 6:15 pm - Oliver! Junior! (Show #2, Evangel Church)

FRIDAY May 17th

- Coyote Spirit Day: Tacky Tourist/Hawaiian Day



Or, Wear Your Coyote T-Shirt!



A reminder:

Monday, May 20th is Victoria Day - School is Closed

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.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING HOT LUNCH – MAY 15th

Due to a conflict with the Spring Show Production there will be **NO HOT LUNCH on Wednesday, May 15th**. Red Robin has been moved to **Tuesday May 21st** instead, when all the students will be at the school. If you need to change your order due to this date change, please reach out to Kaileigh (kaileigh.battah@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

HELP STILL NEEDED FOR OUR UPCOMING SPRING SHOW, OLIVER! Junior!

Mme Mireau and our Intermediate Students are in full production mode for our upcoming Spring Show, "**OLIVER! Junior!**"! If you are able to help out, volunteers are still needed for *Friday, May 17th*, to help take down the staging at Evangel Church and return these to Casorso. Please contact Kirsten at kirsten.kurjata@sd23.bc.ca or check in with the office or Mme Mireau.

Thank you so much for supporting our Spring Production!

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Dear Casorso Parents and Guardians,

For information regarding student placement requests for next school year, please see the memo at the link provided: [2024, 2025 Parent Placement Requests.pdf](#)

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR THE 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

We will be holding student placement meetings during the month of May to arrange classes for September. Current teachers, the Learning Assistance Teacher, who co-ordinates our student support services at the school, and school Administration will also 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 2024/2025 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 (paper or email) up until May 20th

It should be noted that combined or 'split' classes are not necessarily homogenously grouped (see more information regarding combined classrooms under the '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:

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

We will re-assess the class and school organization after the August registration period when 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.

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 in September 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, Casorso Elementary School

STP Follow-up Survey & Pollution Pit Stop Idling Awareness Campaign

For the school's staff, parents and students.



As part of the School Travel Plan (STP), you may have noticed several infrastructure improvements around the school in the past few years. We appreciate your feedback on the progress made through a follow-up survey. Also, as part of the STP action plan, we would like to bring idling awareness to the school community.

WHAT IS IDLING? And why does it matter?

Idling refers to leaving a vehicle's engine running while stationary, such as during drop-offs and pickups. Not only does unnecessary idling waste fuel and contribute to air pollution, but it can also expose our children to harmful pollutants, impacting their health and air quality.



Did you know?

Air pollution is the most important environmental contributor to poor health and premature death.

Source: Worldbank.org

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Here's how you can get involved:

Take the Pit Stop Pledge: Join us by pledging not to idle when your vehicle is stopped for more than 60 seconds — except in traffic. By signing the pledge, you're contributing to cleaner air and giving your child's classroom a chance to win!



Invite friends and family to take the pledge from April 26 to May 12, 2024. Provide the school's name and your kids' grade. The grade with the highest number of pledges will win a pizza lunch.

Participate in the Casorso Follow-up Survey: Parents and staff, please share your thoughts on the progress. You can win a \$50 gift card. Open until May 12, 2024.



Visit the Pollution Pit Stop page for more information about the harmful impacts of vehicle idling and how you can help make a positive difference in our community.



WHY YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS

We need your support to reduce idling and improve air quality around our school. Collectively, small changes can make a big difference. By reducing idling, we can:

- Contribute to healthier air for our children and our community
- Save fuel and money
- Reduce air pollution for a cleaner environment



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Ministry of Education would like to get feedback from parents in our community. Can you please take a moment to complete this Student Learning Survey.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

The survey is still open! Please scroll down to the Parent section of the survey.

You will need to select:

Central Okanagan School District 23

Casorso Elementary School

Language of preference

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*Student Santiago with
Host Parents Sue & Roy Morgan*

"We love being part of the interaction
with the students and learning
so much about their culture."

Host Families Needed!

International students enrich
our schools and our homes.

You could be the best part
of their stay in Canada.

Apply today and become a memorable part
of an international student experience.

Host family compensation is \$1,100/month.

Email homestay@sd23.bc.ca
or call 250-470-3258 to learn more.



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"What we love most is being part
of a student experiencing
Canada for the first time."



*Student Gabriel with
Host Parents Linda & Travis Matt*

Dear Kelowna Families,

We're looking for new homestay families in the central area of Kelowna to host male students from around the world. Many families in the Central Okanagan enjoy this opportunity to experience new cultures, make global friends, and provide a nurturing environment for Gr. 9 to Gr.12 international students.

What We Offer:

- **Compensation:** \$1,100 per month
- **Support:** Ongoing guidance and support from our experienced homestay program coordinators
- **Experience:** A rewarding cultural experience that enriches your family's life
- **Flexibility:** Short-term (3 mos.) hosting to see if it's for you or long-term (full school year)

Who We're Looking For:

- Families who are keen to embrace cultural interactions.
- Families who can provide a welcoming and supportive home for male students.

How to Apply:

To learn more about the role and submit your application, please visit our website: [Host Family Application](#)



The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 32nd annual grassroots summer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a more soccer focused morning with a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoon. The program operates during all weeks in July and August for children aged 5 to 13. For more information or to register, visit royalsoccerclub.com or call 1-800-427-0536. Also, see the poster attached to this Howl.

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Website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> Email: CAS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

The next and final PAC meeting is Monday, May 13th 2024, from **6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** in the Casorso Library. Childcare is provided. Proposed changes to the Bylaws are published on Casorso Weebly [École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School PAC Website - Home \(weebly.com\)](https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/) The Bylaw changes will be voted at the May 13th, 2024 General Meeting.

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Family Fun Night is on June 7th, 2024! Anyone interested in helping out with a task can e-mail cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca.

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KLO Middle School's AGM is on May 27th @ 6:30pm in the KLO Library. All incoming parents/guardians are eligible for nominations to the executive. See flyer attached to this Howl.

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Casorso Social Emotional Learning - MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER
2. Central Okanagan Public Schools: Partners for Inclusive Education – POSTER
3. Casorso PAC Spring Raffle - Thank You LETTER to Sponsors
4. KLO Middle School PAC - Nominations for KLO PAC Executive - LETTER
5. Central Okanagan Public Schools 2024 - 2025 Registration Information - POSTER
6. Royal Soccer Club Summer Soccer Programs - POSTER
7. Kelowna Springboard Diving Club - Spring Session - POSTER
8. Central Okanagan Public Schools Bus Transportation Application - POSTER



FROM THE COYOTE DEN - MAY NEWSLETTER



Connecting Social Emotional Learning
from École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary to Home



Did you know...

May 6th-12th is Mental Health Week. The focus this year is "COMPASSION".

We can all be kind and caring, and it can really help others. Mental Health Week this year is all about how being caring can make a big difference. In a world where there's a lot of pain, we want to remind everyone that being kind is just a natural part of who we are. #compassionconnects

Social Emotional Learning

Even though Social and Emotional Learning and mental health are different, SEL can help improve mental health in several ways. It does this by encouraging good relationships, safe environments where emotions are respected, and teaching important skills. These things help protect against mental health problems. So, SEL is really important for students' mental health and well-being. It helps them feel better about themselves and others, and it can reduce feelings of stress and risky behavior. SEL should be part of a bigger plan for supporting mental health, including things like promoting good mental health, stopping problems before they start, stepping in early if there are issues, and providing treatment if needed.



In May, our theme at school is
"MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS".

Self-Care & Mental Health

Tips for Kids

- Share your own feelings to encourage self-awareness. (Icon: Rainbow)
- Set aside time for low stress or solo activities. (Icon: Phone with heart)
- Find social groups that help them feel like they belong. (Icon: Group of people)
- Recognize toxic stress events. (Icon: Book with heart)
- Encourage journaling and writing. (Icon: Cloud with lightning)
- Focus on articulating feelings. "I am angry." "I am sad." (Icon: Speech bubble)
- Practice self-care for yourself to set the standard. (Icon: Heart)
- Teach them healthy coping skills. (Icon: Sun)
- Help them create a self-care routine. (Icon: Calendar)
- Cultivate a variety of hobbies and interests. (Icon: Sun)

Check it out!

The Family Connection Centre is offering a number of Caregiver Workshops this Spring.

May 11 - Understanding the "Why" Behind Concerning Behaviours

May 25 - Using Positive Replacement Behaviours to Decrease Concerning Behaviours

To sign up for one of these workshops, click on the link below:

<http://www.eventbrite.ca/o/kelowna-fcc-behaviour-services-71800901523>



Partners for inclusive Education (PIE) is a welcoming online space committed to supporting parents/guardians to learn more about the how students with neurodiversity, disability, support needs and/or diverse abilities are supported in their neighborhood school.

PIE is a space where parents/guardians, staff and community come together as partners to champion inclusive education by learning and supporting each other as we navigate the school years together. We connect virtually five times a year offering workshops, speakers, and opportunities to connect with other parents/guardians.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources

Next Event Date:

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: May 13, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Topic: SD 23 Accessibility Plan (update). Inclusive Education update and Competency Based IEPs.

Year End Celebration

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

Thank you.

Casorso PAC would like to thank the businesses and individuals below for donating prizes or money to this year's Spring Raffle. It is their generosity that helps all Casorso students enjoy an elevated learning experience at our wonderful school, so please take a look at this list and patronize them whenever possible!

CASH DONATIONS

Jesse East - YLW Realtors
Kelowna Oral & Facial Surgery-Dr. Scott
Martyna and Dr. Dordon Wong
Mark Hetherington PREC* Stilhavn Real Estate
Services
DK Railings
The Lozie Family
Carolina Restrepo
Johnny

PRIZE DONATIONS

NeuMovement Pilates & Physio
Dr. Dianne Burrows- Interior Dermatology
Center
Dr Janna Bentley- Lakeshore Vein & Aesthetics
Clinic
Dr. Sandy Crocker - Dentist
CanSkate: Kelowna skating club
Jen Williamson, Nyrose & Associates, Remax
Kelowna
The Womens Place- Ashley Munro
OrangeTheory Fitness
Kumon Kelowna
Fox Traffic Control
Glow Anti Aging Kelowna
Fresh Air
Edyta Cote
Shore Dental
Kinetic Evolution
Anita McFarlane
Taylor Morrice

Hypnotic Lashes -Tara Henderson
Freddy Dane
T-Bones Kelowna
Mark Nonis- Kelowna Falcons
Mucho Burrito- Vic Singh
Kelowna Bootcamp
Dare To Dream
Inner Balance Energy Healing - Connor
Hargreaves
Her Home Bakes
Illichman's Meats, Sausages & Gourmet Foods
Train Station Pub
Mid-Town Station Kitchen and Drink
Kelly O'Bryan's Restaurant
Scandia
Karat Chocolate- Amanda Murray- Helman
WETS Kelowna
Epicure GC- Sandy Williams
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Angie Szerepi
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Jugo Juice (inside H2O)
Freshbox
Boston Pizza Downtown Location
Impower Life- Kevin and Marianne Boctor
Saje Kelowna
Global Fitness
Kristy Keus- Personal Trainer
Tim Hortons
Erica Jane Restaurant
Vanessa Graham- Remax Kelowna



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR KLO PAC EXECUTIVE FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

A new Ecole KLO Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive will be elected for the 2024-25 school year at the **AGM on May 27th at 6:30 p.m.** in the KLO library.

All parents/guardians of current grades 7 to 9 KLO students are automatically members of the KLO PAC, and parents with students coming into grade 7 in September 2024, are invited to the AGM and encouraged to consider letting your name stand for a PAC Executive position.

Although some existing PAC executive members are willing to let their name stand again, there are also vacancies (see below). *KLO is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding of over \$20,000 annually. These funds, administered by PAC, help fund KLO extracurriculars – class field trips, new kiln, music equipment, new sports uniforms and so much more.*

Electing the new PAC Executive in May allows transition time before the end of this school year. All positions are one-year terms. *More information on the roles is available in the [PAC Constitution & Bylaws](#).* Even if you are unable to serve as an executive member, your vote at the PAC meeting is needed to elect nominees into the positions.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email klo.pac@sd23.bc.ca *If we receive more nominations than positions, that would be a great position for this PAC to be in!*
We are also happy to answer any questions. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

Even if you can't volunteer for a position, the PAC Executive welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KLO.
We look forward to seeing you May 27th.

KLO PAC Executive Committee 2024-25 (roles and nomination status):

President – Open (the current President has reached his max term and can not continue in this position)
(This is a position that must be filled and can be shared by two people.)

Vice President – (1 nominee)

Treasurer – Open for nominees. (This is a position that must be filled.)

Secretary – Open for nominees (This is a position that must be filled.)

Three Members at Large: Open for nominees, (1 nominee)

COPAC Representative(s) – Open for nominees (This is a position that must be filled and can be shared by two people.)

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**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7:00 am for 2024 - 2025 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)470-3258

HOW TO APPLY

PLEASE NOTE: *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

No internet access? Please contact your school for assistance.

Online applications begin on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:00 am. Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school in person or by email by Friday, March 15, 2024.

1. Student's Birth Certificate or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
 - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
 - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) and one item from the list of supporting documentation below; or,
 - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of supporting documentation below.
3. **Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address/Supporting Documentation**
 - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
 - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
 - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
 - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
 - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

AFTER Thursday, August 29, 2024

New in-catchment area enrollments: Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

New out-of-catchment area enrollments: Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

Qualifying age: The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2024, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2024. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.

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with any questions



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The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2024 Opens 7:00 AM January 29, 2024

IMPORTANT

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year, priority seating for the 2024–2025 school year is given to those applicants who have applied before end of day on May 31, 2024

Use the link below to submit a school bus transportation application for the 2024-2025 school year.

<https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca/application?year=2024>

Students must be registered to ride on the school bus, for detailed information regarding student eligibility for transportation please visit our website:

[http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/="](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/470R.pdf>

!!STOP!!

For RED FLASHING LIGHTS

IT'S THE LAW



Safety is everyone's responsibility

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