



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – October 24th, 2025

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF October 27th, 2025

MONDAY 27th

- 7:40 am - Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Practice (Gym)



TUESDAY 28th

- Fruit & Veggie - Mozza Cheese Sticks 
- 7:40 am - Gr 6 Girls Volleyball Practice (Gym)
- 10:54 am - Gr 5 Volleyball Practice (Gym)
- 3:00 pm - Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Game: CAS vs SKE

WEDNESDAY 29th

- 8:30 am - Pitt: Walking to KLO Middle
- 9:00 am - Thompson, Jaworski & Davidson to Mission Creek Regional Park 
- 3:00 pm - Gr 6 Girls Volleyball Game: CAS vs SKE
- 5:00 pm - Kindergarten Pumpkin Carving (Gym) (Mme Berg, Mme Anderson and Mrs. Park) 

THURSDAY 30th

- 10:54 am - Wrestling Club (Gr 3, 4, 5 & 6) CAS Gym

FRIDAY 31st

- Coyote Friday - Wear Your T-Shirt! 
- 9:00 am - Federko, Weller & Snarski to McMillan Farms 
- 11:00 am - Keber & Pitt to Okanagan/Capri Bowling
- 12:00 pm - Gr 5/6 Classes to McCurdy Bowling (Vandervoort, Ezzard, May, Richardson & Friesen) 

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.



GRADE 6 CAMP 2026: THIS YEAR AT GREEN BAY!

Last week we met with Grade 6 parents and provided information regarding this year's camp. This year, the Grade 6 camp will be May 26th - 27th, 2026 at Green Bay in West Kelowna! For more information, please visit our Casorso website and go to the **NEWS** page to view the slideshow: [Grade 6 yearend celebration at Green Bay Camp](#). All Grade 6 students are encouraged to attend the year-end camp, regardless of their financial means. We are asking parents / guardians of Grade 6 students to please sign up to help with fundraising [here](#). If you are interested in being a chaperone, please sign up [here](#).

Our camp planning team is asking families to pay a \$50.00 deposit, due before December 1st, 2025 - please use school cash online: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/>

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HALLOWEEN



Dear Ecole Casorso Families,

Our classes will be celebrating Halloween in their own ways on Friday, October 31st. Students are permitted to wear a costume or pajamas to school for the whole day. Activities throughout the school will vary by classroom but will include a 'Halloween Parade' shortly after lunch! Classroom celebrations can once again have homemade goods brought to the school. However, as we have a number of students with severe allergies, **all foods brought into the school must be 'nut-free'**. To comply with our Health and Safety requirements, our staff will serve all homemade treats to students as opposed to our students serving themselves. It is appreciated if you can please connect with your classroom teacher regarding classroom celebrations.

Costume Guidelines:

- **Dressing in a costume or pajamas is optional.** Your child may prefer to wear regular clothing. Students wishing to wear their costumes should get ready at home. You may send a change of clothes if your child needs to change out of their costume before going to after-school care.
- If your child chooses to wear a costume, please keep in mind that they will have to be comfortable for a day of learning at school and playing on the playground.
- Please be sure your child will be **able to wear their jacket** over their costume for outside playtime.
- Please be sure that the costume is age-appropriate and school-appropriate (not gory or scary).
- **Please leave hand-held accessories at home (no weapons, brooms, wands, etc.)**
- If the costume includes a mask, students may bring it to show the class, but it will not be possible for them to wear it during the school day.
- Please **do not apply face paint**. Instead, apply it for trick-or-treating. It tends to get itchy and can smear on costumes.
- To help prevent hurt feelings and disappointment, **please have a discussion with your child about taking responsibility for their own costume and about respecting other children's costumes.** Children should also take extra care while playing outside at lunch and recess.

After Halloween:

- In keeping with the School District's goal around Healthy Living, we want to encourage healthy food choices. Therefore, **please do not send Halloween candy/treats to school** and do continue to send nut-free healthy foods, fruits and vegetables.
- **Thank you for helping to maintain a positive learning environment at this exciting time. Stay safe Halloween night!**

Jared Birkeland, Principal

**Happy
Halloween!**

Natalie Morin, Vice-Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year, our School District has chosen **Student Agency** as its theme, emphasizing the importance of empowering students to take an active role in their own learning and school experience. To support this, we are excited to introduce a new initiative at Casorso called the **Coyote Council**.

The Coyote Council will provide students from all grades with the opportunity to share their voices and ideas to help make their school experience even more meaningful. Once a week, a group of five students will be randomly selected to join the Principal and Vice Principal for a **pizza lunch meeting**. During these gatherings, students will be encouraged to share their perspectives, discuss important topics, and suggest ways we can continue to grow as a school community.

Feedback from these meetings will be shared at both our **monthly staff meetings** and **PAC meetings**. Our goal is to listen, learn, and find ways to incorporate student ideas into school planning and activities. We believe this will help foster a stronger sense of ownership, belonging, and pride for our students.

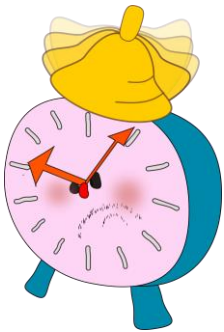
We look forward to hearing the creative and thoughtful ideas our Coyotes will bring forward through this council. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to make Casorso a place where every student feels valued and

Coyote Council letter

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IN SUPPORT OF BEING ON TIME

Our school places an emphasis on being on time. It is very helpful and adds success to each child's day when all students are seated by the second bell and classroom instruction can begin without interruption. Arriving on time sets up all our students for success. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with this goal. If your child arrives late, please ensure that they report in at the Office before going to their classroom.

Hello, Casorso Families,

Our seasons are rapidly changing in our beautiful Okanagan Valley. Cooler, wet weather has arrived along with a dip in temperatures. Please ensure that your children bring that extra sweater or coat so that they can enjoy the outdoors on our school play area at lunch and recess. Also, an extra pair of dry pants and dry socks would be appreciated.... for all our students!

Thank you!



We have been noticing that some of our students are coming to the office to let us know that they are still hungry after they have finished eating their lunch. Now that the colder weather has arrived, we ask that you and your child pack a few extra healthy snacks each day to keep their growing bodies fueled! This includes fun lunch or hot lunch days as well...thank you!



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REMINDER: CUTLERY FOR LUNCHES



Parents, please remember to pack a spoon/fork with your child's lunch when it is required, as we are unable to provide utensils at school. Thank you!



*A gentle reminder that our school is making every effort to be a **PEANUT / NUT AWARE** environment. We have students with life threatening nut sensitivities. Thank you in advance for your help by not sending peanut / nut products to school to keep everyone as safe as possible.*

REMINDER FROM LIFETOUGH PHOTOS:

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

ENJOY 10% OFF
your order!

CODE: F202510OFF

EXPIRES: July 31, 2026

[Redeem Now](#)

Terms & Conditions: Offer is only available on portraits ordered online through July 31, 2026 at 11:59pm CST. Use coupon code F202510OFF to receive 10% off your order. Enter the coupon code at checkout to redeem the offer. Not valid for adjustments on prior purchases or after the promotional period, or with any other offer. Products, prices, availability, and offers are subject to change without notice. Shutterfly Lifetouch, LLC has the right to cancel an order due to altered, unauthorized, or ineligible use of discount.

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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

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

HAPPY FALL!

If you are missing your Fall Fair Pictures, please contact the school office (250-870-5135) - we will pass your information along to the Photo Booth Photographer.

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on **Monday, November 17th**, 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.

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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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The Casorso PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with Mabel's Labels! Stay organized this school year with waterproof, name labels and tags. Visit Mabel's Labels at mabelslabels.com, click "Support a fundraiser", type "Casorso", select "Casorso Elementary School (Kelowna)", and then "Shop Now".

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Coming Up: Coat and Boot Drive to keep all our Casorso kids warm this season! Please consider donating good condition winter clothing (Winter Coats, Snowpants, Winter Boots, Toques and Mitts/Gloves) to help our families who could use a hand. We will start collecting from Monday, October 27th until Friday, November 7th inside the front entrance of the school by the office. We will have lists of family needs coming soon.... please watch for further announcements and see the poster attached to this Howl. If your family is in need and has not yet been contacted, please reach out to VP Mme Morin. Thank you for your generosity!

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The **Community Values** is a new take on the traditional coupon book – **SALE EXTENDED to WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29th**. For only \$35 the book features local vendors in the Kelowna/Vernon area and each book sold supports the PAC. Check out the [Kelowna PDF](#) to see the deals available. Purchase on the Hot Lunch website (website open until October 29th) or by eTransfer (Cas.PacTreasurer@gmail.com), cash or cheque. **Pick up books in person (by adults or kids)** October 27th through 29th and October 20th before / after school near the front doors.

COPAC News:

- Virtual parent education opportunity on Wednesday November 19th at 6:30 pm with Samantha Woods of *Kaizen Education* on **ADHD & Executive Function Skills**. We will be sharing more details about that event in early November.
- **Geering-UP UBC-O** runs Saturday programming through the Winter. See attached a digital poster for Saturday Clubs as well as a digital poster for the Junior Instructor Volunteer Opportunity.

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PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Casorso PAC Winter Clothing Drive - POSTER
2. Grade 4-7 UBCO Heat Fall Volleyball Program - POSTER
3. UBCO Women's Volleyball School Day Game: November 7th - POSTER
4. **inclusionBC** – Youth Employment Summit: November 20th - Poster
5. Art Cards By Kids: Grade 6, 2026 Camp Fundraiser - POSTER
6. Is your child too sick for school? – POSTER
7. Geering-UP UBC-O Winter Saturday Programs & Junior Instructor Volunteer - POSTERS



Casorso Winter Clothing Drive

Please help us keep all the kids of
Casorso warm this winter.

The PAC is collecting NEW and
GENTLY USED CLEAN winter coats,
snow pants winter boots, toques,
mitts/gloves.

Please be respectful and donate
only quality items requested as we
need to store and sort them.

Drop off location:
Inside the front entrance
outside of the office.
October 27-November 7th



FALL 2025 4 ON 4 VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

REGISTER NOW @ GOHEAT.CA

Community – Volleyball

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This program focuses on skill building and game play using smaller sized courts and a 4 on 4 format. Fewer players means more contacts and a faster game to accelerate your development.

Each of the 3 sessions will feature a warm-up, skill acquisition activities, and game play so athletes can apply what they have learned. Whether you are new to the game, playing on a school team or preparing for club tryouts, this program will help you develop your skills, prepare for 6 on 6, and have fun.



*Select **UBCO Heat | Men's Volleyball** to register.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Grades 4-5 @ 1:15pm-2:15pm (\$60.00)
- Grades 6-7 @ 2:30pm-4:00pm (\$90.00)

All genders welcome!



UBC Okanagan Gymnasium
(3211 Athletics Court, Kelowna)



- Sunday, October 19
- Sunday, October 26
- Sunday, November 2

***Registration includes all three dates.

Questions: please contact
scott.koskie@ubc.ca





UBCO HEAT SCHOOL DAY GAME

UBCO HEAT WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS. MACEWAN GRIFFINS- FRIDAY NOV 7TH

LOCATION: UBCO Gymnasium- 3211 Athletics Court, Kelowna, BC

TIME: 10:30am- Arrival
11:00am- Game Starts
12:45pm- Game Ends **approximate timing*

FEE: Free for students and chaperones!

LUNCH: \$10 pre-purchased lunch option (pizza slice, chips, & drink)
(Lunch numbers to be submitted to chantelle.labrie@UBC.ca by Wednesday OCT 30)

FOOD/DRINKS: Snacks & drinks will be available for purchase at our concession, or bring your own nut free lunch

REGISTER: Seating is limited, schools will be accepted on a 1st come 1st served basis. Email chantelle.labrie@UBC.ca to reserve your seats today!

Bring a Heat poster and receive a prize!

! YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT



Kelowna Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre

2170 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna BC Canada V1Y-6G8

Thursday November 20th, 2025 | 1 pm - 7pm

A FREE Inclusive Employment Event for youth with disabilities

Register and read more at: inclusionBC.org/YES



The Youth Employment Summit (YES!) is coming to your community — and we want you to be part of it!

These inclusive, free events are designed to spark inspiration and open doors — whether you're just starting to think about your future or ready to step into the workforce. Join us to meet new people, learn from professionals, and take the next step on your employment journey!

FREE Snacks & Drinks!

Fuel up while you connect and learn.

This event is brought to you in collaboration with Pathways Abilities Society, Central Okanagan Public Schools, WHEELS Transition to Employment Program & Okanagan College

inclusion BC

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***ART CARDS BY KIDS:* GRADE 6 - 2026 YEAR-END CAMP FUNDRAISER!**

ATTENTION PARENTS!

ArtCards
by Kids



**Our school is participating in the
Art Cards by Kids fundraiser this fall!**

Watch for a sample card with instructions on how
to order your child's art made into
beautiful keepsake art products in the coming weeks.

Get excited because your child is hard at
work creating their masterpiece in the classroom!

www.artcardsbykids.com

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Is your child too sick for school?



Deciding when your child is too sick for school is not always an easy decision.

Children should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If you have questions and concerns about your child's health, talk with a qualified healthcare professional.

Keep children at home if they have:

- a fever, and keep them home for **24** hours after the fever is gone away without the help of medication (see reverse page on how to take a temperature).
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for **48** hours after the last episode.
- a severe sore throat.
- a rash with no known cause.
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms like a runny nose and headache.
- redness, swelling or discharge of the eyes, ears or skin, unless treated.
- been acting unwell and have little energy to join in school activities.

For questions about your child's health you can:

1. Dial 811 or go to HealthLinkBC.ca to speak with a:
 - Registered Nurse 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
 - Registered Dietitian every weekday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.
 - Pharmacist every night from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. PST every day of the year.
2. Contact an Urgent Care, Walk-in Clinic or Doctor's Office.
 - See the reverse page on when to go to the emergency department.



Seasonal Respiratory Illness

In the fall and winter, we can expect to see more respiratory illness. This is an annual occurrence, but there are measures we can all take to prevent illness and manage symptoms while at home. Here is some information that may be helpful: [It's respiratory illness season](#).

For more information on specific illnesses see: [A Quick Guide to Common Childhood Diseases](#)



UBC Geering Up
Kelowna, Okanagan



WINTER 2026 SATURDAY CLUBS

JOIN US FOR OUR 2026 STEAM CLUBS!

Discover your inner scientist at these themed STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) clubs! Join us in Kelowna for exciting 10-session programs and be amazed by our passionate undergraduate staff.

DATES

January: 17, 24, 31
February: 7, 21, 28
March: 7, 14, 21, 28

MEETING INFO

- UBC Okanagan Campus
- Saturday mornings, 10am-12pm

PRICING

\$250 for 10 club sessions

Need financial assistance? Visit our website for bursary opportunities.

CLUB THEMES

Maker: Grades 1-2

Get ready to build, create, and explore! In this 10-week Saturday club, students in grades 1-2 will jump into the exciting world of engineering through hands-on projects and imaginative challenges. Each week introduces a new theme – from designing amazing structures to inventing for outer space, the deep ocean, and beyond. With plenty of opportunities to tinker, experiment, and bring ideas to life, this club is perfect for curious minds who love to dream big and build even bigger.

STEM with an A: Grades 3-4

Step into a world of discovery and creativity! In this 10-week Saturday club, students in grades 3-4 will explore STEM through exciting experiments, eye-opening demos, and hands-on engineering builds. Each week offers new opportunities to design, test, and invent while connecting science, technology, and art in fun and engaging ways. With plenty of chances to problem-solve and create, this club is all about sparking curiosity and building a love of STEM.

STEM with an A: Grades 5-6

Take your innovation and problem-solving to the next level! In this 10-week Saturday club, students in grades 5-6 will tackle exciting challenges that combine science, technology, engineering, math, and a sprinkle of art in unique and innovative ways. From building creative projects to experimenting with design thinking and scientific exploration, each week offers opportunities to invent, test, and discover. Topics like forensics, technology, sustainable engineering, and biology will guide our hands-on challenges and inspire fresh ideas.

Engineering Sustainability: Grades 7-9

Design, build, and code solutions that make a difference! In this hands-on STEM club, grades 7-9 students will explore several exciting branches of Engineering - from mechanical and civil to environmental and computer science - offering a sneak peek into post-secondary engineering pathways. Participants will take on coding activities that connect digital tools with real-world problem solving. Every session focuses on challenges rooted in sustainability, eco-friendly design, and a healthier planet. Program, prototype, and engineer a brighter, more sustainable future.

Creative STEM: Grades 10-12

Think engineering is all numbers and formulas? Think again! This hands-on STEM club for grades 10-12 puts creativity at the center of every project. Explore how Engineers in every field – from mechanical to environmental, electrical to biomedical – use imagination to tackle real-world problems. Build, design, and experiment with exciting projects while discovering the many pathways towards post-secondary engineering.



**LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER:**

Scan this code or visit
bit.ly/GU-OK-Clubs



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEERING

JOIN OUR STEM SQUAD!

Are you a high school student wanting to make a difference while gaining valuable work experience? Apply to volunteer with Geering Up Engineering Outreach on the UBCO campus in Kelowna. Learn from UBC undergrads while teaching STEM to kids.

We have volunteer opportunities available for **2026 Saturday Clubs** (January-April) and **Summer Camps** (July - August).

To learn more:

Email us at kelowna.geeringup@ubc.ca

Ready to apply?

Visit bit.ly/GU-2026-OKJobs or scan this QR code:



WHY SHOULD YOU APPLY?

- Fulfill your volunteer requirements
- Boost your resume
- Learn from UBCO undergrad students
- Get an insider peek at the UBCO campus
- Make new friends; connect with like-minded people who share your passion for science and technology
- Inspire the next generation as you learn to work with children
- Have a ton of fun learning; you'll carry out experiments and activities



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