



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – September 12th, 2025

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



WEEK OF September 15th, 2025

MONDAY 15th

- *Nickels* for Terry Fox!
- **Student Photo Day** - wear your smiles!
- 6:30 pm - PAC Meeting (Library)



TUESDAY 16th

- *Dimes* for Terry Fox!
- Fruit & Veggies - Apples



WEDNESDAY 17th

- *Quarters* for Terry Fox!



THURSDAY 18th

- *Loonies* for Terry Fox!
- 9:10 am - Sookocheff to Mission Creek EECO Centre

FRIDAY 19th

- *Twoonies* for Terry Fox!
- Coyote Friday - wear your t-shirt!
- 8:45 am - Terry Fox Run!



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.



THE TERRY FOX
for cancer research **RUN**

STUDENT PHOTO DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

Dear Parents,

Our school will be participating in the annual **Terry Fox walk / run** in support of the **Canadian Cancer Society** next week, **Friday, September 19th**. Students will be discussing Terry Fox at 8:45 am prior to the walk / run. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate footwear for this activity.

In support of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope fundraising campaign, the classes will be collecting donations all next week, starting Monday, September 15th. All proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation. Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Ms. Richardson and Ms. Thompson

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING SAFETY REMINDERS AT CASORSO:

Please see this attached letter with information regarding traffic at Casorso. In the past few days, we had many close calls with students and near misses in our parking lot and we need your help. [Traffic for Casorso 2025 2026 \(1\).pdf](#)

August 28th, 2025

Dear Casorso Community:

With the start of a new school year, we would like to send a reminder to everyone regarding traffic and safety at Casorso Elementary.

1. **Parking Lot:**

Our parking lot is only available for staff, daycare providers and families who have a disability parking pass. For the safety of all students, we ask that families please use either:

- the Church of God parking lot
- side street parking along Barrera Rd
- Side street parking north on Casorso Rd (not on Kiss and Go lane)

2. **Encourage active transportation:**

Our school encourages students to get to and from school in active ways. There are many benefits for students to walk, cycle and roll to school – including physical and mental health benefits, environmental benefits, and traffic safety benefits. We have a parent group who works alongside our PAC to support active transportation for our students.

If you are driving to school, consider “Drive to Five.” You can park your car approximately five minutes away at the Church of God or Rotary Beach and either walk with your child, or allow them to walk independently the rest of the way. Please consider this as an option for this school year. This will help lessen the congestion at our crosswalks near the school increasing student safety.

3. **Kiss and Go lane:**

Our Kiss and Go lane available for those families who would like to drop off their child and remain in their car. We have two areas for Kiss and Go and would like to ask all families to avoid this area for parking. We will have Casorso staff at the crosswalk along Casorso (north) to help with students crossing along the parking lot exit.

Kiss and Go lanes:

North and south of the Parking lot exit on Casorso

No parking allowed in the Kiss and Go lane



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 or twice a month, a group of five students will be randomly selected to join the Principal and Vice Principal for a **coyote 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 **PLAC 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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SCHOOL FEES

School Fees (\$40.00) and Cultural Fees (\$10.00) are now due for the 2025/2026 school year. Please note that the preferred method of payment is online with your credit card or debit card at: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>

SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SANCTUARY SCHOOLS POLICY

Board Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools (see www.sd23.bc.ca) upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily resident in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre.

[Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools](#)

SCHOOL DISTRICT'S APPEALS PROCESS

Board Policy 460 – Appeals states that, *"A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student"*.

For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Board Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage – www.sd23.bc.ca.

School District's Financial Hardship Clause

Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated *"that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship"*. Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states: *"Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay"*.

Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

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SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

This is a reminder to parents and drivers in our school community that school speed zones, 30 km/h, are in effect from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm on school days.

Dear Casorso Parents and Guardians,

Casorso is looking for Parent/Guardian volunteers for our reading program. It is a comprehensive Orton-Gillingham structured literacy curriculum, aligned with extensive research and is appropriate for all ages. It is easy to use and very effective for students who have difficulty with reading. Training is very simple and just requires 45 minutes prior to the volunteer commitment. This is our third year running it and we're very excited to continue. For more information, please refer to the website: <https://pridereadingprogram.com/>

If this is something you are interested in doing, please fill in this [google document](#) and our staff will be in touch.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

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

WELCOME BACK!

The Fall Fair is coming up on **Friday, October 3rd**, from **5:00 to 7:30pm**, and all Casorso families are welcome to come to this **free** event! If you can help decorate the haunted house, sponsor either a photo booth or a caricature artist, or showcase your own wares in our first ever Casorso Community Market, contact Candice Deba: 778-878-3161. For more information, see the poster attached to this Howl.

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The first PAC meeting of the year is our Annual General Meeting! Join us on Monday, September 15th, from 6:30 to 8pm, in the Casorso Library. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Get involved in the school community by attending meetings, joining the Executive, and volunteering! See our [website](#) for more information and learn more [here](#).

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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>

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Student Picture Day: Monday, September 15th 2025 - Lifetouch POSTER
2. Casorso PAC Fall Fair: Friday, October 3rd 2025 - POSTER
3. Art Cards By Kids: Grade 6, 2026 Camp Fundraiser - POSTER

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2025

Picture Day!

WHAT'S NEXT:



Your student is photographed
on Picture Day*



Proofs are sent home with
your student



Order packages and more on
mylifetouch.ca

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Casorso Elementary School
Monday, September 15, 2025

*All students will be photographed. Please notify your student's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your student. Your student may be included in a class picture if requested by the school.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at lifetouch.com/support-ca.
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.

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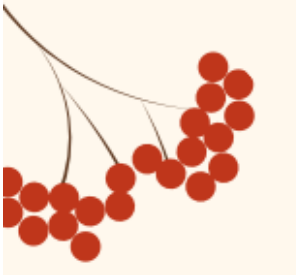
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**CASORSO
ELEMENTARY**
Fall Fair

*October 3rd
5pm-730pm*



Free entry for all families
of Casorso students

Ruthless Waffles & TNT

Dynamite Food Truck

Family games & activities

Crafts

Marketplace

Concession (CASH ONLY)



***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