



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – October 10th, 2025

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



WEEK OF October 13th, 2025

MONDAY 13th

- Thanksgiving Day - School Closed



TUESDAY 14th

- 7:40 am - Gr 6 Girls Volleyball Practice (Gym)
- 8:30 am - **Student Photo Re-take Day**
- 3:00 pm - Gr 6 Boys V-ball Game: ASM @ CAS
- 6:00 pm - Gr 6 Camp/Parent Information Night (Library)



WEDNESDAY 15th

- 3:00 pm - Gr 6 Girls V-ball Game: ASM @ CAS

THURSDAY 16th

- 10:15 am - Earthquake Drill
- 10:54 am - Wrestling Club (Gr 3, 4, 5 & 6) CAS Gym
- 1:20 pm - Fire Drill #3

FRIDAY 17th

- Coyote Friday - Wear Your T-shirt!



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.



Hello, Casorso Families,

October has arrived and with it a change in the season – autumn colours and crisp mornings! 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.

On behalf of the entire Casorso Staff, we wish you hope, joy, peace, and good health for this Thanksgiving weekend and beyond. May your Thanksgiving Day be full of family, fun, and excitement...except for a couple of hours in there when you want to take a nap!

Jared Birkeland, Principal

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 or twice a month, a group of five students will be **selected** to join the Principal and Vice Principal for a **grade 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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“CAS – Putting Our Paws Together To Make A Difference!”

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.



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](#)



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.

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!

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/>



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 in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

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



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Thanks to all the students, families, administrative staff and volunteers that showed up to our annual Fall Fair to make it a success!

Casorso swag is on sale now until **October 13th**! Visit <https://casorso.itemorder.com/> to purchase. All proceeds go toward supporting our school's PAC.

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on **Monday, October 20th**, 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>

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".



The **Community Values** is a new take on the traditional coupon book. For only \$35 the book features local vendors in the Kelowna/Vernon area and each book sold supports the PAC. The coupon book is available for purchase at the Fall Fair and on the Hot Lunch website.

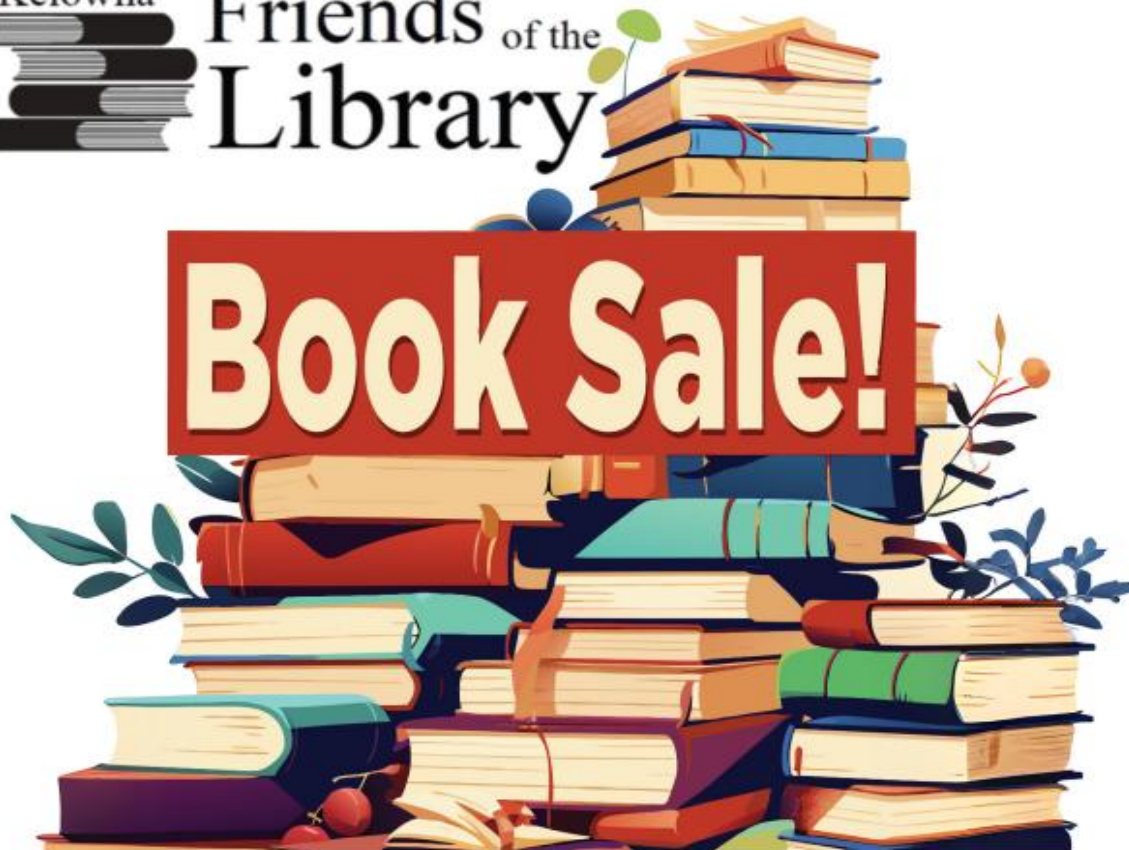
PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Kelowna Friends of the Library: Book Sale - POSTER
2. Central Okanagan Public Schools: Partners for Inclusive Education - October 21st
3. Grade 4-7 UBCO Heat Fall Volleyball Program - POSTER
4. UBCO Women's Volleyball School Day Game: November 7th - POSTER
5. Art Cards By Kids: Grade 6, 2026 Camp Fundraiser - POSTER
6. Is your child too sick for school? - POSTER

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Kelowna
Friends of the
Library



35th GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE
SUPPORTING ALL BRANCHES OF OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday	October 15	2:00pm to 8pm
Thursday	October 16	9:30am to 8pm
Friday	October 17	9:30am to 8pm
Saturday	October 18	9:30am to 2pm

Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Church Parking: New One-Way System
Enter: West Alley (by Church) **Exit:** East Alley (by Hall)

Kelowna Friends of the Library acknowledge the support of
DR MOSHE OZ and **TWO SMALL MEN WITH BIG HEARTS MOVING**
fol4k@hotmail.com | www.kelownafol.ca | Facebook

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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: October 21, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Topic: Meeting Your SD23 Team

Location: Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 298 345 755 488 5

Passcode: tb3tX3un



FALL 2025 4 ON 4 VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

REGISTER NOW @ GOHEAT.CA

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Community – Volleyball

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!

***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



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](https://www.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](#)