École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – January 24th, 2025

250-870-5135 **School Web Site** – https://cas.sd23.bc.ca/

WEEK OF January 27th, 2025

MONDAY 27th

- Family Literacy Day
- 7:35 am - Gr 6 Boys B-Ball Practice (Gym)

TUESDAY 28th

- 7:35 am - Gr 6 Girls B-Ball Practice (Gym)
- 10:54 am - Gr 6 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library)

WEDNESDAY 29th

- 9:00 am - *Online Booking* ***OPENS*** *for Conferences*
- 9:30 am - Berg & Gregoire to Mission Cr EECO Centre
- 10:54 am - Gr 5 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library)
- 12:00 pm - Elliott, Sookocheff & Barclay to MNP Place (Skating)

THURSDAY 30th

- 10:54 am - ***CAS Has Talent*** Show **Dress Rehearsal**
- 10:54 am - Gr 3/4 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library)

FRIDAY 31st

- Coyote Friday - Wear Your T-Shirt!
- 10:54 am - ***CAS Has Talent*** Show (Gym) (See attached Poster for more information)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS @ CASORSO:

STUDENT LED

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 6th & Friday, February 7th

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Student Led conferences are just over 2 weeks away on Thursday, February 6th and Friday, February 7th. Both days will be early release days where classes will be dismissed at 12:30pm. We wanted to let you know in advance that we will be using an online booking system: School appointments online, to make your appointments (*this system will OPEN at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 29th*). This term, we are having Student Led conferences where up to 4 families can sign up for a 30-minute period. During that time, students will be sharing their achievements with you. Please refer to this document for instructions on signing up for the conferences. Student Led conferences Winter 2025 (1).pdf

Feel free to let us know if you are having difficulty with the booking system. Please contact Natalie Morin, Vice Principal Natalie.Morin@sd23.bc.ca

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2025/26 School Year

Please note, if your child is *currently* attending Casorso, you do not need to re-register your student for the upcoming school year.

To find out more about the upcoming registration period, please see the poster attached to this Howl, or visit the School District website https://www.sd23.bc.ca

Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn

ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 am for 2025 - 2026 School Year
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: **Friday, March 14, 2025**

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, February 3, 2025 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 14, 2025.**

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 28, 2025

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, 2025, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2025. No exceptions.

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

Please note that all students **must** sign **IN** at the office for late arrivals and sign **OUT** at the office for early departures, even if you have entered the "Late" or "Early Departure" in School Messenger. *If students are leaving earlier than our regular 2:30 pm dismissal time – it is very important that you connect with the office staff before leaving the building or school property with your child(ren).*

Follow @sd23news on Instagram!
Please take a moment to follow @sd23news on Instagram (and the same on Facebook and X if you haven't yet!)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT LEARNING TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT:

Parents / guardians can sign up for the monthly "Bits & Bytes email that is sent out by the Central Okanagan Public Schools Learning Technology Department:

INSPIRE HEALTHIER BC FAMILIES IN KELOWNA – 10 WEEK COURSE:

This **free** 10-week course runs on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, starting February 5th, 2025 at the Parkinson Activity Centre. The program is designed for families with at least one child aged 8–12, and siblings aged 6, 7, or 13 are welcome to join as well. The focus is on practical, fun activities that strengthen family connections while building valuable skills for both parents/caregivers and children to make lasting changes.

In addition, families who attend all sessions will receive $150 in credits to use toward City of Kelowna recreational activities!

For more information, please see the attachment to this HOWL.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

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

HAPPY WINTER!

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on **Monday, February 10th at 6:30 PM** in the Casorso Library. All parents / guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: Casorso PAC's annual Spring Dance is coming up on Friday, **March 7th**, **from 5:00 - 7:30 pm**. Stay tuned for more details!

Check out the Video Presentation given by Jon Rever (Interim Deputy Superintendent) at the January COPAC meeting: **Kids, Smartphones and Social Media: The Risks and The Solutions**
https://youtu.be/Ro-XgHp7OPA?si=ORSqBXtB-JF-qhj

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Family Literacy Day on *Monday, January 27th* "Learn to be Green Together" - POSTER
2. ***CAS Has Talent*** Show on *Friday, January 31st*: Parents welcome to attend - POSTER
3. Together We Learn Community Engagement Issue: WINTER 2024 - QR POSTER
4. Inspire Healthier BC Families in Kelowna: FREE 10-Week Course - POSTER
5. Kelowna Lacrosse: Learn to Play Lacrosse - POSTER
6. Kelowna Nordic Family Day Event - POSTER
7. Kelowna *Heat* Fastball Clinic - POSTER
8. Kelowna Minor Basketball Association, Boys & Girls Gr K-10 – POSTER
9. Kelowna Minor Football: NFL Flag Football - POSTER
10. RCA Youth & Family Programs WINTER 2025 - POSTER
11. Kelowna Springboard Diving Club: Take the Plunge - POSTER

Learn to be Green Together

Family Literacy Day Honorary Chair, Barbara Reid invites families to *Learn to be Green, Together!*

Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.

Photo by: Ian Crysler Photographer

1 Start an indoor garden

Learn about herbs and vegetables while growing your own food and reducing your carbon footprint.

2 Visit a little free library

Recycling books is a great way to reuse items and get books for free. You can leave books for others too.

3 Visit a national park or nature museum

Learn about the importance of preserving nature.

4 Shop local at a flea market

Not only can you help support local businesses, it's a great opportunity to practice your financial skills.

5 Visit the local library

Borrow books about the environment to learn more about climate change and what you can do to help.

6 Eat a meatless meal

Follow a recipe for a vegetarian meal and also boost your math and numeracy skills.

7 Make a craft from recycled items

Get creative and see what you can make using plastic bottles, used clothing, or recycled cardboard.

8 Go screen-free for the day

Play outside, read a book, or do a craft instead. Not only do these activities practice your learning skills, they also save electricity.

9 Buy something second-hand

Buying used items instead of new is a great way to reduce waste and save money at the same time.

10 Go on a nature scavenger hunt

Make a list of commonly found outdoor items, then go on a walk together with your list and see if you can find all the items.

Find fun family activities at:
FamilyLiteracyDay.ca

#FamilyLiteracyDay

ABC Life Literacy Canada

TALENT
SHOW
JAN 31ST 10:40 AM
PARENTS WELCOME
GRADE 3-6
IN GYM
HOSTED BY YOUR GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP STUDENTS

TOGETHER We LEARN

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ISSUE

SCAN ME! TO READ THE ISSUE

STUDENT ARTICLES ON COMMUNITY PARTNERS BY KSS JOURNALISM 12	ART FROM ÉCOLE KELOWNA SECONDARY	MULTICULTURAL PICNIC

VISIT SD23.BC.CA & @SD23NEWS ON FB & TWITTER

generationhealth | Community

Healthy Living Programs for Families

A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families **in Kelowna!**

Learn together about:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Screen time
- Sleep Routines
- Wellness

For families with at least one child ages 8-12
(One parent/caregiver must attend each week)

Online self-directed option is available for families outside of the age range

Program includes:

- Q&A's with health professionals
- A family cooking class
- Post program recreation credit based on attendance

Kelowna - Parkinson Activity Centre
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Feb 5 - Apr 23, 2025

Generation Health Community funding is provided by the BC Ministry of Health

Scan QR Code or Click Here to Register and Learn More

British Columbia | Childhood Healthy Living Foundation | University of Victoria | City of Kelowna | Childhood Connections

FREE

LEARN TO PLAY LACROSSE

Join us for our FREE Learn to Play Lacrosse Sessions!
Build skills, make new friends, and most importantly, HAVE FUN.

15 JANUARY 2025

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

12 FEBRUARY 2025

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

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Kelowna

LACROSSE

KELOWNA
NORDIC
FAMILY DAY
EVENT
17 FEBRUARY, 2025
SKI AND SNOWSHOE
DRINKS - COOKIES - ACTIVITIES
MORE INFO AT KELOWNANORDIC.COM

COME TRY FASTBALL!

LEARN FASTBALL SKILLS IN THIS FUN FOCUSED CLINIC

- Geared towards participants new to fastball
- For players born in 2012-2019
- February 1st and 2nd
- Registration is free!

Spots are limited. Register today!

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www.kelownafastball.ca

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Girls K-GR10
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INCLUDED
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PRACTICES
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Find more info on the West Kelowna Minor Basketball Facebook page.

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! 🙌

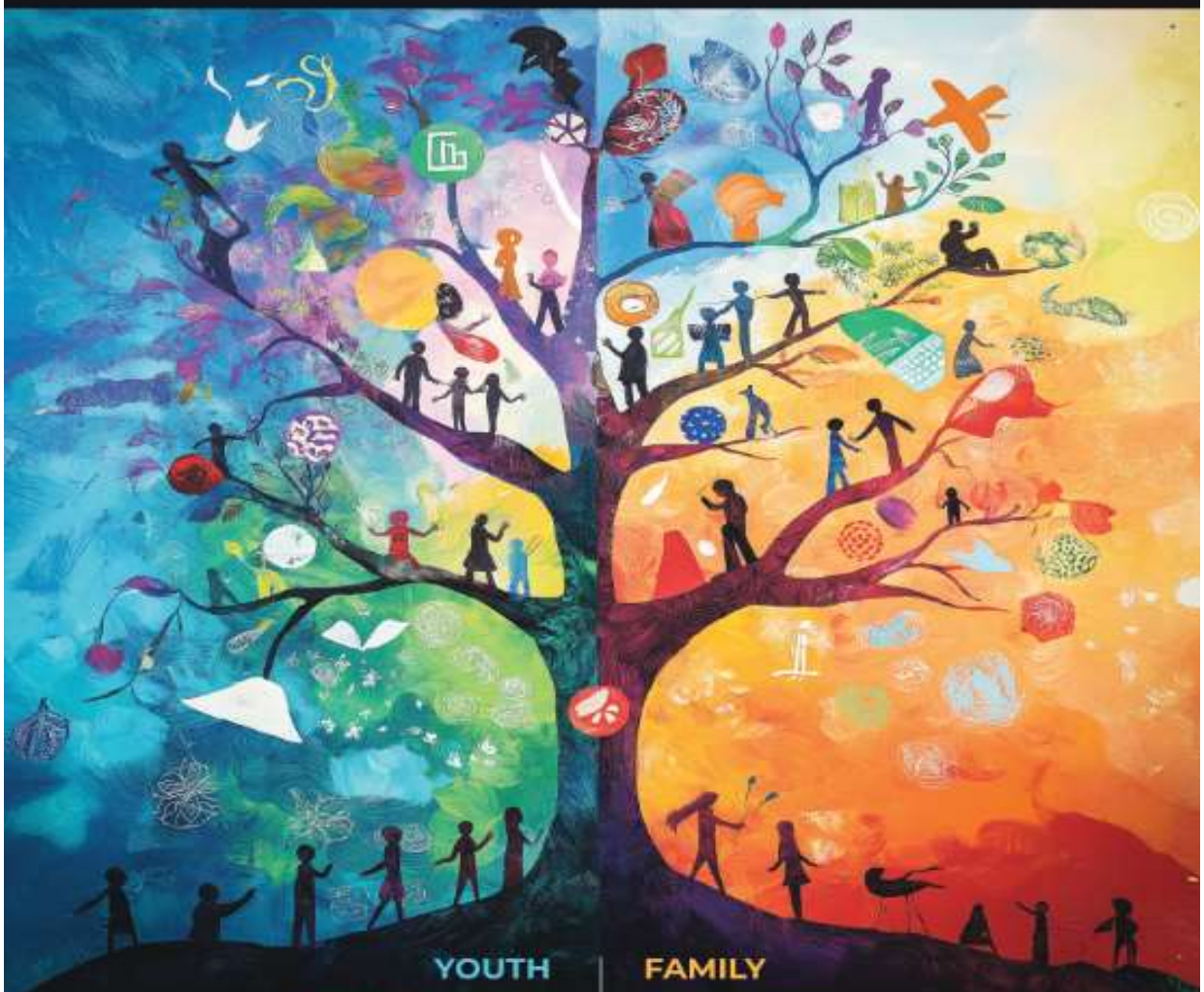
This is the opportunity your young athlete has been waiting for! 🌟 Whether they're new to football or ready to take their skills to the next level, KMFA is the place to be.

📅 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

@KMFA_FOOTBALL

RCA YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS
WINTER 2025

EXPLORE CREATIVITY AND MAKE MEMORIES WITH RCA'S ART PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES. PERFECT FOR BUDDING ARTISTS OR FAMILIES, THESE PROGRAMS INSPIRE ALL AGES TO ENJOY THE JOY OF CREATING TOGETHER OR INDIVIDUALLY!



YOUTH

LINOCUT PRINTMAKING
Tuesdays, January 14 – February 18

INK TO IMAGINATION
Fridays, January 31 – March 7

CHARACTER DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS
Thursdays, January 16 – February 6

CHARACTER DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS PART 2
Thursdays, February 13 – March 6

SCULPTURE COLLAGE
Mondays, January 20 – February 10

AFTER SCHOOL ANIME
January 16 – March 6

FAMILY

PUPPET PROJECT
Saturdays, January 18 – February 22

GALLERY OF STORIES
Fridays, January 17 – February 21

VALENTINE PAPER MAKING
Saturday, February 1

SPRING FLOWER PAPER MAKING
Saturday, March 8

CREATOR DANCE SAMPLERS
Thursdays, February 20 – March 13

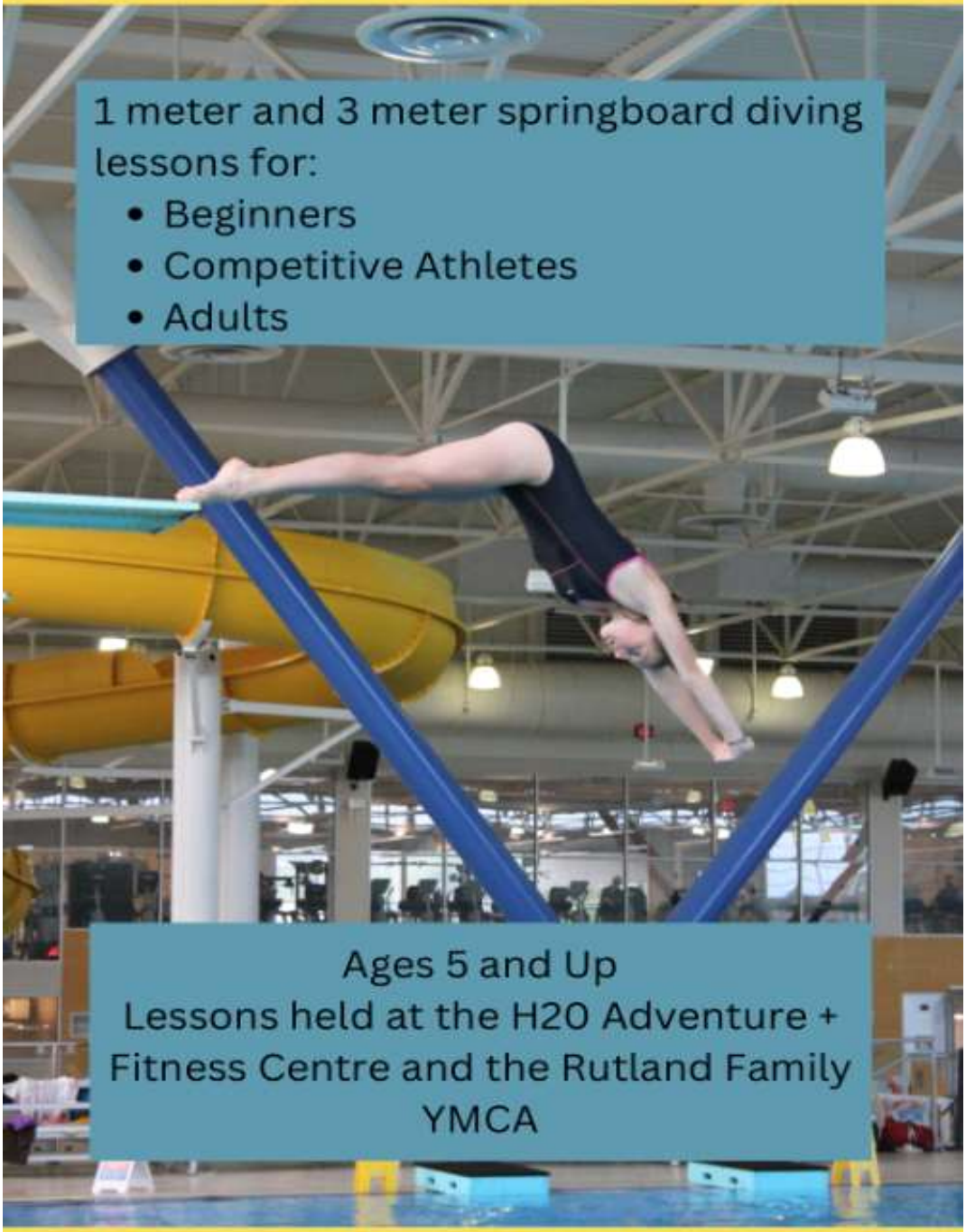
ROTARY centre for the arts

250.717.5304 | 421 Cawston Ave, Kelowna BC, V1Y6Z1 | RotaryCentreforTheArts.com | @RotaryCentreforTheArts

Take the Plunge

Learn to Dive with KSDC

KELOWNA Springboard Diving Club



1 meter and 3 meter springboard diving lessons for:

- Beginners
- Competitive Athletes
- Adults

Ages 5 and Up
Lessons held at the H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre and the Rutland Family YMCA

Email ksdc.general@gmail.com with any questions