



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – December 20th, 2024

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF January 6th, 2025

MONDAY 6th

- First Day Back to School After Winter Vacation



TUESDAY 7th

- 10:54 am - Gr 6 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library)

WEDNESDAY 8th

- 10:54 am - Gr 5 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library)

THURSDAY 9th

- 10:54 am - Gr 3/4 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library)

FRIDAY 10th

- 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.



Dear École Casorso Elementary Families,

With the winter break starting next week, and the days starting to get longer this coming Sunday, we have a lot to be thankful for.

We are so proud of our school community and the magic of our winter concert series, and judging by all the smiling faces we have seen in our gymnasium you are too! The children and staff have been working hard to complete a very successful first term of the school year along with learning updates for each child coming home this week.

For more to be proud of, check out the latest edition of the District's 'Together We Learn' magazine at the link below, where families participating in Casorso's Multicultural Picnic are prominently featured celebrating their cultural heritage:

https://issuu.com/blackpress/docs/08319937-483c-46ae-9a2f-c5f73fb5841a?fr=xKAE9_0IQQwLxBC07V_TBFqY6Bm47VA

On behalf of the entire Casorso staff, we want to express our warmest wishes for a healthy, happy holiday season to you. Make some memories!

Jared Birkeland, Principal

Natalie Morin, Vice-Principal

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



**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.

An information meeting will be held by all Principals of elementary schools that offer French Immersion Programs in Central Okanagan Public Schools on Tuesday, January 14th via Zoom from 6:00-7:00pm. Interested parents/caregivers can attend by joining the Zoom meeting using the following link: sd23.org/french. The information meeting will be recorded and posted to the District website for parents/caregivers who are unable to participate in the Zoom information meetings.



GR 6 LEADERSHIP BAKE SALE / SPCA FUNDRAISER:

We would like to thank all of our Grade 6 Leadership students for organizing our bake sale this week! Almost **\$625.00** was raised, and all funds will be donated to the BCSPCA. Thank you to our Casorso students and families for participating in this worthwhile fundraiser - well done, everyone!

GR 6 BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER:

The bottle drive / return-ables fundraiser for this year's upcoming Grade 6 Eagle Bay Camp will be held after Winter Break. Watch for information to follow for the date, times and drop-off location. Please hold on to those returnable items to help support our Casorso Grade 6 students!



Winter weather has arrived and with that, often a dip in temperatures. Please ensure that your child(ren) are coming to school with clothing to stay warm and comfortable when outside, including:

- ❖ a warm coat, winter boots
- ❖ waterproof snow-pants
- ❖ gloves, mittens, head / ear coverings
- ❖*an extra pair of dry pants and dry socks would be appreciated, especially for our younger students!*



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.

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:



SUBSCRIBE TO:

Digital Wellness Bits & Bytes

Bite-sized learning ideas and resources to help families learn to live well in a digital world. All subscribers will receive Digital Wellness related articles via email every month with helpful tips, ideas, resources, and more!

Scan the QR code or go to the link below to enter your email address to sign up for Central Okanagan Public School's 'Digital Wellness- Bits & Bytes'.



Visit <https://bit.ly/SD23BitsBytes>



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

HAPPY WINTER

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on **Monday, January 13th, 2025** at **6:30 PM** in the Casorso Library. All parents / guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare and snacks will be provided.



PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Together We Learn Community Engagement Issue: WINTER 2024 – QR POSTER
2. Inspire Healthier BC Families in Kelowna: FREE 10-Week Course – POSTER
3. Kelowna Lacrosse: Learn to Play Lacrosse – POSTER
4. RCA Youth & Family Programs WINTER 2025 – POSTER
5. Big White Freestyle & Snowstart Kidz Pass – POSTER
6. Kelowna Springboard Diving Club: Take the Plunge – POSTER
7. Central Okanagan Public Schools - ERASE (Government of BC Online Resource Tool)

We **TOGETHER
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](https://www.facebook.com/SD23NEWS) ON FB & TWITTER

“CAS – Putting Our Paws Together To Make A Difference!”

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](#)

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.

11 DECEMBER 2024

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

15 JANUARY 2025

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

12 FEBRUARY 2025

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM



kelownalacrosse.ca

BRING A HELMET, GLOVES, SPORT JOCK & STICK. LIMITED EQUIPMENT (HELMET, GLOVES & STICK) AVAILABLE TO USE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
OPEN TO PLAYERS BORN 2020 - 2009



MNP Place: Field 1
4105 Gordon Drive
Kelowna

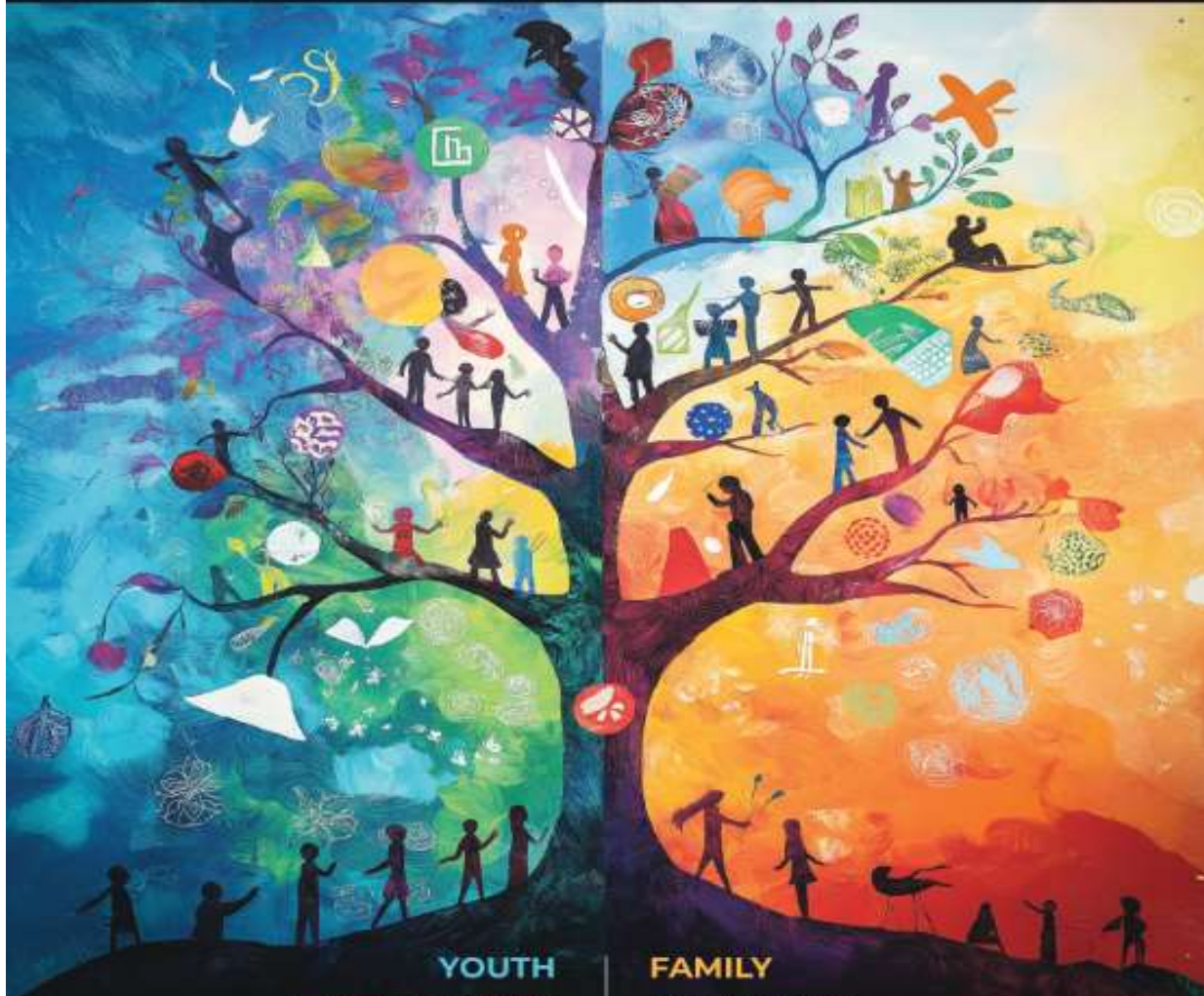


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RCA YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS WINTER 2025



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

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CALLING ALL SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS AGES 6-16!

*Spaces are still available in our
FUNdamentals, Riders, and
Freestylerz programs for the
2024-25 season*



BIG WHITE
freestyle
SHRED. SEND. REPEAT.

**Try Freestyle on Sunday, December 15,
2024! Click [here](#) to register.**

For more info or to register for our
programs, click [here](#).

[Why SnowStart – Snow Start Kidz Pass
snowpass.ca](https://snowpass.ca)



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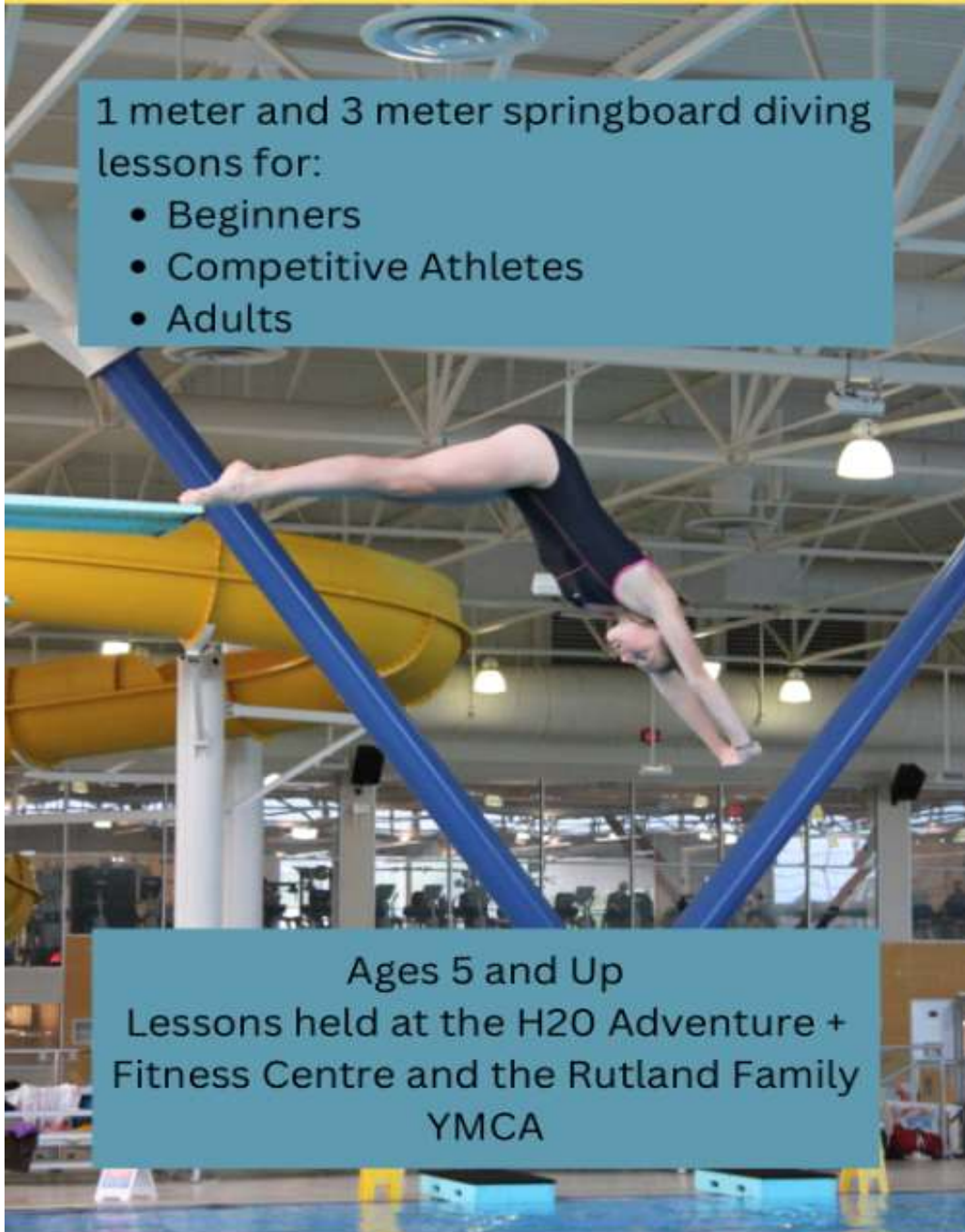
Take the Plunge

Learn to Dive with KSDC



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



To help students, adults, and school staff build safe, caring and inclusive school communities, the Government of BC has created a valuable new online resource tool called [ERASE](#)

Learn more by viewing the links below

Learn about erase



Learn about the different tools, information, and resources available on erase to help support students, adults, and school staff.

What is the Report It tool?



Learn about an online reporting tool available to students to seek help or submit reports if you see or hear something that concerns you.

Safe, caring and inclusive schools



A short animated video about the importance of schools fostering inclusive classroom environments where everyone regardless of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or ability, is welcome and feels safe.

erase: The Story



Read more about the erase strategy and how to build safe, caring and inclusive school communities.