École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – November 8th, 2024

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

WEEK OF November 11th, 2024

MONDAY 11th
- Remembrance Day - School Closed

TUESDAY 12th
- 7:40 am - Gr 6 Girls V-Ball Practice
- 9:10 am - Herzog & Richardson to Heritage Museum & the Kelowna Art Gallery
- 3:30 pm - Gr 6 Boys Volleyball Jamboree @ SVMS

WEDNESDAY 13th
- 3:30 pm - Gr 6 Girls Volleyball Jamboree @ SVMS

THURSDAY 14th

FRIDAY November 15th
- 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY:

We would like to thank Constable Konsmo for participating in our assembly today. A special thanks to all the students who were in our Colour Guard and for Mme Morin's organization. We would also like to thank Mr. Friesen's class for their hard work on making the Shadow Play and for Mme Mireau for leading our students in many songs throughout the play. In special recognition of Indigenous Veteran's Day, we would like to thank Mrs. Loyst for providing our classes with "Thunderbird Poppy" art projects for all of our classes. Four of our grade 5 and 6 students were brave to lead the assembly and they did a fantastic job! Thank you for the coin donations from students and families for the poppies. All funds will be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign.

THUNDERBIRD POPPY

This week all Casorso students acknowledged and honored Indigenous Veterans by learning about and creating their own versions of the Thunderbird Poppy by **Stuart Pagaduan** of the Cowichan People. The Cowichan tell the story of how the Thunderbird allowed the salmon to return home and provide the people food when a whale was stopping the Salmon on their journey. This is an ancient story that speaks to the importance of generosity, privilege and power. These poppies have been displayed in the gym to honor during our Remembrance Day Assembly.

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

Nov. 21st Harmony Day/Multicultural Picnic

Dear Families of Ecole Casorso Elementary,

We invite our students and families to participate in Harmony Day/ Multicultural Week on Thursday, November 21st

Students to participate in Harmony Day/ Multicultural Week by:

- wearing cultural clothing that represents family heritage OR red and white for Canada
- contribute a food item to a school-wide multicultural potluck picnic
- attending the grade K - 3 (a.m.) or grade 4 - 6 (p.m.) "Harmony Day Multicultural Picnic"
- bringing a reusable dish and fork to use during the picnic
- having family volunteer to help with the event

We ask each family to contribute one nut-free dish to the potluck (if possible!) — the item can be from any country/culture. **Please send serving utensils and put your child's name and teacher's name on everything (dish/pot/bowl/pan/spoons).** We won't have the capability to reheat food as such our preference would be to offer dishes that can be refrigerated.

As we cannot guarantee enough food will be provided by our school community to make a complete lunch, please send your child to school with some regular snacks and a small lunch on the 21st just in case. If your child has food allergies, it may be wise to pack them a special lunch of their own, as we would still love for all students to participate in our Harmony Day celebration.

Finally, we will need volunteers to help with setting-up, serving, and cleaning-up. It's a fun time and the students will be excited to try new food and contribute to the potluck! Please fill in the information requested in the memo that came home with your child(ren) at the end of this week and return it to your child's teacher by **Thursday, November 14th**.

Thank you… Merci… Danke Schoen… Muchas Gracias… Dhannvaad… Spasibo…

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

School Fees ($35.00) and Cultural Fees ($10.00) are **NOW DUE** for the 2024/2025 school year. Fee statements are being sent home via your child's teacher if there are any outstanding School Fees, Cultural Fees or Field Study Fees on your student's account. Please note that the preferred method of payment is online with your credit card or debit card at: https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/ Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the fee statements.

USE OF CASORSO SCHOOL OFFICE - STUDENT PHONE

This is a reminder to our Casorso families that the Student Office Telephone is to be used specifically for students to contact parents / guardians regarding important school related matters, ie: forgotten lunches or homework, sporting events, etc. We encourage students to arrange playdates the night before the next school day. If you find that your family needs to make a change to the usual after- school plan for your child, please call the office (250-870-5135) and we will be happy to relay the message through your child's teacher.

SCHOOL MESSENGER SAFE ARRIVAL

Thank you to all of our families for using the *Student Absence Reporting System*. If you are new to our school, please visit www.sd23.bc.ca/SchoolMessenger to help you with the sign-up process and please contact the school if you have any concerns. Students **must** sign in at the office for late arrivals, even if you have entered the "Late" in School Messenger. *The same applies if students are leaving earlier than our regular 2:30 pm dismissal time – please check in at the office before leaving the building.* If your regular practice is to email the teacher for lates or absences, please continue this courtesy as they will not receive notification directly from School Messenger.

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

FUNDRAISERS

We are excited to announce our upcoming fundraiser featuring delicious Purdys Chocolates and Gift Certificates to T-Bones Markets, perfect for indulging your sweet tooth and satisfying your cravings. Help support the Casorso PAC this holiday season with adding one or both of these options to your shopping list. Please see the posters attached to this HOWL.

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on **Monday, November 18th, 2024** 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. Casorso PAC: Purdys Chocolatier Fundraiser - POSTER
2. Casorso PAC: T-Bone's Fundraiser - POSTER
3. Kelowna Volleyball Club: Smashball & Intro Volleyball - POSTER
4. Kelowna Lacrosse: Learn to Play Lacrosse - POSTER
5. Central Okanagan Public Schools - ERASE (Government of BC Online Resource Tool)

CASORSO PAC: *PURDYS CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER*

Ècole Casorso Elementary Holiday Fundraiser 2024

Supporting the School PAC (Parent Advisory Council) through a gift card purchase From T-Bones is a great way to contribute to school programs and events!

T-Bones Offers:

Fresh chicken, beef, pork
Seafood
Pies
Spices
Sauces
Frozen Food
Dog Treats
And more!

Purchase your $50, $75, or $100 giftcard by logging into casorso.hotlunches.net before Novemeber 24th!

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T-BONES

FRESH MEAL MARKET

Use this QR COde to see whats in store!

SMASHBALL & INTRO VOLLEYBALL

boys & girls grades 2-6

This program is designed to teach kids the fundamentals of volleyball by modifying the game to be more enticing and focusing on the most exciting aspects- game play and the spike!

KELOWNA KVC VOLLEYBALL CLUB

OCTOBER 21, 28, NOVEMBER 4, 18, 25

$106.00

GRADE 2-3 530-615PM
GRADE 4-6 630-730PM

CASORSO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Fundamental skills & techniques
- Age appropriate equipment
- Teamwork & collaboration
- Physical literacy through fun & games

FREE "LEARN TO PLAY" SESSION!

October 7th @ Casorso Elementary

gr.2-3 5:30pm | gr.4-6 6:30pm | DROP IN

Head Coach: Brittney Page

Former Professional Volleyball Player & Team Canada Alum

TO REGISTER VISIT
WWW.KELOWNAVOLLEYBALLCLUB.COM
CLUB TEAMS -> SMASHBALL

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

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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

LACROSSE

erase | EXPECT RESPECT & A SAFE EDUCATION

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.