



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – April 19th, 2024

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF April 22nd, 2024

MONDAY 22nd

- **Everyone Rides Bicycle Training:**
Indoor Lessons (Pitt, Loyst, Light & Keber)



TUESDAY 23rd

- 7:30 am - Running Club
- 10:55 am - **Gr 5** Battle of the Books (Practice)



WEDNESDAY 24th

- **Everyone Rides Bicycle Training:** On-Field Lessons
(Pitt, Loyst, Light & Keber)
- 10:55 am - **Gr 6** Battle of the Books (Practice)
- 3:30 pm - Running Club Fun Run
(Mission Creek Greenway)



THURSDAY 25th

- 7:30 am - Running Club
- **Class Group Photos**
- 9:00 am - District Battle of the Books



FRIDAY 26th

- Coyote Friday - Wear Your Coyote T-Shirt!
- 8:50 am - Walking Challenge Primary Assembly
- 9:10 am - Walking Challenge Intermediate Assembly



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:

Mark your calendar!
Class Group Photos
will be taken on:
Thursday, April 25th!

STEP IT UP: CASORSO WALKING CHALLENGE:

Monday, April 29th to Friday, May 3rd

Let's see how many steps Casorso students can walk in a week!

Everyone student will receive a pedometer on Monday, April 29th. The goal is to try and walk as much as you can (students who bike or roll to school can convert their trip into steps). Classroom teachers will record students' steps each day, and the class with the most steps by Friday (May 3rd) wins! Prizes are being donated by the City of Kelowna, Casorso PAC and Peter Truch:

1st Place - Pool Party at H2O 2nd Place - Pizza Party
3rd Place - Pizza Party



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TRAFFIC SAFETY AT CASORSO

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many of our students are making their own way to and from school each day, and therefore need to take great care when crossing roads and in the vicinity of traffic. It has come to our attention that there have been several recent incidents where commuters around the school have experienced our students making poor choices with respect to pedestrian safety. This message is a request that parents please take time to review all the safety tips and guidelines necessary to make the trip to and from school as safe as possible:

A Guide for Parents

- Teach your child how to cross the street
- Ensure your child has identification and emergency numbers in their backpacks
- Practice with your child. Choose the safest route to school with the least number of crossings
- Practice what each street sign means on the route to school
- Observe what it is like to cross at the eye level of your child
- Walk where there is good visibility for your child to see traffic and to be sure the drivers can see your child
- Don't let your child walk alone until you feel they are ready

Safety Tips for Kids

- Do not play on sidewalks
- Always look left, right, left before crossing
- Always wait until there is no oncoming traffic before crossing
- Walk, don't run across the street
- Wear bright colored clothes with reflective tape
- Pay close attention to your surroundings
- Walk with a buddy whenever possible
- Avoid using secluded shortcuts
- Cross at a cross walk and follow the instructions of the crossing guard or the walk/don't walk signal while preparing to cross the street
- Don't walk while using ear buds, texting, or doing anything else that may prevent you from hearing traffic or distract your attention
- If a car stops to ask for directions or for help finding a lost pet, never approach the vehicle
- Never take rides from strangers, or even people you know, without permission from your parents
- If someone calls out to you, approaches you, or makes you feel uncomfortable, quickly get to the nearest adult you trust and tell them what happened



Thank you for helping keep everyone safe!

Jared Birkeland, Principal
École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School



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MOVIE NIGHT: OLIVER AND COMPANY!

Our Grade 6 leadership group is organizing a movie night (from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm) in the gym on Tuesday, May 7th. The funds raised will go to the BC Cancer Society. Admission is \$5.00, and candy bags and juice boxes will be available for \$1.00 each. All items (admission tickets, candy bags and juice boxes) must be purchased via School Cash Online <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/> and **can be purchased until Friday, May 3rd**. For more information, please see the poster attached to this Howl.

The Royal Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 32nd annual grassroots summer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Uniquely designed to offer a more soccer focused morning with a leisure swim with other organized activities in the afternoon. The program operates during all weeks in July and August for children aged 5 to 13. For more information or to register, visit royalsoccerclub.com or call 1-800-427-0536. Also, see the poster attached to this Howl.

COPAC – VIRTUAL EVENT: INTERNET SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING:

[Click here to view the flyer for event details](#) (no download required).

Dear SD23 Parents, Caregivers, and Staff,

We are excited to announce that The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) has arranged an engaging live virtual event with The White Hatter, focusing on crucial topics related to our digital era. Due to platform limitations, access will be granted to the first 950 participants who log in on the day and time of the event. Therefore, we encourage you to mark your calendars and join us on time (or approximately 10 minutes before start time) to secure your spot!

Event 2: Youth Online Aggression, Cyberbullying, Threats, and Violence

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- **Start Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Details:** provided in the attached flyer.
- **LINK:** <https://app.sli.do/event/bnPLXKEBxX9rjMpUsX9SW2/live/questions>

PASSWORD: 9822

**** This event is for families, caregivers, and staff of SD23. Please DO NOT distribute this link and password outside of the recipients of this email unless authorized by COPAC.**

Important Note: Although each event can accommodate up to 950 participants, we understand that timing may not work for everyone. A recording of each event will be available for 48 hours post-event to help those that may miss the live event (use the same event link to access).

Join us in learning how to foster safer digital spaces for our children and community.

Thank you from the COPAC Team!

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CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' Indigenous Education Council is seeking two (2) interested Indigenous parents, family members, or caregivers to serve as members of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) and support the restart of the Indigenous Parent and Family Council. **Please see the attached letter to learn more about the IEC and Parent and Family Council.**

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> Email: CAS.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca

SPRING RAFFLE!!

The Spring Raffle ticket sales ends today!! Our gaming license requires us to have all tickets, SOLD or UNSOLD, returned. The class with the most **returned** booklets, SOLD or UNSOLD, will receive a popcorn party (one primary and one intermediate). The class that **sells** the most tickets will receive a pizza party (one primary and one intermediate).

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The next PAC meeting is Monday, May 13th 2024, from **6:30 pm – 8:00 pm** in the Casorso Library. Childcare is provided. Proposed changes to the Bylaws are published on Casorso Weebly [École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School PAC Website - Home \(weebly.com\)](https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/) The Bylaw changes will be voted at the May 13th, 2024 General Meeting.

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SAVE THE DATE: Family Fun Night is on June 7th, 2024! Anyone interested in helping out with a task can e-mail cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca.

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Grade 6 Movie Night: OLIVER & COMPANY **and** OC BBall Spring Camps - POSTERS
2. COPAC: THE WHITE HATTER (one live virtual event) - POSTER
3. Indigenous Education Council - LETTER to Families
4. Central Okanagan Public Schools 2024 - 2025 Registration Information - POSTER
5. Royal Soccer Club Summer Soccer programs - POSTER
6. Kelowna Springboard Diving Club - Spring Session - POSTER
7. Central Okanagan Public Schools Bus Transportation Application - POSTER

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GRADE 6 LEADERSHIP HOSTS

MOVIE NIGHT

OLIVER AND COMPANY

MAY 7TH 2:45PM - 4:30PM IN THE GYM

\$5 admission - use School cash online

\$1 Candy bags and \$1 juice boxes

All proceeds go towards the BC Cancer Society

OC BASKETBALL

SPRING 3V3 MICROBALLERS

Grades 1-8 Boys/Girls
Cost \$240

Birth Years 2017-2019
Cost \$235

APRIL 7 - JUNE 23

~~MARCH BREAK CAMP~~

~~**MARCH 26-28**~~

~~Grades 1-12 Boys/Girls
Cost \$160 (before Mar 1)
\$180 (after)~~



REGISTER AT WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA/JUNIORCOYOTES

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR TWO LIVE VIRTUAL EVENTS PRESENTED BY



Tuesday ~ March 5th, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM

INTERNET SAFETY AND DIGITAL LITERACY FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

The research on the positives and negative the internet provides ~ Challenges youth today face online~ Technology as a distraction ~ Media overconsumption ~ Online predators ~ Each person's personal digital footprint ~ How online information is collected and used ~ Data tracking & collection ~ App privacy ~ Concerning signs to look for ~ Sleep concerns ~ Exploitation

LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/51eSNjNSjSxjKbBNMEA4Fc/live/questions>

PASSWORD: 9965

Tuesday ~ April 23rd, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM

YOUTH ONLINE AGGRESSION, CYBERBULLYING, THREATS, AND VIOLENCE

Types of aggressors ~ The forms of aggression can take – stalking, aggressing messages, hacks, doxing ~ How to protect from common aggression forms ~ Identifying situations that need responses ~ Assessing the risk ~ Working with law enforcement and your child's school ~ What information you should/need to collect and provide ~ Recovery Process ~ Tools available to you as a caregiver ~ Monitoring for any future encounters ~ Legal actions

LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/bnPLXKEBxX9rjMpUsX9SW2/live/questions>

PASSWORD: 9822

Recordings will be available for 48 hours after the event using the event links

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Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

For more information ~ copac.atlarge3@sd23.bc.ca



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**Way' Indigenous Parents, Family Members, and Caregivers,**

The Central Okanagan Public Schools' **Indigenous Education Council** is seeking two (2) interested Indigenous parents, family members, or caregivers to serve as members of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) and support the restart of the Indigenous Parent and Family Council.

For context, the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the Ministry of Education and Childcare have introduced new legislation (Bill 40), which includes the requirement for public school boards to establish an **Indigenous Education Council (IEC)** in their respective school districts. In the Central Okanagan, we are pleased to share that the IEC has been a functioning and productive Council since 2003.

The current IEC is comprised of representation from Westbank First Nation, Okanagan Indian Band, Kelowna Metis Society, Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre, and Lake Country Native Association. For many years, two Indigenous parent representatives have been a part of the IEC. Since COVID, there has not been an Indigenous parent representative on the IEC. The voices of parents, family members and caregivers are important and needed on this Council. The Council, currently chaired by Westbank First Nation Councilor, Jordan Coble, and co-chaired by Westbank First Nation Youth and Recreation Manager, Nicole Werstuik, meets approximately 7-8 times per year, during the day. Typically, meetings are 2-4 hours in length. Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary to carry out the Council's responsibilities. The Elder representative and the Indigenous parent, family member, or caregiver representative receives a \$200.00 honourarium per meeting.

The Indigenous Education Council advocates for Indigenous interests in the design, implementation, and assessment of educational programs and services that will improve the school experience and academic achievement of Indigenous students (K-12). The Council is committed to setting the conditions for each Indigenous learner to thrive, holistically ~ academically, emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

IEC members cannot be employees of Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Indigenous parent, family, or caregiver representatives on the Indigenous Education Council will also support the restart of the District's **Indigenous Parent and Family Council** by encouraging Indigenous parents to participate in monthly evening meetings 6-8 times per year. Although honourariums are not provided for Indigenous Parent and Family Council meetings, there is a budget to support meeting expenses.

To express interest in serving as a Parent, Family, or Caregiver representative on the Indigenous Education Council, please complete the survey found here [IEC SURVEY](#).

For more information, please contact Jesse Bruce @ jesse.bruce@sd23.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Ann Bell, Indigenous Education Council - representative for Lake Country Native Association
Jesse Bruce, Director of Instruction - Indigenous Education and Equity



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Together We Learn



**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, January 29, 2024, at 7:00 am for 2024 - 2025 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide telephone support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024

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, January 29, 2024 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 15, 2024.

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 29, 2024

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, 2024, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2024. No exceptions.

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

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royalsoccerclub.com

800-427-0536

For location & registration details, visit our website.

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- Adults



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Fitness Centre and the Rutland Family
YMCA

Email ksdc.general@gmail.com
with any questions



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The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2024 Opens 7:00 AM January 29, 2024

IMPORTANT

Although school bus transportation applications are accepted throughout the school year, priority seating for the 2024–2025 school year is given to those applicants who have applied before end of day on May 31, 2024

Use the link below to submit a school bus transportation application for the 2024-2025 school year.
<https://busconnect.sd23.bc.ca/application?year=2024>

Students must be registered to ride on the school bus, for detailed information regarding student eligibility for transportation please visit our website:
<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/transportation/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in Central Okanagan Public Schools.
<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%204%20%20Students/470R.pdf>

!!STOP!!

**For RED FLASHING LIGHTS
IT'S THE LAW**



Safety is everyone's responsibility

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