



# École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

## Weekly Howl – November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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



### WEEK OF December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

#### MONDAY December 1<sup>st</sup>

#### TUESDAY December 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Fruit & Veggie - Pears



#### WEDNESDAY December 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 1:45 pm - Roots of Empathy visits Casorso

#### THURSDAY December 4<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 am - **Scholastic Book Fair** (until 4:00 pm)



#### FRIDAY December 5<sup>th</sup>

- Coyote Spirit “Topsy Turvy” Day! (wear clothes that are Mismatch, Backwards, Inside Out, etc.)

Or - Wear Your T-Shirt!



- 8:00 am - **Scholastic Book Fair** (until 4:00 pm)



### 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:*

*Cooler, wet weather has arrived along with a dip in temperatures. 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. Also, an extra pair of dry pants and dry socks would be appreciated.... for all our students!*

*Thank you!*



### **GRADE 6 CAMP 2026: THIS YEAR AT GREEN BAY!**

This year, the Grade 6 camp will be May 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Green Bay in West Kelowna! For more information, please visit our Casorso website and go to the **NEWS** page to view the slideshow: [Grade 6 yearend celebration at Green Bay Camp](#). All Grade 6 students are encouraged to attend the year-end camp, regardless of their financial means. We are asking parents / guardians of Grade 6 students to please sign up to help with fundraising [here](#). If you are interested in being a chaperone, please sign up [here](#).

Our camp planning team is asking families to pay a \$50.00 deposit, **due before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025** - please use school cash online: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/>

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

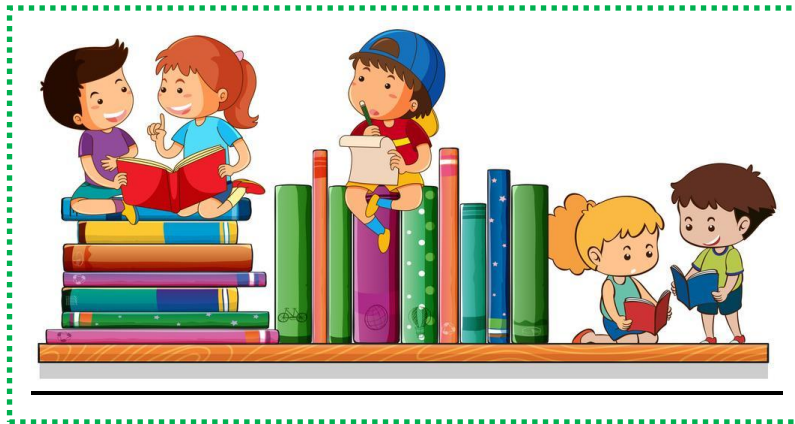
Please visit these links for more information about our upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair** at Casorso:

English:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf/casorsoelemschool5>

French:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ca/bf-fr/casorsoelemschool5>



Support families in our community  
*Casorso Holiday Hampers*

*Tis the Season of GIVING!*

We are collecting items from Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> -Dec. 12th  
(non-perishable food and small gifts)

Look for the BINGO grid of items from your child's teacher



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## ROOTS OF EMPATHY 2025 - 2026



Arthur has begun visiting Mrs. Jaworski's grade 2 class this year as a part of Roots of Empathy.

The goals of the program are:

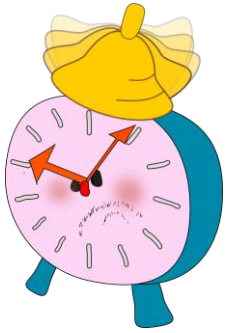
- To foster the development of empathy
- To develop emotional literacy
- To reduce levels of bullying, aggression, and promote pro-social behaviours
- To increase knowledge of human development, learning, and infant safety
- To prepare students for responsible citizenship and responsive parenting

Started in 1996, Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among schoolchildren while helping them develop social/emotional competencies and increasing empathy. At the heart of the program are a neighborhood infant (Arthur) and parents who engage students in their classroom. Over the school year, a trained Roots of Empathy Instructor guides the children as they observe the relationship between baby and parent, understanding the baby's intentions and emotions. Through this model of experiential learning, the baby is the "Teacher" and a catalyst, helping children identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. To learn more about the Roots of Empathy Program, click [here](#).

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## **IN SUPPORT OF BEING ON TIME**



*Our school places an emphasis on being on time. It is very helpful and adds success to each child's day when all students are seated by the second bell and classroom instruction can begin without interruption. Arriving on time sets up all our students for success. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with this goal. If your child arrives late, please ensure that they report in at the Office before going to their classroom.*

*Please also remember school ends at 2:30pm and there is supervision in the playground until 2:45pm. If there is a later pick-up, please have your child wait at the front of the school or in the waiting area by the office.*



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 to keep everyone as safe as possible.

## **A FEW EXTRA SNACKS IN LUNCHES**

*We have been noticing that some of our students are coming to the office to let us know that they are still hungry after they have finished eating their lunch. Now that the colder weather has arrived, we ask that you and your child pack a few extra healthy snacks each day to keep their growing bodies fueled! This includes fun lunch or hot lunch days as well...thank you!*



## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> Email: [cas.pac@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:cas.pac@sd23.bc.ca)

# PAC NEWS!

*Interested in what the PAC does? Check out:  
<https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/>*

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on: **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 the **Columbia Bottle Depot**. Bring your returnable items in a transparent plastic bag. Print a label using our PAC account **ID #BBP7X** to raise money for our school.

### **NATURE'S FARE Fundraiser:**

**DETAILS:** *Nature's Fare (120-1876 Cooper Road) gives Casorso 3% back when you make a purchase.*

**HOW-TO:** *Collect your receipts and drop them off at the school office as soon as possible.*

**HOT LUNCH Term 2:** *Ordering is open from November 26<sup>th</sup> through to December 19<sup>th</sup>!*

### **COPAC News:**

Geering-UP UBC-O runs Saturday programming through the Winter. See attached a digital poster for Saturday Clubs as well as a digital poster for the Junior Instructor Volunteer Opportunity.

## PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Ministry of Education and Childcare: ERASE – POSTER
2. City of Kelowna: Family Holiday Skate – POSTER
3. Kelowna Speed Skating – POSTER
4. UBC Winter Stem Camp – POSTER

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## Information for Parents and Caregivers

# Resources to support you and your child



### Register for free training

Tips to protect children  
and youth online



### Have a conversation

Talk with children and  
youth about things they  
may be experiencing

## What kind of information can I find on [erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca)?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
  - Diversity and inclusion
  - Mental health and substance use
  - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

## What is the Report It Tool?

**Report It** is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at [erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca).



Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



Ministry of  
Education and  
Child Care



# Family Holiday Skate



**Sunday, Dec. 14**  
**1 - 3 p.m. at Rutland Arena**

**Join in on some free family fun!**

Skating, treats, games, door prizes & more!

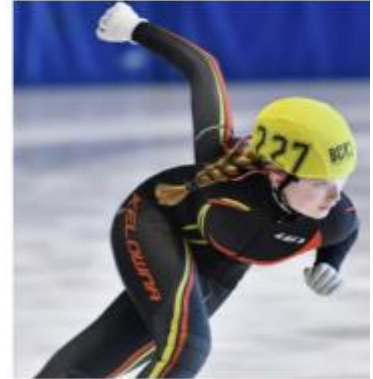
Admission is free, but donations to the food bank are greatly appreciated.

[kelowna.ca/calendar](http://kelowna.ca/calendar)



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# **FEED YOUR NEED FOR SPEED**



***Supportive coaching, friendly  
teammates, fun racing  
opportunities, team spirit,  
excitement and adrenaline!***

All ages and experience levels welcome!!

Check out our Facebook page or email  
[kelownaspeedskate@gmail.com](mailto:kelownaspeedskate@gmail.com) for registration info

**\* FREE Try-It Session Dec. 15th @ MNP Place \***

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## WINTER STEM CAMP

Looking for some fun during the Winter Break?

Join the WWEST team for a fun-filled, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) based camp! This camp will engage youth aged 5-10, in winter-STEM themed activities ranging from technology to neuroscience, alongside indoor and outdoor movement breaks!

Daily registration means you can choose 1, 2, 3, or all 4 days of camp!

December 29, 2025-January 2, 2026

\*(no camp on January 1, 2026)

8:30am-3:30pm

UBC Okanagan

ARTS Building 1147 Research Road



\$55/youth/day

TO REGISTER VISIT: [wwest-cwse.ca](http://wwest-cwse.ca)  
or scan the QR code



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