



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – November 15th, 2024

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF November 18th, 2024

MONDAY 18th

- 6:30 pm - PAC Meeting (Library)



TUESDAY 19th

WEDNESDAY 20th

- 12:15 pm - Manfredi & Gregoire Neighbourhood Walk

THURSDAY 21st

- 10:00 am - Multi-Cultural Fair (Primary Students)
- 11:50 am - Multi-Cultural Fair (Intermediate Students)

FRIDAY November 22nd

- Harmony Day
- Coyote Friday - Wear Your T-Shirt!
- 10:00 am - Cultural Performance:
Black Dog String Quartet
- Art Cards For Kids - **ORDERS DUE!**



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.



ART CARDS FOR KIDS

Sample art cards for the Art Cards For Kids fundraiser are coming home with your child today. The orders are due to your child's teacher on Friday, November 22nd. Thank you for supporting our Grade 6, 2024/2025 Eagle Bay Camp fundraiser!



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 of 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.

"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...



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 have two fundraisers going right now: Purdys Chocolates and Gift Certificates to T-Bones Gift Cards! 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 or go to our website <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> for more information.

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The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting this coming **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.

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COPAC presents: November **Partners for Inclusive Education**
Supporting Learners with Complex Health Issues on **November 19th 2024**
(6:30 - 7:30 pm via zoom) <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

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Casorso swag orders have arrived! You can pick up your orders at the front of the school on Thursday, November 21 and Monday, November 25. If you are unable to make one of these pick-up times, please contact cas.pac@sd23.bc.ca to make arrangements.

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools: Partners for Inclusive Education - POSTER
2. Casorso PAC: Purdys Chocolatier Fundraiser - POSTER
3. Casorso PAC: T-Bone's Fundraiser - POSTER
4. Clean Air & Safe Routes 4 School: Follow-up 2024 Findings - ARTICLE
5. Kelowna Volleyball Club: Smashball & Intro Volleyball - POSTER
6. Kelowna Lacrosse: Learn to Play Lacrosse - POSTER
7. Central Okanagan Public Schools - ERASE (Government of BC Online Resource Tool)

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Partners for inclusive Education (PIE) is a welcoming online space committed to supporting parents/guardians to learn more about the how students with neurodiversity, disability, support needs and/or diverse abilities are supported in their neighborhood school.

PIE is a space where parents/guardians, staff and community come together as partners to champion inclusive education by learning and supporting each other as we navigate the school years together. We connect virtually five times a year offering workshops, speakers, and opportunities to connect with other parents/guardians.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources

Next Event Date:

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: November 19, 2024

Topic: Supporting Students with Medical Needs

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/6569391842>

CASORSO PAC: PURDYS CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER



Supporting a Cause Never Tasted So Good!

Buy your favourite chocolates to support **Casorso Elementary School**

Purdys
CHOCOLATIER

Go to fundraising.purdys.com or Scan QR → 

Enter customer # **42183** to shop & support.

Place your order by **November 24th at 8:00pm**

Contact **Katie Illichmann** at **250-212-9209** for more details.

 CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

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École 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 November 24th!



Use this QR CODE to see whats in store!

Clean Air and Safe Routes 4 School Follow-up 2024 Findings Article

Casorso Elementary

School Travel Follow-up survey results 2024

The [School Travel Plan](#) is a collaboration between Casorso and several stakeholders to increase participation in active transportation, reduce the number of motorized vehicles used for travel to and from school, and reduce harmful emissions.

During one week last May and September, a survey by Casorso's teachers found that after a few years of activities and tailored infrastructure changes around the school, there's been an overall increase of 5% in the use of sustainable modes to and from school; more kids walk, bicycle and take the school bus or public transit.

In 2024, the school had around 250 families, and we received 94 responses through the [online family survey](#), which means only 38% of parents provided feedback. Due to the minimal number of responses received, data samples are not large enough to reflect improvements related to barriers, real or perceived.

Parents who usually join their children on the [walk to school](#) find it a refreshing start to their day. Please check [Casorso's map](#) to find the best routes to walk and bike. If you must drive, there are park and walk stations around the school to avoid traffic and give your kid a chance to exercise every day!

We would also encourage parents who live along the safe routes to clear the sidewalks of obstacles. Send a [snow/ice-sidewalk](#) service request, report a shrub/tree nuisance along the sidewalk or call Civic Operations at 250-469-8600 to report any other nuisance. Your collaboration is critical to make the neighbourhoods around the school safer.

The school participated in a [Pollution Pit Stop Idling Awareness Campaign](#) in May and September 2024.

- A pizza lunch was provided as a prize for a [Pit Stop Pledge](#) competition.
- Two grade-3 classes enjoyed the pizza lunch on October 31, 2024.

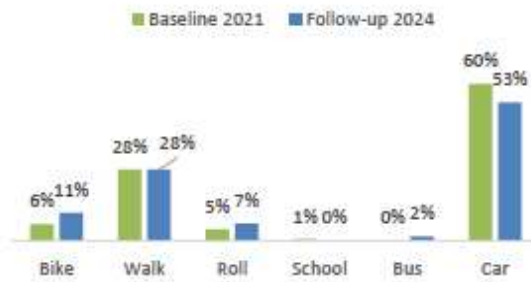
The [Action Plan](#) has excellent resources to keep promoting active transportation. If you want to participate in its implementation, please contact our school at cas@sd23.bc.ca

We would love to see more kids walking and enjoying the fresh air on the way to and from school. Don't forget to dress your kids for the weather – they'll need their rain jackets, hoodies or snow gear to enjoy recess time, anyway!

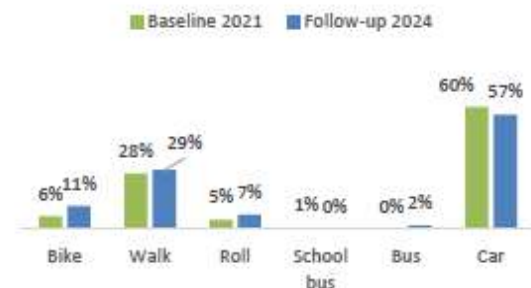
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Westbank First Nation
Regional District of Central Okanagan

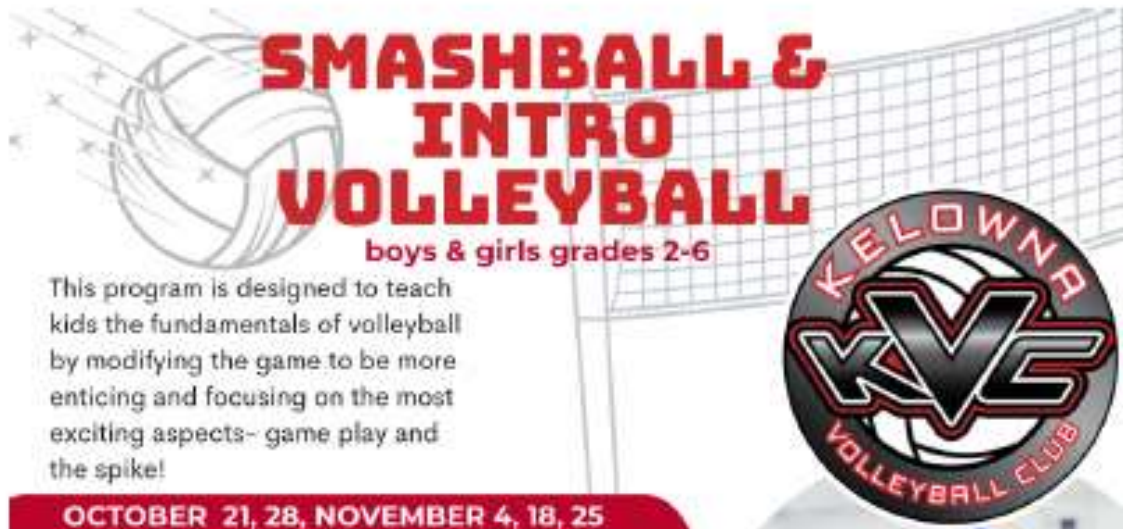


Travel Mode To School
Casorso



Travel Mode From School
Casorso





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!

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



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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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EQUIPMENT (HELMET, GLOVES & STICK) AVAILABLE TO USE
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4105 Gordon Drive
Kelowna



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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.