



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – May 17th, 2024

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF May 20th, 2024

MONDAY 20th

- Victoria Day - School Closed

TUESDAY 21st

- 10:45 am - Fire Drill

WEDNESDAY 22nd

- 9:00 am - Grade 3's to O'Keefe Ranch
- 9:30 am - SumoBot Event (select students to UBCO with Mrs. Stuart)

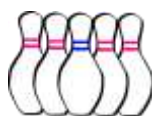
THURSDAY 23rd

- 12:00 pm - Loyst to McCurdy Bowling

FRIDAY May 24th

- Coyote Spirit Day: Tacky Tourist/Hawaiian Day

Or, Wear Your Coyote 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.



OLIVER! Junior!

Congratulations to all the students and staff for another outstanding spring production at Casorso! Special thanks goes to Corrie Brown and Erin Cooper for all their work on the amazing costumes and sets used in the show. Extra, EXTRA thanks to the uber-talented Mme Mireau for bringing the whole thing together. Audiences raved and the entire school community has so much to be proud of! Well done, Coyotes!

LAST REMINDER FOR SCHOOL FEES:

This is a final reminder to pay for any outstanding items on your student's account. School Fees (\$35.00) and Cultural Fees (\$10.00) are due for the 2023/2024 school year. Please note that our school is no longer accepting cash or cheques. All school fees, including Cultural Fees and Field Study fees must be paid online with your credit card or debit card at: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>

If your child did not participate in a particular Field Study that is linked on your account please call the school office (250-870-5135)

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Dear Casorso Parents and Guardians,

For information regarding student placement requests for next school year, please see the memo at the link provided: [2024, 2025 Parent Placement Requests.pdf](#)

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR THE 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR

We will be holding student placement meetings during the month of May to arrange classes for September. Current teachers, the Learning Assistance Teacher, who co-ordinates our student support services at the school, and school Administration will also attend. The development of class lists is given a great deal of time, careful thought and understanding with the knowledge teachers have of each student and what will be in the child's best interest. Because teachers see how students function in a classroom every day, they are confident that they can make the best class placement possible for your child.

Parents will also be beginning to think about what is best for their children in terms of their class placement for 2024/2025 at Casorso. While there are many things that must be considered when we make up classes, and we are somewhat limited in what we can do to accommodate 'wish lists', we encourage parents to be involved and provide information that will help us make good decisions. We always want to do what is best for children and families and therefore value any requests for placement that involve grade/class configuration, and those that involve a preferred placement regarding another child or friends. However, we cannot consider requests for specific teachers, and requests must have an educationally sound explanation behind them.

We will gladly be accepting requests in writing (paper or email) up until May 20th

It should be noted that combined or 'split' classes are not necessarily homogenously grouped (see more information regarding combined classrooms under the 'Parents' tabs of our website). For example, the more academically advanced grade 4 students are not automatically placed in a Grade 4/5 class with 'weaker' grade 5 students. There are many factors that are taken into account in the process:

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| - Relative independence | - Instructional groupings |
| - Special needs | - Class size |
| - Learning and teaching styles | - Gender balance |
| - Previous placement history | - School Based Team recommendations |
| - Social groupings | - Academic achievement |

We will re-assess the class and school organization after the August registration period when we become aware of any enrolment changes that have taken place over the summer. As is the case every year in all schools, teaching assignments and class organizations are subject to change in the fall.

Please Note: Parents hold on to your child's report card! **You will need it to obtain your child's P.E.N. number.** Class lists posted in September will show the student P.E.N. numbers only. Due to the Freedom of Information Act, we are no longer allowed to post student names.

Sincerely,



Jared Birkeland
Principal, Casorso Elementary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Ministry of Education would like to get feedback from parents in our community. Can you please take a moment to complete this Student Learning Survey.

<https://www.awinfosys.com/SurveyFull1/central/main/access.asp>

The survey is still open! Please scroll down to the Parent section of the survey.

You will need to select: Central Okanagan School District 23,
Casorso Elementary School & Language of preference



*Student Santiago with
Host Parents Sue & Roy Morgan*

"We love being part of the interaction
with the students and learning
so much about their culture."

Host Families Needed!

International students enrich
our schools and our homes.

You could be the best part
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Apply today and become a memorable part
of an international student experience.

Host family compensation is \$1,100/month.

Email homestay@sd23.bc.ca
or call 250-470-3258 to learn more.



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"What we love most is being part
of a student experiencing
Canada for the first time."



*Student Gabriel with
Host Parents Linda & Travis Matt*

Dear Kelowna Families,

We're looking for new homestay families in the central area of Kelowna to host male students from around the world. Many families in the Central Okanagan enjoy this opportunity to experience new cultures, make global friends, and provide a nurturing environment for Gr. 9 to Gr.12 international students.

What We Offer:

- **Compensation:** \$1,100 per month
- **Support:** Ongoing guidance and support from our experienced homestay program coordinators
- **Experience:** A rewarding cultural experience that enriches your family's life
- **Flexibility:** Short-term (5 mos.) hosting to see if it's for you or long-term (full school year)

Who We're Looking For:

- Families who are keen to embrace cultural interactions.
- Families who can provide a welcoming and supportive home for male students.

How to Apply:

To learn more about the role and submit your application, please visit our website: [Host Family Application](#)



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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.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

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

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!

Family Fun Night is coming up on June 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm! Anyone interested in helping out with a task can e-mail cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca. Please click here for more information about this fun family event : [CAS FFN 2024 - Letter to Families.pdf](#)

We are in need of a PAC Treasurer for the next school year (2024/2025). We hope someone can join before the end of the 2024 school year so that our current PAC Treasurer can show them the current set-up. Please reach out to the PAC if you have a background in accounting or finance and are interested in the role!

A big 'THANK YOU' to Mme Mireau and company for the Oliver Junior production! All the hard work paid off and was evident. It was wonderful!!

KLO Middle School's AGM is on May 27th @ 6:30 pm in the KLO Library. All incoming parents/guardians are eligible for nominations to the executive. See flyer attached to this Howl.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for September 16th 2024, from **6:30 pm to 8:00 pm** in the Casorso Library.

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. GoByBike Week: June 3rd through 9th - POSTER
2. Casorso PAC Family Fun Night: June 7th - POSTER (6 pgs.)
3. KLO Middle School PAC - Nominations for KLO PAC Executive - LETTER
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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GOBYBIKEWEEK for SCHOOLS

JUNE 3-9, 2024



GoByBikeBC

BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

**Help your school
WIN \$1,000**

1

CHOOSE

Choose to GoByBike or another form of active transportation.

2

LOG

Track and report all your trips June 3-9. Every trip counts!

3

WIN

The more trips you log, the more chances your school has to win \$1000, and the more chances you have to win prizes too!

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CASORSO

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

WHEN: JUNE 7, 2024 5:00-8:00 PM



HELLO CASORSO FAMILIES!

Every spring the Casorso PAC hosts a FAMILY FUN NIGHT. It is an opportunity for students, staff and parents to play games, have dinner, socialize, and come together as a community.

CASORSO COYOTE SPIRIT!

WHAT: Outdoor bouncy castles and obstacle course, games and prizes, stuffy walk, food (available for pre-purchase), popcorn, treats and much more to enjoy with your family! Classroom basket prizes to be won.

FOOD: Order dinner through the Fun Lunch website (see below) or pack a picnic.

ORDERING: Food Ticket and Wristband Ordering
Open May 15th until May 29th

(See Next Page)

Order your food and beverage ahead of time to avoid disappointment.

Ordering Instructions:

1. Login to your fun lunch account: <https://casorso.hotlunches.net> If you don't have an account, you must register for one first, then log in.
2. Select the ORDERS tab, then select Student Orders from the drop-down list
3. Choose the Casorso Family Fun Night ordering button
4. Enter the number of items you wish to order

a. Order all items for your family under one child.

b. COST \$8 per family.

Every family attending must pay \$8.00. ONLY CHILDREN NEED WRISTBANDS. Additional wristbands for additional siblings are free. If you have more than one child, please select the number of additional wristbands you will need.

5. Submit your order

6. Pay for your order

Please use PayPal as your method of payment. You do not need to have a PayPal account to do this. Cheques will be accepted at the ticket table only (see below).

7. Your wristbands and food/beverage tickets will be available for pick-up in front of the school (2:15p-2:45pm) June 5th and 6th OR at the event on June 7th.

- We recommend you order online to avoid missing out. (limited food available at the event)
- You are also welcome to bring a picnic if you prefer.
- Dining Tables will be setup for your convenience.
- Note: we do not provide refunds for unused tickets.
- Unpaid orders will be CANCELLED.



VOLUNTEERING

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING SO THAT THE EVENT IS A SUCCESS!

This evening relies on the support of our amazing volunteers. We cannot make this happen without the participation of the Casorso community. Please consider volunteering a portion of your time so that everyone can enjoy the many events planned. Stations without adequate supervision will be closed. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054DA4AA29ABFE3-49372707-casorso>

Tip: you can scroll through all the options and select what you want and the time you want – then click the submit button. Email will be required.

STUFFY WALK

(think cake walk, but with stuffed animals)

***Please drop off new or clean, gently used (tags still on) stuffed toys at any time in the box by the office. The "walk" will take place in the music room with access from the outside door.

CLASSROOM THEME BASKETS

One of the highlights of Family Fun Night is the Classroom Theme Basket \$1 ticket raffle. **Tickets will be sold the night of the event for \$1 each (cash sales only)** and the draw will take place at 7:30pm. This is a fun opportunity for the students and their families to purchase tickets for the various baskets collected throughout the school. The \$1 ticket can be placed in one of containers and the more you purchase the better chance of winning.

DONATIONS:

Your child has the opportunity to participate by contributing a new item, whether big or small to their own classroom basket. Please send items (must be new) to your child's classroom by

MONDAY JUNE 3, 2024

Either individual items or a group item that several families would like to contribute to are welcome additions to the baskets. The children gain a sense of pride and excitement as they see the beautiful baskets that they have created.

Funds raised will be used to help fund school projects including the library, music program, field trips, tech/computer equipment as well as sponsoring the evening.

BASKET THEMES AND CLASSES:

GREAT OUTDOORS (Camping, BBQ, Hiking) - PITT & BARCLAY

SWEET TOOTH _____ ELLIOTT & EZZARD

ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE _____ TAYLOR & FRIESEN

ALL THINGS SPORTS _____ HARDY & SPARKS

GIFT CARD BONANZA _____ HAYES

LET'S GET CRAFTY _____ LALONDE & LAW

POOL/BEACH PARTY _____ LIGHT & KEBER

BOOK WORM _____ PARK & THOMPSON

WHAT'S COOKING LITTLE CHEF _____ MANFREDI & JOYCE

GARDENERS DELIGHT _____ SNARSKI & SOOKOCHEFF

"ME" DAY _____ VANDERVOORT & WELLER

FAMILY FUN _____ RICHARDSON & FEDERKO

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR SUGGESTED ITEMS –

DONATIONS DUE MONDAY JUNE 3, 2024

Questions? Please contact Cadre 250-826-9987 or cadresimpson@hotmail.com

Thank-you from your Casorso PAC Executive!

Email: Cas.pac@sd23.bc.ca

website: www.casorsofamilies.weebly.com



SUGGESTED ITEMS

CASORSO THEME BASKETS

DONATIONS DUE MONDAY JUNE 3, 2024

These are just some ideas to get you started but anything you can think of is great!

Please chat/collaborate with other families to help fill the baskets!!

GREAT OUTDOORS (Camping, BBQ, Hiking) - PITT & BARCLAY Tent, sleeping bag, BBQ, sleep mats, camping chairs, cooler, tarps, cook stove, lantern/flashlight/headlamp, s'more supplies, camping food, bug spray, citronella candles, tablecloth, BBQ supplies, picnic supplies, hiking books, hiking poles, backpack, outdoor games, gc's to Canadian Tire or an outdoor store

SWEET TOOTH - ELLIOTT & EZZARD All things sweet! CANDY, Cookbooks for desserts or candy, candy or chocolate molds, gumball machine, gift cards to candy store, toothbrush/paste & floss and MORE CANDY

ALL THINGS CHOCOLATE - TAYLOR & FRIESEN Specialty chocolate, chocolate bars, chocolate baking mixes, cookbooks, hot chocolate, chocolate themed items, chocolate fondue, gift cards to chocolate stores-ANYTHING CHOCOLATE!!

ALL THINGS SPORTS - HARDY & SPARKS Baseball, basketball, volleyball soccer, hockey, tennis or badminton equipment, water bottle, outdoor games, frisbee, teams sports apparel, sports themed books, fitness tracker, Gift cards to sports stores

GIFT CARD BONANZA – HAYES Gift cards for anywhere!!

LET'S GET CRAFTY - LALONDE & LAW Markers, pencil crayons, sketch books, paper, paint supplies, craft kits, colouring books, jewelry kits, gift card to Michaels or other craft store

POOL/BEACH PARTY - LIGHT & KEBER Pool/Beach toys, beach towels, frisbee, volleyball, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, sunglasses, minigolf, sunscreen, sprinklers, back yard games/toys, beach umbrellas, picnic gear, water squirters, swim goggles

BOOK WORM - PARK & THOMPSON Books of any kind, reading light, bookmarks, journals, pens/pencils/markers, book ends, book holder, book bag, blanket/throw, reading socks, wine glasses, gourmet snacks, teas, coffees, hot chocolate, gift cards to bookstores or amazon

WHAT'S COOKING LITTLE CHEF - MANFREDI & JOYCE Anything to do with baking and cooking! Pots and pans, muffin tins, cookie sheets, baking mixes, frosting, ingredients for baking, cookbooks, apron, cookie cutters, oven mitts, bowls, mixers, gift cards to HelloFresh or other meal service

GARDENERS DELIGHT - SNARSKI & SOOKOCHEFF Garden decorations plants, seeds, gardening tools, gardening books, gardening gloves, hose, sprinkler, watering can, sunscreen, bug spray, hand lotion, planters and pots, gift card to garden store

"ME" DAY - VANDERVOORT & WELLER Whatever that means to you!!Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, creams, mani/pedicure things, magazines, picnic basket, popcorn, boxes of candy, blankets, yoga mat, gift cards to salon or spa, movies, restaurants, coffee shops

FAMILY FUN - RICHARDSON & FEDERKO Games of any kind, movie passes, gift cards to Scandia, H2O, climbing gyms, Myra Adventure Park, Energy Plex, Laser tag or gift cards for pizza or restaurants, gas gift card

Feel free to collaborate with other families to help fill our baskets



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR KLO PAC EXECUTIVE FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

A new Ecole KLO Middle School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) executive will be elected for the 2024-25 school year at the **AGM on May 27th at 6:30 p.m.** in the KLO library. All parents/guardians of current grades 7 to 9 KLO students are automatically members of the KLO PAC, and parents with students coming into grade 7 in September 2024, are invited to the AGM and encouraged to consider letting your name stand for a PAC Executive position.

Although some existing PAC executive members are willing to let their name stand again, there are also vacancies (see below). *KLO is required to have a PAC executive to continue receiving BC Gaming Grant Funding of over \$20,000 annually.* These funds, administered by PAC, help fund KLO extracurriculars – class field trips, new kiln, music equipment, new sports uniforms and so much more.

Electing the new PAC Executive in May allows transition time before the end of this school year. All positions are one-year terms. *More information on the roles is available in the [PAC Constitution & Bylaws](#).* Even if you are unable to serve as an executive member, your vote at the PAC meeting is needed to elect nominees into the positions.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email klo.pac@sd23.bc.ca *If we receive more nominations than positions, that would be a great position for this PAC to be in!* We are also happy to answer any questions. There can also be nominations from the floor at the AGM.

Even if you can't volunteer for a position, the PAC Executive welcomes your input and attendance at all meetings. It's an easy way to keep up with what is happening at KLO.
We look forward to seeing you May 27th.

KLO PAC Executive Committee 2024-25 (roles and nomination status):

President – Open (*the current President has reached his max term and can not continue in this position*)
(This is a position that must be filled and can be shared by two people.)

Vice President – (1 nominee)

Treasurer – Open for nominees. (This is a position that must be filled.)

Secretary – Open for nominees (This is a position that must be filled.)

Three Members at Large: Open for nominees, (1 nominee)

COPAC Representative(s) – Open for nominees (This is a position that must be filled and can be shared by two people.)



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**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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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#/="](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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