



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – September 19th, 2025

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



WEEK OF September 22nd, 2025

MONDAY 22nd

TUESDAY 23rd

WEDNESDAY 24th

- 1:20 pm - Fire Drill #1

THURSDAY 25th

FRIDAY 26th

- Coyote Friday - wear your T-shirt!
- 8:30 am - Gr 5/6 "Mix and Mingle" to Rotary Beach: (Ezzard, Vandervoort, Friesen, Richardson & May)



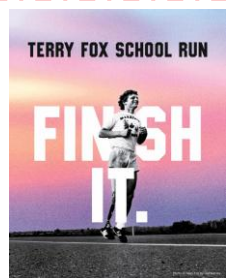
SAFE DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES

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.



TERRY FOX - UPDATE

This morning, our students participated in the annual **Terry Fox walk / run** in support of the **Canadian Cancer Society**. The students from Ms. Richardson's class collected coin donations from our Casorso families throughout this week and collected **\$1,874.40!** Well done, Coyotes!

In support of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope fundraising campaign, all proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation. Once again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Ms. Richardson and Ms. Thompson

STUDENT VERIFICATION SHEETS

Student Verification Forms have been sent home with your child (on **BLUE** paper). PLEASE review, make additions or changes, sign, and return to your child's teacher ASAP so that we have current emergency information for your child on file at school. Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have completed and returned these important documents!

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

TRAFFIC AND PARKING SAFETY REMINDERS AT CASORSO:

Please see this attached letter with information regarding traffic at Casorso. In the past few days, we had many close calls with students and near misses in our parking lot and we need your help. [Traffic for Casorso 2025 2026 \(1\).pdf](#)

August 28th, 2025

Dear Casorso Community:

With the start of a new school year, we would like to send a reminder to everyone regarding traffic and safety at Casorso Elementary.

1. **Parking Lot:**

Our parking lot is only available for staff, daycare providers and families who have a disability parking pass. For the safety of all students, we ask that families please use either:

- a. the Church of God parking lot
- b. side street parking along Barrera Rd
- c. Side street parking north on Casorso Rd (not on Kiss and Go lane)

2. **Encourage active transportation:**

Our school encourages students to get to and from school in active ways. There are many benefits for students to walk, cycle and roll to school – including physical and mental health benefits, environmental benefits, and traffic safety benefits. We have a parent group who works alongside our PAC to support active transportation for our students.

If you are driving to school, consider “Drive to Five.” You can park your car approximately five minutes away at the Church of God or Rotary Beach and either walk with your child, or allow them to walk independently the rest of the way. Please consider this as an option for this school year. This will help lessen the congestion at our crosswalks near the school increasing student safety.

3. **Kiss and Go lane:**

Our Kiss and Go lane available for those families who would like to drop off their child and remain in their car. We have two areas for Kiss and Go and would like to ask all families to avoid this area for parking. We will have Casorso staff at the crosswalk along Casorso (north) to help with students crossing along the parking lot exit.

Kiss and Go lanes:

North and south of the Parking lot exit on Casorso

No parking allowed in the Kiss and Go lane





SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

This is a reminder to parents and drivers in our school community that school speed zones, 30 km/h, are in effect from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm on school days.

REMINDER: CUTLERY FOR LUNCHES



Parents, please remember to pack a spoon/fork with your child's lunch when it is required, as we are unable to provide utensils at school.
Thank you!

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees (\$40.00) and Cultural Fees (\$10.00) are now due for the 2025/2026 school year. Please note that the preferred method of payment is online with your credit card or debit card at: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>

SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SANCTUARY SCHOOLS POLICY

Board Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools (see www.sd23.bc.ca) upholds the Board's commitment to providing educational opportunities for all students who are ordinarily resident in the Central Okanagan, including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status. Student registrations that pertain to Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools will be processed through the Welcome Centre.

[Policy 421 – Sanctuary Schools](#)

SCHOOL DISTRICT'S APPEALS PROCESS

Board Policy 460 – Appeals states that, *"A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student"*.

For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Board Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage – www.sd23.bc.ca.

School District's Financial Hardship Clause

Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated *"that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship"*. Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states: *"Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay"*.

Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

Dear Casorso Parents and Guardians,

Casorso is looking for Parent/Guardian volunteers for our reading program. It is a comprehensive Orton-Gillingham structured literacy curriculum, aligned with extensive research and is appropriate for all ages. It is easy to use and very effective for students who have difficulty with reading. Training is very simple and just requires 45 minutes prior to the volunteer commitment. This is our third year running it and we're very excited to continue. For more information, please refer to the website: <https://pridereadingprogram.com/>

If this is something you are interested in doing, please fill in this [google document](#) and our staff will be in touch.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> Email: cas.pac@sd23.bc.ca

FALL FAIR !

The Fall Fair is coming up on **Friday, October 3rd**, from **5:00 to 7:30pm**, and all Casorso families are welcome to come to this **free** event! If you can help decorate the haunted house, sponsor a caricature artist, or showcase your own wares in our first ever Casorso Community Market, contact Candice Deba: 778-878-3161. For more information, see the poster attached to this Howl.

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The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on **Monday, October 20th**, 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.

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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>

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The Casorso PAC has an ongoing fundraiser with Mabel's Labels! Stay organized this school year with waterproof, name labels and tags. Visit Mabel's Labels at mabelslabels.com, click "Support a fundraiser", type "Casorso", select "Casorso Elementary School (Kelowna)", and then "Shop Now".

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Casorso PAC Fall Fair: Friday, October 3rd, 2025 - POSTER
2. Art Cards By Kids: Grade 6, 2026 Camp Fundraiser – POSTER
3. Is your child too sick for school? - POSTER

“CAS – Putting Our Paws Together To Make A Difference!”

**CASORSO
ELEMENTARY**
Fall Fair

*October 3rd
5pm-730pm*



Free entry for all families
of Casorso students

Ruthless Waffles & TNT

Dynamite Food Truck

Family games & activities

Crafts

Marketplace

Concession (CASH ONLY)



***ART CARDS BY KIDS:* GRADE 6 - 2026 YEAR-END CAMP FUNDRAISER!**

ATTENTION PARENTS!

ArtCards
by Kids



**Our school is participating in the
Art Cards by Kids fundraiser this fall!**

Watch for a sample card with instructions on how
to order your child's art made into
beautiful keepsake art products in the coming weeks.

Get excited because your child is hard at
work creating their masterpiece in the classroom!

www.artcardsbykids.com



Is your child too sick for school?



Deciding when your child is too sick for school is not always an easy decision.

Children should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If you have questions and concerns about your child's health, talk with a qualified healthcare professional.

Keep children at home if they have:

- a fever, and keep them home for **24** hours after the fever is gone away without the help of medication (see reverse page on how to take a temperature).
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for **48** hours after the last episode.
- a severe sore throat.
- a rash with no known cause.
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms like a runny nose and headache.
- redness, swelling or discharge of the eyes, ears or skin, unless treated.
- been acting unwell and have little energy to join in school activities.

For questions about your child's health you can:

1. Dial 811 or go to HealthLinkBC.ca to speak with a:

- Registered Nurse **24 hours a day**, every day of the year.
- Registered Dietitian every **weekday** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.
- Pharmacist every **night** from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. PST every day of the year.

2. Contact an Urgent Care, Walk-in Clinic or Doctor's Office.

- See the reverse page on when to go to the emergency department.



Seasonal Respiratory Illness

In the fall and winter, we can expect to see more respiratory illness. This is an annual occurrence, but there are measures we can all take to prevent illness and manage symptoms while at home. Here is some information that may be helpful: [It's respiratory illness season](#).

For more information on specific illnesses see: [A Quick Guide to Common Childhood Diseases](#)