



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – November 22nd, 2024

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF November 25th, 2024

MONDAY 25th

- Re-take Photo Orders DUE: to LifeTouch On-line or to the Classroom Teacher



TUESDAY 26th

- Fruit & Veggie - Yogurt



WEDNESDAY 27th

- 9:00 am - Loyst & Thompson to Kelowna Art Gallery and Rotary Centre for the Arts
- 6:00 pm - Gr 6 Eagle Bay Camp Parent Information Meeting (Library)

THURSDAY 28th



FRIDAY 29th

- Topsy Turvy Day - Casorso Spirit Day (wear clothes that are Mismatch, Backwards, Inside Out, etc.)
Or
- Coyote Friday - Wear Your 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.



HARMONY DAY MULTICULTURAL PICNIC

THANK YOU!!!

The Casorso Staff would like to send a heart-felt **thank you** to all the families who were able to help make our 2nd Annual Multicultural Picnic such a success this last Thursday. The picnic was a wonderful way to celebrate the cultural and ethnic diversity within our school community, and a great opportunity for our families to make connections with each other. The picnic also managed to inspire some children to try new things!

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have been noticing that many 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!



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.

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. For late arrivals, we are asking parents to remind students that they **must** sign in on the clipboard outside the office and pop in to the office to say "hello", 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.



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.

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.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca

HAPPY AUTUMN

We have two fundraisers still going: 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 on **Monday, January 13th, 2025** 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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Casorso swag orders have arrived! You can pick up your orders at the front of the school on **Monday, November 25th**. If you are unable to pick-up your order at this time, please contact cas.pac@sd23.bc.ca to make other arrangements.

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

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

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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 **Novemeber 24th at 8:00pm**

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

 CANADA'S CHOCOLATIER SINCE 1907

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

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.

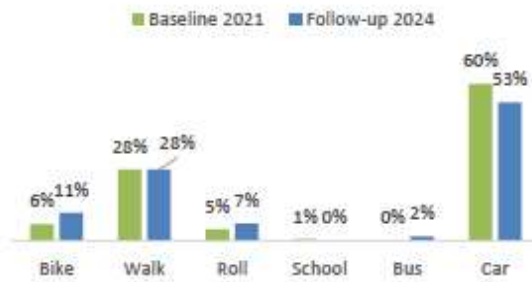
The [Action Plan](#) has excellent resources to keep promoting active transportation. If you want to participate in its implementation, please contact our school at cas@sd23.bc.ca

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!

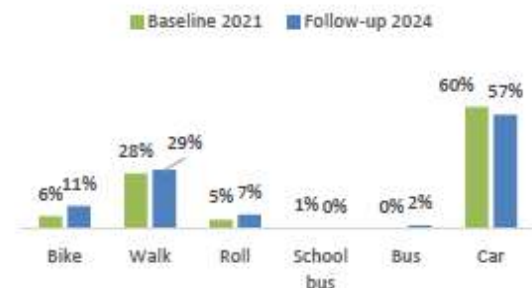
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Regional District of Central Okanagan

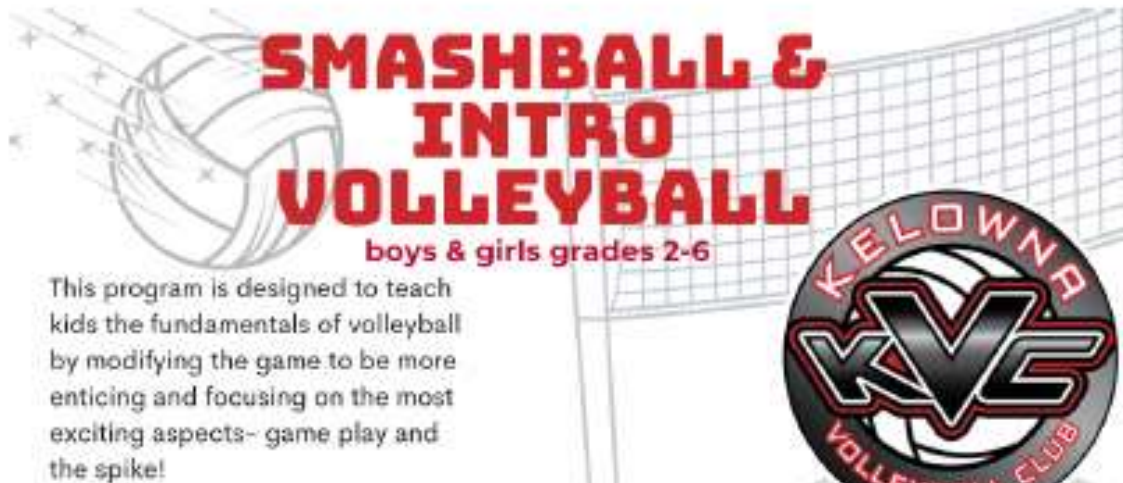


Travel Mode To School
Casorso



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



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



kelownalacrosse.ca

BRING A HELMET, GLOVES, SPORT JOCK & STICK. LIMITED
EQUIPMENT (HELMET, GLOVES & STICK) AVAILABLE TO USE
ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
OPEN TO PLAYERS BORN 2020 - 2009



MNP Place: Field 1
4105 Gordon Drive
Kelowna



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



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.