



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – January 17th, 2025

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF January 20th, 2025

Talent Show **Screening** (Gr's 3-6) Tues/Wed/Thurs

Where: The Music Room **When:** 10:54 am – 11:23 am

MONDAY 20th

- 7:30 am - Gr 6 Boys B-Ball Practice (Gym)

TUESDAY 21st

- Fruit & Veggie - Snap Peas 
- 7:30 am - Gr 6 Girls B-Ball Practice (Gym)
- 10:54 am - Gr 6 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library) 

WEDNESDAY 22nd

- 10:54 am - Gr 5 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library)
- 12:00 pm - Thompson, Hardy & Loyst to MNP Place (Skating) 

THURSDAY 23rd

- 10:54 am - Gr 3/4 Battle of the Books, Practice (Library)

FRIDAY 24th

- Coyote Friday - Wear Your T-Shirt! 
- 10:15 am - Cultural Assembly: Rhythm Resource 



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.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Casorso is looking for 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 second year running it and we're very excited to continue.

Please fill out the google form if you are interested:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nXFK67ORBXPV5JmBbZ4VrxUeTcePIRnAym1_p2Eb_o/edit

For more information, please refer to the website:

<https://pridereadingprogram.com/>

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

2025/26 School Year

Please note, if your child is *currently* attending Casorso, you do not need to re-register your student for the upcoming school year.

To find out more about the upcoming registration period, please see the poster attached to this Howl, or visit the School District website <https://www.sd23.bc.ca>



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on
Monday, February 3, 2025, at 7:00 am for 2025 - 2026 School Year**
(for kindergarten, new students, and Programs of Choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 14, 2025

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, February 3, 2025 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 14, 2025.

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 28, 2025

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, 2025, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2025. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website www.sd23.bc.ca or call (250) 860-8888.

LOST AND FOUND

Small bits of jewelry found on the school property have been brought in to the school office for safe-keeping. If you have lost an earring, bracelet, ring or a necklace, please come to the office to inquire and provide a description. We would love to match the "found" item to the owner!



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Please take a moment to follow [@sd23news](#) on Instagram (and the same on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) if you haven't yet!)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT LEARNING TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT:

Parents / guardians can sign up for the monthly "Bits & Bytes email that is sent out by the Central Okanagan Public Schools Learning Technology Department:



SUBSCRIBE TO:

Digital Wellness Bits & Bytes

Bite-sized learning ideas and resources to help families learn to live well in a digital world. All subscribers will receive Digital Wellness related articles via email every month with helpful tips, ideas, resources, and more!

Scan the QR code or go to the link below to enter your email address to sign up for Central Okanagan Public School's 'Digital Wellness- Bits & Bytes'.

Visit <https://bit.ly/SD23BitsBytes>

INSPIRE HEALTHIER BC FAMILIES IN KELOWNA – 10 WEEK COURSE:

This **free** 10-week course runs on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, starting February 5th, 2025 at the Parkinson Activity Centre. The program is designed for families with at least one child aged 8–12, and siblings aged 6, 7, or 13 are welcome to join as well. The focus is on practical, fun activities that strengthen family connections while building valuable skills for both parents/caregivers and children to make lasting changes.

In addition, families who attend all sessions will receive \$150 in credits to use toward City of Kelowna recreational activities!

For more information, please see the attachment to this HOWL.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

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

WELCOME BACK!

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on **Monday, February 10th at 6:30 PM** in the Casorso Library. All parents / guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: Casorso PAC's annual Spring Dance is coming up on Friday, March 7th, 2025 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Stay tuned for more details!

Check out the Video Presentation given by Jon Rever (Interim Deputy Superintendent) at the January COPAC meeting: **Kids, Smartphones and Social Media: The Risks and The Solutions**
<https://youtu.be/Ro-XgHp7OPA?si=ORSqBXtB-JF-qhj>

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Central Okanagan Public Schools - Partners in Inclusive Education - POSTER
2. Family Literacy Day on *Monday, January 27th* "Learn to be Green Together" - POSTER
3. Together We Learn Community Engagement Issue: WINTER 2024 - QR POSTER
4. Inspire Healthier BC Families in Kelowna: FREE 10-Week Course - POSTER
5. Kelowna Lacrosse: Learn to Play Lacrosse - POSTER
6. Kelowna *Heat* Fastball Clinic - POSTER
7. Kelowna Minor Basketball Association, Boys & Girls Gr K-10 - POSTER
8. RCA Youth & Family Programs WINTER 2025 - POSTER
9. Big White Freestyle & Snowstart Kidz Pass - POSTER
10. Kelowna Springboard Diving Club: Take the Plunge - POSTER

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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 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: January 21, 2025

Topic: "My Booklet BC" Toolkit. A helpful tool to support families to support transition to adulthood, planning for their child. Presented by the Family Support Institute.

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>



**Family Literacy Day Honorary Chair,
Barbara Reid invites families to
*Learn to be Green, Together!***

Barbara Reid is a picture book illustrator and author whose award-winning artwork is created using modelling clay.



Photo by: Ian Cryslar Photographer

1 Start an indoor garden

Learn about herbs and vegetables while growing your own food and reducing your carbon footprint.

2 Visit a little free library

Recycling books is a great way to reuse items and get books for free. You can leave books for others too.

3 Visit a national park or nature museum

Learn about the importance of preserving nature.

4 Shop local at a flea market

Not only can you help support local businesses, it's a great opportunity to practice your financial skills.

5 Visit the local library

Borrow books about the environment to learn more about climate change and what you can do to help.

6 Eat a meatless meal

Follow a recipe for a vegetarian meal and also boost your math and numeracy skills.

7 Make a craft from recycled items

Get creative and see what you can make using plastic bottles, used clothing, or recycled cardboard.

8 Go screen-free for the day

Play outside, read a book, or do a craft instead. Not only do these activities practice your learning skills, they also save electricity.

9 Buy something second-hand

Buying used items instead of new is a great way to reduce waste and save money at the same time.

10 Go on a nature scavenger hunt

Make a list of commonly found outdoor items, then go on a walk together with your list and see if you can find all the items.

Find fun family activities at:
FamilyLiteracyDay.ca

#FamilyLiteracyDay



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We **TOGETHER
LEARN**

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
ISSUE



SCAN ME! TO READ THE ISSUE

STUDENT ARTICLES ON
COMMUNITY PARTNERS
BY KSS JOURNALISM 12

ART FROM ÉCOLE
KELOWNA SECONDARY

MULTICULTURAL
PICNIC

VISIT SD23.BC.CA & @SD23NEWS ON FB & TWITTER

A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families in Kelowna!

Learn together about:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Screen time
- Sleep Routines
- Wellness

**For families with at least
one child ages 8-12
(One parent/caregiver
must attend each week)**

**Online self-directed option is
available for families outside
of the age range**



Program includes:

- Q&A's with health professionals
- A family cooking class
- Post program recreation credit based on attendance

Kelowna - Parkinson Activity Centre
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm Feb 5 - Apr 23, 2025

Generation Health Community funding is
provided by the BC Ministry of Health



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Learn More**

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.

15 JANUARY 2025

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM

12 FEBRUARY 2025

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM



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Kelowna



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LEARN FASTBALL SKILLS IN THIS FUN FOCUSED CLINIC

- Geared towards participants new to fastball
- For players born in 2012-2019
- February 1st and 2nd
- Registration is free!

**Spots are limited.
Register today!**



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BASKETBALL



KELOWNA &
WEST KELOWNA

MINOR BASKETBALL



**SIGN UP
TODAY**
on the KMBA
website

For Boys &
Girls K-GR10

APR - JUN 2025

**UNIFORMS
INCLUDED**

**WEEKDAY GAMES &
PRACTICES**

Dedicated GR 4/5/6 Girls only Div for West Kelowna & Kelowna Team.

Sign up today at  kelownaminorbasketball.com

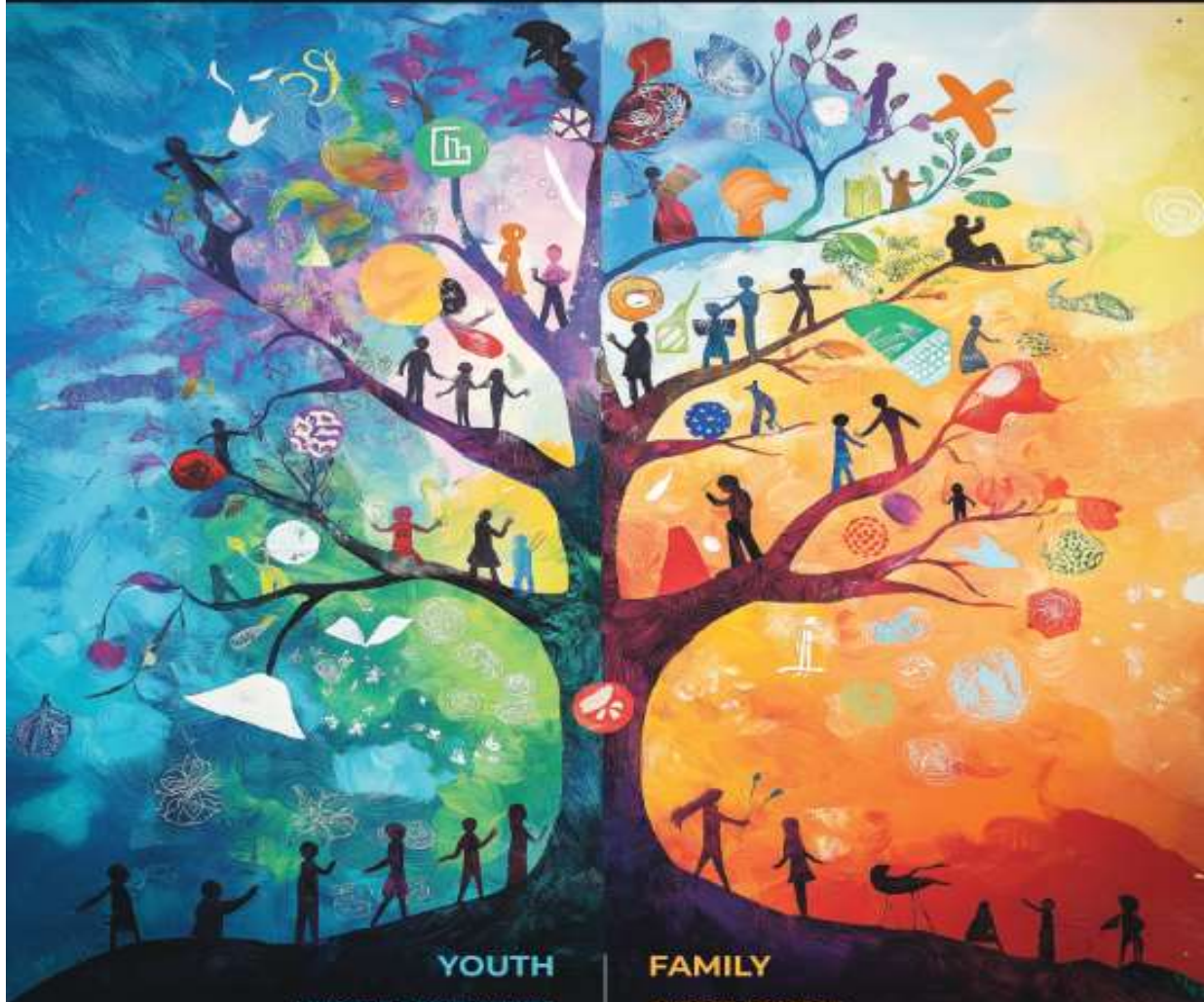
Find more info on the West Kelowna Minor Basketball Facebook page.

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RCA YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS WINTER 2025



EXPLORE CREATIVITY AND MAKE MEMORIES WITH RCA'S ART PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES. PERFECT FOR BUDDING ARTISTS OR FAMILIES, THESE PROGRAMS INSPIRE ALL AGES TO ENJOY THE JOY OF CREATING TOGETHER OR INDIVIDUALLY!



YOUTH

LINOCUT PRINTMAKING

Tuesdays, January 14 – February 18

INK TO IMAGINATION

Fridays, January 31 – March 7

CHARACTER DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS

Thursdays, January 16 – February 6

CHARACTER DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS PART 2

Thursdays, February 13 – March 6

SCULPTURE COLLAGE

Mondays, January 20 – February 10

AFTER SCHOOL ANIME

January 16 – March 6

FAMILY

PUPPET PROJECT

Saturdays, January 18 – February 22

GALLERY OF STORIES

Fridays, January 17 – February 21

VALENTINE PAPER MAKING

Saturday, February 1

SPRING FLOWER PAPER MAKING

Saturday, March 8

CREATOR DANCE SAMPLERS

Thursdays, February 20 – March 13

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CALLING ALL SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS AGES 6-16!

*Spaces are still available in our
FUNdamentals, Riders, and
Freestylers programs for the
2024-25 season*



**Try Freestyle on Sunday, December 15,
2024! Click [here](#) to register.**

For more info or to register for our
programs, click [here](#).

[Why SnowStart – Snow Start Kidz Pass
snowpass.ca](https://snowpass.ca)



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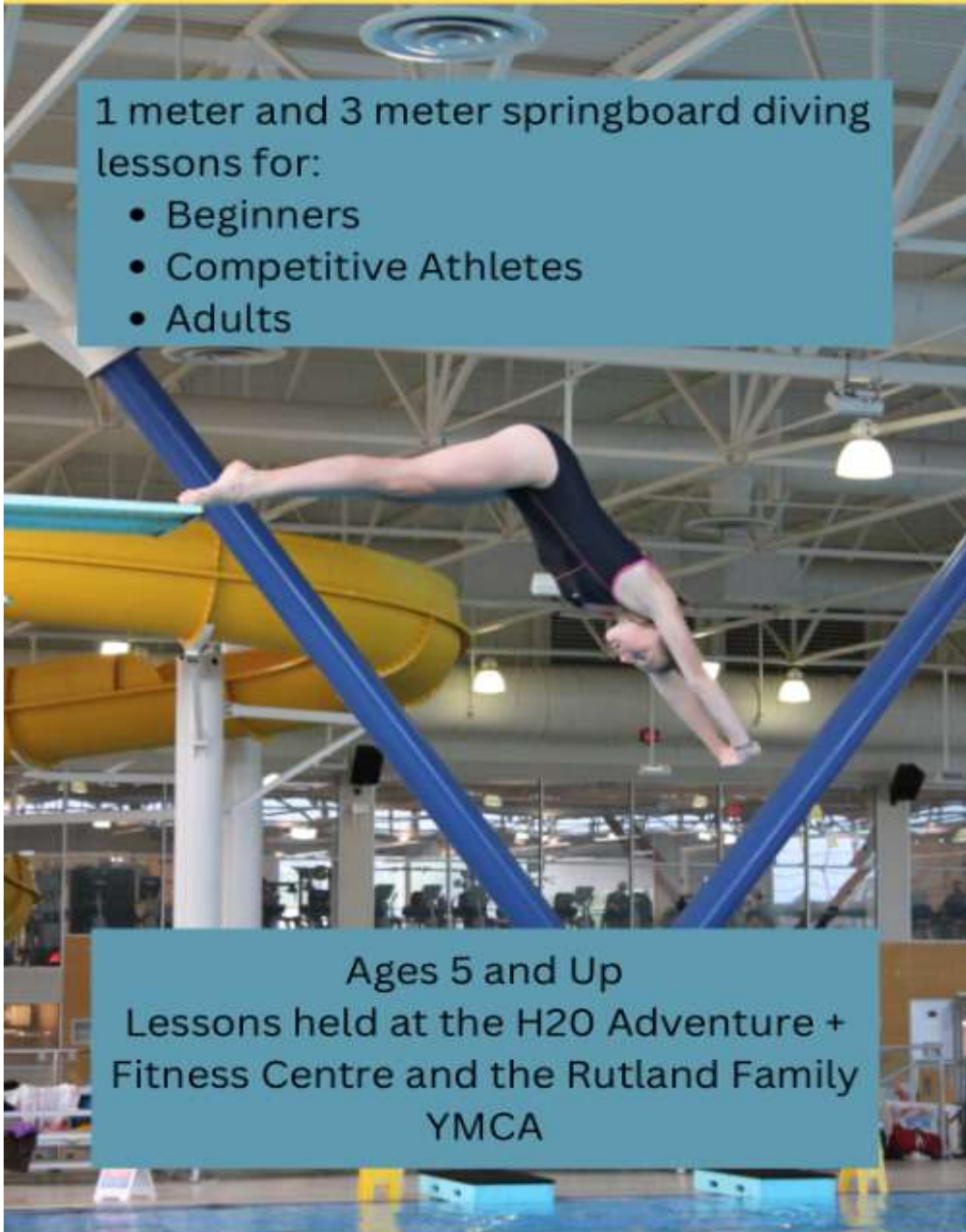
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- Competitive Athletes
- Adults



Ages 5 and Up
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with any questions