



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – September 26th, 2025

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



WEEK OF September 29th, 2025

GoByBike-Walk-Roll Week for Students Sept 29 through Oct 3

MONDAY September 29th

- 9:30 am - Truth & Reconciliation **Primary** Assembly
- 10:00 am - Truth & Reconciliation **Intermediate** Assembly

TUESDAY September 30th

- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - School Closed

WEDNESDAY October 1st

- **Student Photo Orders Due**: to Lifetouch (on-line) or to Classroom Teacher
- 10:15 am - Weller & Snarski to EECO Centre

THURSDAY October 2nd

- 10:54 am - Wrestling Club (Gr 3, 4, 5 & 6) CAS Gym

FRIDAY October 3rd

- Coyote Friday - wear your T-shirt!
- 5:00 pm - PAC Fall Fair (until 7:30 pm)



Sunday, October 5th: International World Teacher Day



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.



Thank You

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

This year, World Teachers' Day is on **Sunday, October 5th**. This special day of recognition has been held annually since 1994 to represent a significant token of the awareness, understanding and appreciation displayed for the vital contributions that teachers make to education and development. Please take a moment this coming week to reach out and say thank you to the teachers for their tremendous efforts that lead to learner success, improve the lives of their students, resulting in the development of educated citizens. We are very proud of the work our teachers do here at Casorso!

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PARENT / GUARDIAN / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our teachers are wanting to do an early check-in with you to get to know your child a little better! We have two **early dismissal days at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, October 8th and Thursday, October 9th** to allow time for our parent/guardian/teacher conferences. You will be able to sign up for a conference time using our on-line scheduler **LIVE on Monday, September 29th at 9:00 am.**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year, our School District has chosen **Student Agency** as its theme, emphasizing the importance of empowering students to take an active role in their own learning and school experience. To support this, we are excited to introduce a new initiative at Casorso called the **Coyote Council**.

The Coyote Council will provide students from all grades with the opportunity to share their voices and ideas to help make their school experience even more meaningful. Once we have a council, a group of five students will be **randomly selected** to join the Principal and Vice Principal for a **plaza lunch meeting**. During these gatherings, students will be encouraged to share their perspectives, discuss important topics, and suggest ways we can continue to grow as a school community.

Feedback from these meetings will be shared at both our **monthly staff meetings** and **PAC meetings**. Our goal is to listen, learn, and find ways to incorporate student ideas into school planning and activities. We believe this will help foster a stronger sense of ownership, belonging, and pride for our students.

We look forward to hearing the creative and thoughtful ideas our Coyotes will bring forward through this council. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to make Casorso a place where every student feels valued and

Coyote Council letter

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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.



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](#)



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.

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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!

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.

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".

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Coming soon! The *Community Values* Coupon Book is a new take on the traditional coupon book. For only \$35 the book features local vendors in the Kelowna/Vernon area and each book sold supports the PAC.

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Casorso PAC Fall Fair: Friday, October 3rd, 2025 - POSTER
2. GoByBike Week! September 27th through October 3rd - POSTERS (2 pgs.)
3. Kelowna Friends of the Library: Book Sale - POSTER
4. Art Cards By Kids: Grade 6, 2026 Camp Fundraiser - POSTER
5. Is your child too sick for school? - POSTER

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**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)





SEPT. 27 - OCT. 3, 2025

GoByBike Week for SCHOOLS

Ride to Win a Class Pizza Party!

GoByBikeBC 
BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

FREE REGISTRATION:
GOBYBIKEBC.CA



**REGISTER AND
ENTER TO WIN
GREAT PRIZES!**



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GoByBike Week

Ride. Log. Win!

SEPT. 27 - OCT. 3, 2025



Sunday Kickoff Celebration Station

Sunday Sept 28 - 1pm to 4pm
Parkinson Rec Centre - 1800 Parkinson Way

Vendor & local bike shop
booths

Learn2Ride station for kids by Elevation
Outdoors - certified instructors teaching
kids bike safety!

Live local music!

KACC Secure Bike Valet

Free local snacks & refreshments
from Urban Harvest

Prize draws: Win a bike from Chainline Cycle & more
cycling goods from local bike shops

Provincial sponsors



REGISTER FOR FREE
AND LOG YOUR BIKE
RIDES FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN GREAT PRIZES!
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Kelowna



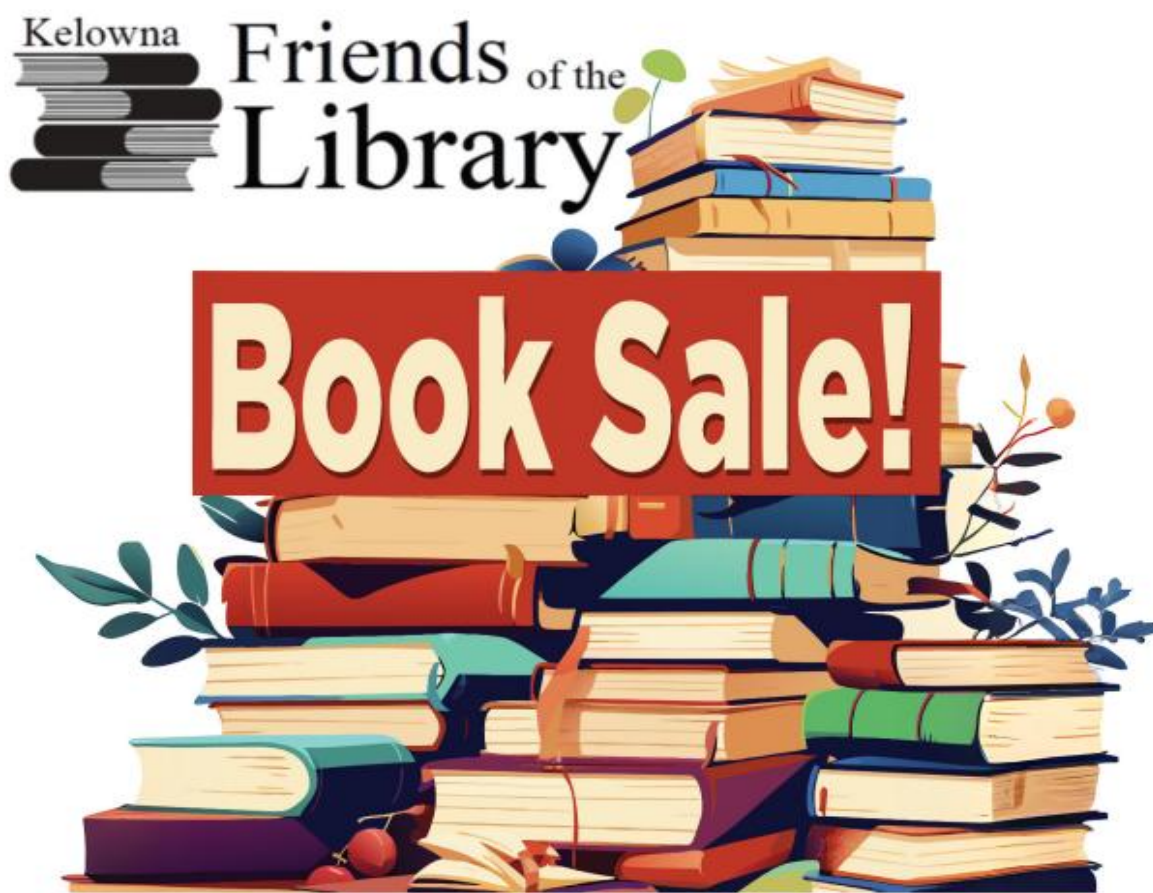
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35th GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE
SUPPORTING ALL BRANCHES OF OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday	October 15	2:00pm to 8pm
Thursday	October 16	9:30am to 8pm
Friday	October 17	9:30am to 8pm
Saturday	October 18	9:30am to 2pm

Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Church Parking: New One-Way System
Enter: West Alley (by Church) **Exit:** East Alley (by Hall)

Kelowna Friends of the Library acknowledge the support of
DR MOSHE OZ and **TWO SMALL MEN WITH BIG HEARTS MOVING**
fol4k@hotmail.com | www.kelownafol.ca | [Facebook](#)

***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](#)