

# École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

# Weekly Howl - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

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School Web Site - https://cas.sd23.bc.ca/



## WEEK OF May 5th, 2025

Spring Show Production: Monday through Thursday!!

### MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup>

#### TUESDAY 6th

- 7:30 am Running Club Practice
- Fruit & Veggie Cheese Sticks
- 9:00 am Intermediate French Immersion Students to Evangel Church: "LoFranco"

#### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>





- 9:30 am Dress Rehearsal (All Cast/All Crew) to 10:06 am
- 11:51 am Dress Rehearsal (All Cast/All Crew) to 1:10 pm

### THURSDAY May 8th

- 7:30 am Running Club Practice
- 12:30 pm Spring Show #1: Matilda Jr. (CAS Gym)
- 6:30 pm Spring Show #2: Matilda Jr. (CAS Gym)

## FRIDAY May 9th

- Coyote Spirit Day Wear Your T-Shirt!
- 10:05 am Lansdowne Middle School Band Performance (Intermediate Students Only)



# 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.





## STUDENT ENROLLMENT: 2025 - 2026

We are currently processing registrations for the **2025 - 2026** school year. If you child will **not** be returning to Casorso, please let their teacher or the Office know at your earliest convenience.

(<u>Please note</u>: if your child is in Grade 6, this message is not intended for you!)



Dear parents/guardians,

Our intermediate students are excited for you to attend their spring production Matilda! Countless hours go into preparing for this musical. Once again, there will be two casts, and therefore two rehearsals and two productions, which increases the number of students who have the opportunity to have an acting role.

DATES/TIMES/TICKETS: The shows will be held in our school gym on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm. All intermediate students are encouraged to attend both shows as a smaller cast and choir changes the production. If your child is unable to attend, please email their classroom teacher. Room in the gym is limited to each child having only two family members attend.

To cover the production costs, tickets are available on the Casorso web site for \$3 per person (with the option to donate more). All proceeds go to cover the cost of future productions. Proof of purchase (either printed receipt or phone screenshot) will be required. Tickets will also be available at the venue, but those who purchase online will have quicker entry.

COSTUMES: All students need black bottoms (shorts or leggings or skirt or pants,) and white top for the performance. If possible, they can also wear a tie and a vest.

To purchase tickets, visit our Casorso Website: https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/

#### Performances x 2 - Thursday, May 8

- First show 12:30 Second show 6:30
- For the evening show, Cast/Tech should arrive ½ hour early (8:00), all others 20 min early (8:10)

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely, Mme Mireau, Mr. Birkeland, Ms. Morin and the intermediate teachers

### STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

We will be holding student placement meetings during the month of May to arrange classes for September. Present teachers, the Learning Assistance Teacher (who co-ordinates our student support services), the School Counsellor, and the Principal will 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 2025/2026 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 or by email up until 3:00 pm, May 16th

It should be noted that combined or 'split' classes are not necessarily homogenously grouped (see more information regarding combined grade classes under the 'Communication'  $\Rightarrow$  '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:

Relative independence	Special needs
<ul> <li>Learning and teaching styles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Previous placement history</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Social groupings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Instructional groupings</li> </ul>
Class size	Gender balance
<ul> <li>School Based Team recommendations</li> </ul>	Academic achievement

We will re-assess the class and school organization after the August registration period as 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. Class lists will be posted at the front of the school on the Friday before the first day of school in September.

<u>Please Note</u>: Parents hold on to your child's report card! <u>You will need it to obtain your child's P.E.N. number</u>. Class lists posted 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, École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Ph: 250-870-5135

e-mail: Jared.Birkeland@sd23.bc.ca

# PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

Website: <a href="https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/">https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca">cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca</a>

# **NEW FUNDRAISER**

Instead of a Spring Raffle, this year the Casorso PAC has a new fundraiser! Help support our students with quality education and fun, meaningful experiences by donating to the Casorso PAC. Donations are used to improve the quality of education and welfare of our students while building a supportive community. We are asking for monetary donations to reach our annual fundraising goal of \$15,000. A suggested minimum donation of \$35 will help us reach our annual goal. For more information, such as how to donate, please see the attached flyer or visit the Casorso PAC website: <a href="https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/events-fundraisers.html">https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/events-fundraisers.html</a>

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: <a href="https://vimeo.com/1072237238/386ea62f43">https://vimeo.com/1072237238/386ea62f43</a>

The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting on *Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM* in the Casorso Library. All parents / guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care, in partnership with Dr. Hayley Watson, Adolescent Clinical Psychologist and Founder of <u>Open Parachute</u> is hosting three free webinars focused in helping you create a personalized step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention skills in your home. Dr. Watson will focus on specific steps you can take to ensure that you and your family are supported as you teach substance use prevention skills to your child/youth.

#### Key Takeaways:

- Learn the skills that will help prevent your child and youth from using substances
- Navigate the challenges that arise while teaching skills to your child and youth
- Create a step-by-step plan for implementing substance use prevention strategies
- Increase your ability to effectively support yourself and your child/youth at the same time

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm PST (includes Q & A!) Please register in advance by selecting the session which you would like to attend:

May 7th - 6:00-7:30pm PST

May 8th – 6:00-7:30pm PST

# CREATING A SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION PLAN

A WEBINAR FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS & CAREGIVERS

Join leading adolescent Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Hayley Watson, as she helps you create a

personalized step-by-step plan for implementing
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Time: 6-7:30pm PST (includes Q&A!)

Date: April 29th, May 7th and 8th 2025

REGISTER NOW

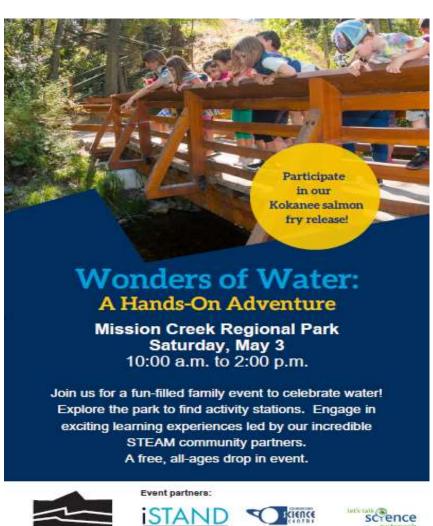
Scan the QR Code to Register



We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education and Child Care

#### PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

- 1. Regional District of Central Okanagan: Wonders of Water, May 3rd, 2025 POSTER
- 2. Go By Bike Week for Schools: May 31st to June 6th POSTER
- 3. Casorso PAC New Fundraiser & Charitable Tax Receipts POSTERS (2 pgs)
- 4. The Strong Roots Centre, Childhood Connections: Colour Run Fundraiser POSTER
- 5. Kidzfest Children's Festival & Luminarium OK Lake Park, Penticton POSTERS (2 pgs)
- 6. City of Kelowna: Licensed Summer Break Camps Registration Opens May 5th, 2025
- 7. Central Okanagan Public Schools: School Bus Safety Stop POSTER
- 8. Canada Safety Home Alone & Babysitting Courses POSTER
- 9. Royal Soccer Club: Soccer Day Camps 2025 POSTER
- 8. Kelowna Minor Basketball Association, Boys & Girls Gr K-10: POSTER
- 9. Kelowna Minor Football: NFL Flag Football POSTER
- 10. Kelowna Kodiak Lacrosse POSTER















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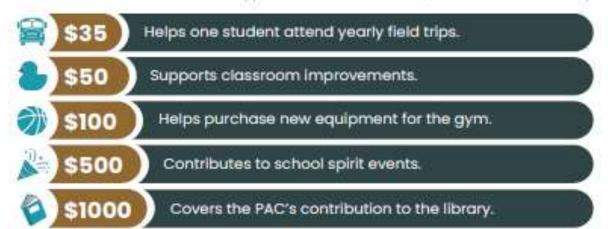
#### How the Funds Are Utilized:

Your generous donations allow the PAC to continue its active involvement with the school by providing essential support such as:

- Organizing spirit events like the fall festival, spring dance, and family fun night.
- Supporting field trips, facilitating the hot lunch program, and hosting teacher appreciation luncheons.
- Providing financial support for the gym, library, and music programs.
- Funding classroom improvements like tower gardens, duck egg incubators and an outdoor learning space.

#### Donation Options:

A suggested minimum donation of \$35.00 will help us reach our annual goal, however, any donation amount is welcome and appreciated. Danations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.



#### How to Donate:

#### Online

Donate at School Cash Dailne.

#### Cheque

Make cheques payable to SD 23 as per instructions attached.

#### **Donation Deadline:**

Friday, May 16, 2025

(Donations are happily accepted throughout the year).

#### Questions:

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May 3, 2022

Guidelines: Issuance of Charitable Tax Receipts for PAC Donations

PAC's are not registered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as a charitable organizations. As such, PACs cannot issue tax receipts themselves.

However, the SD23 Board of Education is a CRA registered charitable organization and is entitled to issue income tax deductible receipts for scholarship donations and donations for other educational purposes.

The SD23 Board of Education Policies 730 & 730R establish the definitions and rules for donations and tax receipting.

http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%207%20%20Community%20Partnerships/730R.pdf

To determine if a donation is eligible for a tax deductible receipt, please consult SD23 policies and your school principal.

If it is determined that a donation is eligible for a tax receipt, your PAC may direct donors as follows:

#### Option A - For Donors With Students Enrolled in SD23

- Direct donors to https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/ (a user account must be created)
- Once the donor is logged in, direct them as follows:
  - Select "Make a Donation", enter the amount (minimum \$20 to receive a tax receipt)
  - Select "Fund Destination" for the donation (e.g. the recipient school name)
  - In the "Message to School Board" section indicate the donation's purpose (e.g. "Donation for the KLO Modular Farm")
  - d. A tax receipt will be automatically issued at checkout.





#### Option B - For Donors With or Without Students Enrolled in SD23

Write a cheque to School District 23 (minimum \$20 to receive a tax receipt)

- Indicate the purpose of the donation in the notes section of the cheque. Be as specific as possible and be sure to include the school's name.
- Attach a letter requesting a tax receipt from SD23 and include your mailing address.

Related Policy - Policy 735 - Advertising and Sponsorships in Schools http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Section%207%20%20Community%20Partnerships/735.pdf



# COLOURS FOR CARING 2025: FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER







# 2025 Licensed Summer Camps



City of Kelowna day camps offer an exciting week of gym games, crafts, outdoor play and an outtrip to the downtown splash park or Parkinson Rec Center for an afternoon of swimming!

Join our fantastic staff for action-packed weeks for kids K-12Y!

# Weekly Camp Themes

June 30 - July 4\* Oh Canada

July 7 - 11 Space Exploration

July 14 - 18 The Enchanted Forest

July 21 - 25 Gamer Week

July 28 - August 1 Art Attack

August 4 - 8\* Water Splashdown

August 11 - 15 All About Sports

August 18 - 22 Best of the Best



Watson Road Elementary

475 Yates Road

\*no care on Stat holidays

July 7 - 11 Space Exploration

July 14 - 18 World Olympics

July 21 - 25 Myths and Legends

July 28 - August 1 Medieval Times

August 4 - 8\* Cowboy Jamboree

August 11 - 15 Water Week

August 18 - 22 Bankhead's Got Talent

August 25 - 29 Camp Rewind



**Bankhead Elementary** 

1280 Wilson Avenue

\*no care on Stat holidays

# Registration opens Monday, May 5

Registration must be completed through the Program Manager. Please contact for more information.

Subsidy available!



Bankhead: bankheadkelowna@gmail.com



Watson Road: wraspkelowna@gmail.com







Save a child's life – it's only a moment of your time.



# You must stop for school buses showing flashing red lights and extended stop signs.



Traffic in both directions must stop, as children may cross the street in front of the bus.



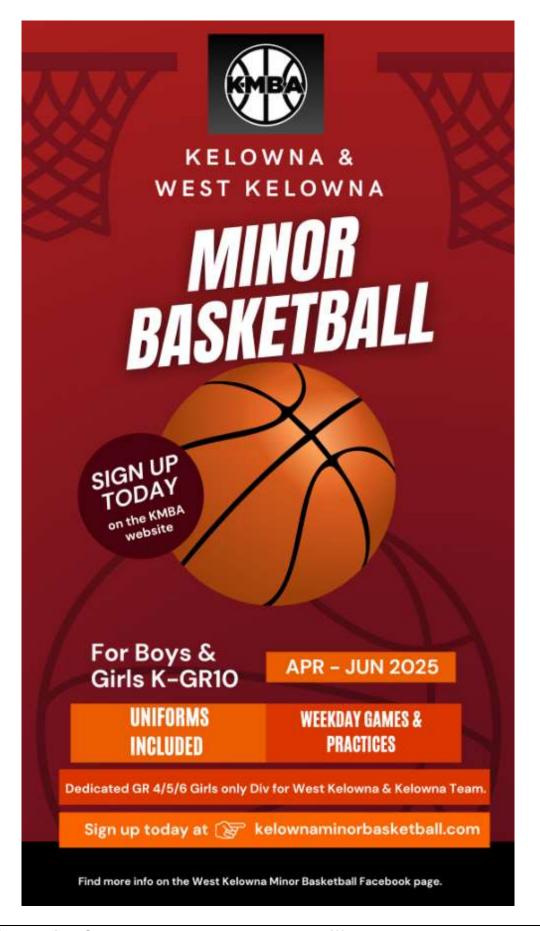
Failure to stop for a school bus can result in a \$368 fine. Repeated violations carry escalating penalties.













# SPRING NFL FLAG IS RETURNING TO KELOWNA ARE YOU READY

Exciting News! 
NFL FLAG is returning to Kelowna Minor Football
Association for Spring 2025!

KMFA has been a cornerstone for the Okanagan's football future, providing top-tier development for young athletes.

From Little Tykes (5-7) to U10-U16, our NFL Flag programs are designed to give every player an unforgettable experience!

This is the opportunity your young athlete has been waiting for! \* Whether they're new to football or ready to take their skills to the next level, KMFA is the place to be.

Registration is now open!

Stay tuned and sign up by visiting our Instagram,
Facebook, or head over to kmfa.ca for all the details!

Let's make this Spring unforgettable! 
#KMFA #NFLFlag #OkanaganFootball #FutureChampions

#FootballFamily #KelownaSports



Build skills, make new friends, and most importantly, HAVE FUN.

# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

SEASON RUNS APRIL UNTIL JUNE 30
\*UNLESS SELECTED FOR PROVINCIALS



# Register at: kelownalacrosse.ca

