



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – May 9th, 2025

250-870-5135

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



WEEK OF May 12th, 2025

MONDAY 12th

- 6:30 pm - PAC Meeting (Library)



TUESDAY 13th

- 7:30 am - Running Club Practice
- 11:50 am - Hardy to Fascieux Creek



WEDNESDAY 14th

- 9:30 am - Park to EECO Centre at Mission Creek
- 12:00 pm - Barclay to Rotary Beach Park
- 3:15 pm - Fun Run #1: Running Club to Myra Bellevue

THURSDAY May 15th

- 7:30 am - Running Club Practice
- 1:15 pm - Fire Drill #5



FRIDAY May 16th

- Coyote "Swag" Friday - Wear Your T-Shirt!
- 8:30 am - Sookocheff & Elliott
(On-Site Field Study: *UBCO Marine Biology*)



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.



CASORSO SPRING SHOW: *MATILDA! Junior!*

Congratulations to all the students and staff on an outstanding spring production of Matilda!

A special thank you to Sarah Coffey and her family for sewing all the student costumes—your time and talent are so appreciated. Bravo to Mme Mireau and the dedicated staff who spent countless hours during lunch breaks and after school choreographing, rehearsing, gathering props, building sets and organizing every detail of the show. **Well done, Coyotes!**

STUDENT ENROLLMENT: 2025 - 2026

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

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

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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' ⇌ '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:

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

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.

Please Note: Parents hold on to your child's report card! **You will need it to obtain your child's P.E.N. number.** 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: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> Email: cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca

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: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/events--fundraisers.html>

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>

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

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Go By Bike Week for Schools: May 31st to June 6th - POSTER
2. Casorso PAC New Fundraiser & Charitable Tax Receipts - POSTERS (2 pgs)
3. The Strong Roots Centre, Childhood Connections: Colour Run Fundraiser - POSTER
4. Kidzfest Children's Festival & Luminarium OK Lake Park, Penticton - POSTERS (2 pgs)
5. City of Kelowna: Licensed Summer Break Camps - Registration Opens May 5th, 2025
6. Central Okanagan Public Schools: School Bus Safety Stop - POSTER
7. Canada Safety Home Alone & Babysitting Courses - POSTER
8. 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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GOBYBIKEWEEK for SCHOOLS

MAY 31 TO JUNE 6

SPRING 2025



HELP YOUR SCHOOL

WIN

Two BC schools will
WIN \$1,000
to support active
transportation!



REGISTER
TODAY!



GoByBikeBC

BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.

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Donate to Support the Students at École Casorso Elementary

Help support our students with quality education, and fun and meaningful experiences by donating to the Casorso Parent Advisory Council (PAC). All 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.**

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. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.



\$35

Helps one student attend yearly field trips.



\$50

Supports classroom improvements.



\$100

Helps purchase new equipment for the gym.



\$500

Contributes to school spirit events.



\$1000

Covers the PAC's contribution to the library.

How to Donate:

Online

Donate at [School CashOnline](#).

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:

Contact cas.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca



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

1. Direct donors to <https://centralsokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/> (a user account must be created)
2. Once the donor is logged in, direct them as follows:
 - a. Select "Make a Donation", enter the amount (minimum \$20 to receive a tax receipt)
 - b. Select "Fund Destination" for the donation (e.g. the recipient school name)
 - c. 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)

1. 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.
2. 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>



The Strong Roots Centre

Childhood Connections

COLOURS FOR CARING 2025: FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY COLOUR RUN FUNDRAISER

DATE: MAY 25TH, 2025

TIME: 11:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION: MISSION RECREATION PARK
4105 GORDON DRIVE, KELOWNA

**» REGISTER
NOW!**



**THANKS TO AN
ANONYMOUS SPONSOR,
EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE
WILL BE MATCHED—UP TO
\$20,000.**



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Celebrating 5 years of the Largest Children's Festival in the BC Interior



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JUNE 5-7, 2025 OK LAKE PARK, PENTICTON

\$11 in advance -- \$12 at the gate

Tickets available at www.hahahakidzfest.com



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IN B.C.!

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by Architects of Air at

HA Kidzfest
HA Penticton, BC
HA

"It's like wandering into an 11,000 square foot kaleidoscope!"



JUNE 5-8, 2025

OK LAKE PARK, PENTICTON

\$8 in advance -- \$10 at the gate

Tickets available at www.hahahakidzfest.com



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2025 Licensed Summer Camps



City of Kelowna day camps offer an exciting week of gym games, crafts, outdoor play and an out-trip 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: wraskelowna@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.



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Public Schools**

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**Home Alone: Ages 9+ yrs | \$53
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or

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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

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INCLUDED**

**WEEKDAY GAMES &
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Find more info on the West Kelowna Minor Basketball Facebook page.

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**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](https://www.kmfa.ca) for all the details!

Let's make this Spring unforgettable! 🌟

#KMFA #NFLFlag #OkanaganFootball #FutureChampions
#FootballFamily #KelownaSports



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JOIN THE FUN!

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



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