



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: Feb. 16 – 20

Monday – Feb. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Day – No School
Tuesday – Feb. 17 D/C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience UBCO Day – Grades 10-12
Wednesday – Feb. 18 B/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Lounge: ALL SUBJECT academic peer support @ lunch – rm. 136
Thursday – Feb. 19 D/C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 11 – YDI Survey in the afternoon • Foundry Satellite Office → available for youth aged 12-24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 3-7pm @ Lake Country Community Health Centre (every Thursday)
Friday – Feb. 20 B/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellness Clinic –Public Health Nurse in the am

Feb 23 – PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm in the library
 Feb 25 – **Pink Shirt Day**
 Feb 27 – Grad Photo Make-up day (AM only) – **small gym**
 – LCFD Bootcamp registration deadline today
 Feb 28 – Parent/Guardian Symposium (COPAC Partnership)
 @ 8 am – 4 pm (Board of Education Learning Centre)
 Mar 1 – 2026-27 Course Selections CLOSE at midnight
 Mar 5 – 12 – GESS Theatre Production – poster on pg. 2

Thank you to all parents and guardians who attended the Course Selection Parent Evening on Wednesday night at GESS. Tonight, students can submit course selections for the next school year by accessing the 'STUDENT' tab via [THIS LINK](#) on the GESS website. There, students can also find information regarding the student and parent presentations, the course selection booklets, and grade specific selection sheets. The course selection process is open until **March 1 at MIDNIGHT**.

Lunar New Year
 Begins February 17th

Grad Photos on now! See pg. 2 for more info.

HAPPY Valentine's DAY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Drop by the GESS Library this month, or visit [THIS](#) website, to read the biographies of some notable Black people in Canada who have helped shape Canadian heritage and identity, and who have made and continue to make enormous contributions to the wellbeing, and prosperity of our country.



GESS GRAD 2026 PRESENT

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th @ CREEKSIDE THEATRE

\$5 Doors open at 5:00. Movie at 5:30. Entry fee includes a small bag of chips

Concession Stand with drinks and candy bags for sale, no outside food or drinks.





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GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAKE COUNTRY BOTTLE DEPOT FUNDRAISER:
Have refundables? Donate them to the 'GESS GRAD' account at the Lake Country Bottle Depot. There's **no need to sort** them! Proceeds go towards prom for this year's grad class.

GRAD PHOTOS – FEBRUARY 12-23:
The Artona trailer will be parked in the **gated area by the Wood Shop**. If the gates are open, there is someone in the trailer; don't be afraid to knock! Please dress formally, bring your Student ID, and bring a prop that is important to you. If you have any questions, please email domenic.johnson@sd23.bc.ca.

Please visit the [grad website](#) for more details on grad events and general grad information.

GESS THEATRE PRESENTS

SHE KILLS MONSTERS

YOUNG ADVENTURERS EDITION
QUIN NGUYEN

March 5, 10, 11, & 12 at 7:00pm.
\$10 students/seniors and \$15 adults
(Cash or tap at the door).

KCR
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Workshop

Explore the topics of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice and why they matter.
Open to anyone in the community!

Register Now!

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/diversity-equity-inclusion-workshop>

Questions? Contact: zimena@kcr.ca | 250-762-8008 ext. 202

This workshop takes place over two dates one week apart to allow time for reflection.

When: March 3rd, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
March 10th, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: KCR Community Resources, 620 Leon Ave - 2nd Floor

Cost: FREE

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Interior Health

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

This month's newsletter includes:

- Dental tips for Valentine's treats
- Truth about SAD
- ADHD webinar series
- Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- Risky play at school
- Physical activity for students with disabilities
- Barrier Buster Grants Program
- Physical activity for diverse families
- Winners of the Beyond the Buzz poster contest
- Youth friendly info about drugs

Please use this [link](#) to access the IH Health Promoting School Newsletter for February (scroll to the bottom of page)

The School Bus Transportation Application for September 2026 (2026-2027) is now open!

Please use this [link](#) for your application and information. Priority given to applications submitted before **May 31st**. Applications will be processed in the order they are received.

LCFD/GESS FIREFIGHTER BOOTCAMP

When: March 16 - 20, 2026
Time: 8am - 4:30pm lunch provided
Cost: \$75
Deadline: Friday, February 27th for Student Applications (get your application in the Career Centre)

Open Mic Club is in the Library on Fridays at lunch, please check the bulletin board for the dates



Musicians: please check in with Ms. Boal prior to performance.