



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: Jan. 19 - 23

Monday - Jan. 19 C/D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COBSS Applications due today at 11:59pm - FIRM DEADLINE!! PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Foods Room
Tuesday - Jan. 20 A/B	
Wednesday - Jan. 21 C/D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Lounge: ALL SUBJECT academic peer support @ lunch - rm. 136 Commercial Music Concert 7-9pm in the theatre
Thursday - Jan. 22 A/B	
Friday - Jan. 23 C/D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semester 1/Term 2 Ends Pizza \$2/slice

September 2026 School Registration Applications begin **February 2 @ 7 AM**. For more information, please visit [THIS LINK](#) on the GESS website.

Jan 26 - "I" Completion Day - **No Regular Classes**

- Strategic Plan Public Engagement Session @ 6-9pm in LLC

Jan 27 - Start of Semester 2 and Term 3

Feb 6 - Yearbook Order **Final Deadline**

- Wellness Clinic - Public Health Nurse in the am

- Grade 8 Tour & Course Information in the pm

- Report Cards posted to MyEd Portals - End of Day

Feb 9 - Gr. 9 & 10 Course Selection Assemblies in the theatre

Feb 10 - Gr. 11 Course Selection Assembly in the theatre

ATTENTION!
IMPORTANT

**FINAL YEARBOOK PURCHASE
DEADLINE IS FAST
APPROACHING! GET YOUR COPY
BY FEBRUARY 6TH!**

#Yearbook





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JULIAN CONDUCTS TCHAIKOVSKY

February 6, 7 & 8

6 Friday 7:30pm
Kelowna Community Theatre

7 Saturday 2:00pm
Penticton's Cleland Theatre

8 Sunday 2:00pm
Vernon & District Performing Arts Centre

SMETANA: Overture to the
Bartered Bride

WALKER: Lyric for Strings

BERLIOZ: Rákóczi March*

VERDI: Nabucco Overture*

TCHAIKOVSKY:
Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64

*Performed with the OSYO

*Conducted by Zeena Zaiyoum

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CONCERT SERIES PARTNERS

JUDY & GRAHAM BURNS



**Do you CARE about
kids and climate?**

Become a Mentor!

"Mentoring a grade 11 student as part of the CARE program was one of the most rewarding things I've done. I watched him bring his idea to life while building skills in planning, collaboration, and community outreach. It's inspiring to see young people leading climate action – and to know I played a small part."

Jude Brunt
Community Engagement, Purpl
Board Director, Habitat for Humanity

**Support local middle + high school
students designing real climate
solutions in our community.**

- 10-30 hours over 3 months (Feb–May)
- Support youth with your diverse experience + passion – from carpentry to caregiving to tech to entrepreneurship to art and beyond
- **No teaching experience needed**
- Help turn climate anxiety into climate action

CARE is a practical, hands-on student and community education and engagement program delivered in Vernon and Central Okanagan school districts. Students explore and create real-world climate solutions that support local and global climate goals.

To support their learning, CARE matches each student team with a community mentor. **THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN!**

83% of CARE Mentors felt more positive about our future after volunteering with young people!

**SIGN UP TO
VOLUNTEER**

https://bitly/CARE_Community



HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE AWARDS

**Planning to attend Okanagan College next fall?
You may be eligible for an entrance award.**

Students graduating from a secondary school within the Okanagan College region (Revelstoke to Princeton) entering Okanagan College in September 2026 may be eligible for the following awards: [Link below with the QR code](#)



HOW TO APPLY:

Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting okanagancollege.ca/awards

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Online Applications will be accepted until **March 8, 2026**.
Students and school staff will have until **March 15, 2026** to provide required documentation of transcripts and reference letters.

Questions? Contact
250-762-5445 | 1-877-755-2266 (toll-free)



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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.

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

GRAD PHOTOS FEBRUARY 12-23

BOOK NOW

VISIT WWW.ARTONA.COM AND CLICK 'BOOK NOW', OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

THERE IS AN INITIAL \$60 FEE THAT CAN BE REFUNDED IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO PURCHASE PHOTOS.

ALL GRADS MUST HAVE THEIR PHOTOS TAKEN FOR THE COMPOSITE.



ORDER GRAD GEAR NOW



VISIT THE 'GRAD GEAR' TAB ON THE GRAD WEBSITE (GESGRAD.WEEBLY.COM) FOR THE LINK.

WHEN READY, ORDERS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM RM. 301. THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!

ORDERS CLOSE MIDNIGHT SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

• F O U N D R Y •

NOW IN LAKE COUNTRY!

The Foundry Kelowna is setting up a satellite office in Lake Country. They will be offering youth aged 12-24 navigation services (help with paperwork, booking appointments, general supports) as well as counselling appointments both by scheduled appointment and walk-in.

WHERE: Lake Country Community Health Center.

10080 Main Street, Lake Country

WHEN: Thursdays 3pm-7pm

COST: Free!

FEBRUARY PARENT & GUARDIAN SYMPOSIUM (COPAC PARTNERSHIP)

SD23 is pleased to collaborate with COPAC on a Parent Symposium designed to deepen two-way engagement and amplify family voice. This event will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2026 (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) at the Board of Education Learning Centre on Hollywood Rd., and is open to all Parents & Guardians.

Interior Health

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

This month's newsletter includes:

- Farm to School winter learning activities
- Ways to reduce food waste
- Indigenous school food story telling
- Handwashing tips
- Colour-coded weather alerts
- Level1: Foundations of Physical Literacy
- Overdose response in schools
- Substance use prevention standards
- Protecting youth online
- MDI webinar

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

KELOWNA MINOR FASTBALL

IS HOSTING **FREE**

LEARN TO PLAY FASTBALL CLINICS

FREE CLINICS

- U7: born 2019/2020
- U9: born 2017/2018
- U11: born 2015/2016
- U13: born 2013/2014

FEBRUARY
14 & 15,
2026



HEAT

www.kelownafastball.ca

HEAT

SPRING REGISTRATION

NOW OPEN

COMMUNITY DIVISIONS

U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U20

SEASON RUNS FROM
APRIL 6 - JUNE 28, 2026

www.kelownafastball.ca



NEW FOR 2026: SOFTBALL BC CHARGES AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OF \$35-\$45 PER PLAYER (DEPENDING ON YOUR AGE CATEGORY). IN THE PAST, KMFS HAS PAID THIS FEE TO SOFTBALL BC OUT OF YOUR REGISTRATION FEES. THIS YEAR, SOFTBALL BC REQUIRES DIRECT PAYMENT BEFORE REGISTERING WITH YOUR ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE REDUCED OUR REGISTRATION FEES ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE USE OUR REGISTRATION LINK AND YOU WILL BE PROMPTED TO PAY SOFTBALL BC PRIOR TO REGISTERING WITH KMFS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

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