



# Coyote Connections

## WEEK OF: Jan. 5 – 9

Monday – Jan. 5 C/D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Reopens After Winter Break (Full Day) / <i>metal Monday</i></li><li>• Sr. Winter Formal – ticket sales begin @ lunch (see pg. 4 for details)</li></ul>
Tuesday – Jan. 6 A/B	
Wednesday – Jan. 7 C/D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning Lounge: ALL SUBJECT academic peer support @ lunch – rm. 136</li><li>• Prom 2027 Parent/Guardian Planning Mtg. @ 6pm (in the library)</li></ul>
Thursday – Jan. 8 A/B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 12 Grad Meeting in the theatre in the am</li></ul>
Friday – Jan. 9 C/D	

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

### Dec 22 – Jan 2 – **Winter Break**

Jan 5–13 – Sr. Winter Formal tickets on sale in the foyer @ lunch

Jan 14 – Sr. Winter Formal (Gr. 11 & 12) 7–9pm in the foyer

Jan 16 – Yearbook Order Soft Deadline

– Wellness Clinic – Public Health Nurse in the am

Jan 19 – COBSS Applications due today at **11:59pm**

– PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Foods Room

Jan 21 – Commercial Music Concert 7–9pm in the theatre

Jan 23 – Semester 1/Term 2 Ends

Jan 26 – “I” Completion Day – **No Regular Classes**

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

As a school community, we would like to recognize and deeply thank Mr. Grant Hughes for his exemplary work in supporting IT in Lake Country, and especially George Elliot, over the years. Some staff have worked alongside Mr. Hughes for well over twenty years! We are thrilled that he is moving into a district coordinator role – nobody is better suited to lead that work taking care of the district’s staff and students – and we will miss him spending time at GESS supporting everyone. We wish him all the best!



Congratulations to Mr. Schwartz and his drama students on their successful production of *A Christmas Carol*!

Thank you and congratulations to our incredible music students, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Shipley, and Mr. Fraser for their hard work in putting on such a wonderful Winter concert.



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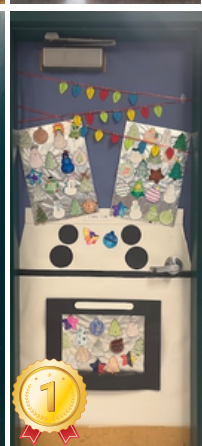


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## December 2025 - GESS Annual DOOR DECORATING COMPETITION

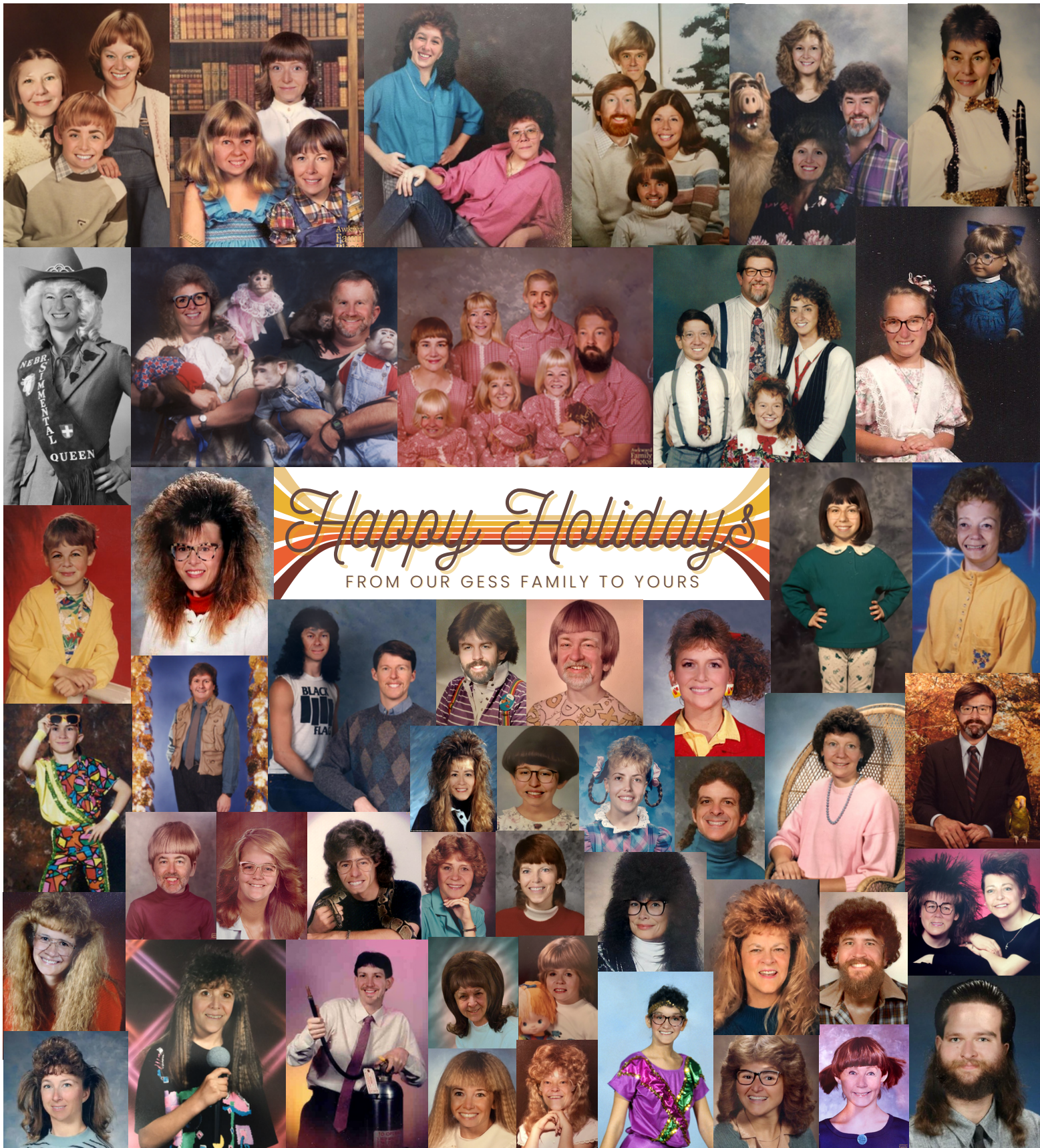






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### GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**SR. WINTER FORMAL - JANUARY 14:**  
The Sr. Winter Formal Dance is **January 14 @ 7-9 PM**. Tickets are **\$5**, and will go on sale **January 5-13 at lunch in the foyer**. Pay via CASH or TAP. This event is limited to **GESS students in grades 11 and 12 ONLY**. There will be no re-entry for anyone who leaves early. The theme is 'Winter Wonderland.' A limited concession will be available.

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



Every year,  
there are book  
presents under  
our library tree.  
Students get to  
choose one to  
keep and enjoy!



### Take the Plunge

Learn to Dive with KSDC



1 meter and 3 meter springboard diving lessons for:

- Beginners
- Competitive Athletes
- Adults



Ages 5 and Up  
Lessons held at the H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre and the Rutland Family YMCA

Email [ksdc.general@gmail.com](mailto:ksdc.general@gmail.com)  
with any questions

### JOIN OUR NEW PROGRAM



### ACTIVE KIDS CLUB

**2:45-5:30 PM (FOLLOWING SD23 CALENDAR)**  
Pick up between 5:00 - 5:30PM  
**JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
Excluding Spring Break and Pro-D Day  
Grade 1 to Grade 6  
Kelowna City FC's Football Factory  
(#4 - 920 Leathead Road)

**OPTIONS & FEES PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS**  
Tue/Thu (2 days/week): \$299 + GST  
Mon/Wed/Fri (3 days/week): \$399 + GST  
Mon-Fri (5 days/week): \$599 + GST



#### SECURE YOUR SPOT

Spaces are limited and fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration and More Info: [www.kelownacityfc.com](http://www.kelownacityfc.com)

Got questions? Or need support, please email: [admin@kelownacityfc.com](mailto:admin@kelownacityfc.com)

Bus pick up from North Glenmore & Ecole Glenmore Elementary School. Families who are at other schools are responsible for drop-off and pick-up at the Football Factory. Refer a friend for Jan - June 2026, and receive 1 month for FREE! YEAR-ROUND KCITY members ask for a discount!

### GRAD PHOTOS FEBRUARY 12-23

### BOOK NOW

VISIT [WWW.ARTONA.COM](http://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.



### NEW VINTAGE THEATRE

## THEATRE CLASSES

Winter 2026

#### YOUTH CLASSES (AGES 6-11)

MISSION POSSIBLE-A SPY STORY  
SATURDAYS, 10-11AM

K-POP MUSICAL THEATRE CLASS-ORIGIN STORY  
SATURDAYS, 1-2PM OR MONDAYS, 4-5:30PM

ALICE IN WONDERLAND  
SATURDAYS, 2-3PM

#### TEEN CLASSES (AGES 12-17)

DOWN A DARK HALL-MYSTERY PLAY  
SATURDAYS, 11-12:30PM

#### ADULT CLASSES

IMPROV GAMES NIGHT  
MONDAYS, 5:30-7PM

LET'S MAKE A MURDER MYSTERY  
MONDAYS, 7-8:30PM

DIRECTING & PLAYWRIGHTING  
WORKSHOPS-JANUARY & FEBRUARY

#### SPRING BREAK CAMPS-MARCH

WEEK #1-SING! DANCE! ACT!-YOUTH  
WEEK #2-HEROES & VILLAINS-YOUTH  
WEEK #3-MUSICAL THEATRE-TEENS



[NEWVINTAGE.CA](http://NEWVINTAGE.CA)

## Junior Coyotes WINTER PROGRAMS

### WINTER 3ON3

Gr 1-9 Boys & Girls  
Sundays | Jan 4 - Mar 8

### MICROBALLERS

Boys & Girls | Ages 3-5  
Sundays | Jan 4 - Mar 8

### WINTER 5ON5

Gr 6-8 Boys | Jan 10 - Mar 8  
Saturdays & Sundays

### CHRISTMAS CAMP

Gr 1-12 Boys & Girls | December 27-28

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