



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: Sept 29 – Oct 3

Monday – Sept 29 A/B	• GESS Orange Shirt Day 
Tuesday – Sept 30	• National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No Classes
Wednesday – Oct 1 C/D	
Thursday – Oct 2 A/B	• National Custodian Day
Friday – Oct 3 C/D	• Pizza \$2/slice • Grad Drive-Thru Breakfast Fundraiser @ 7:15 – 8:45am • World Teacher Day on Oct. 5th – Celebrating them today 

Sept 27–Oct 3 – GoByBike Week for Schools

Oct 8 – Post-Secondary Institute Fair (9–10:30 am) in the small gym

Oct 10 – Administrative Implementation Day – **No Classes**

Oct 13 – Thanksgiving Day – **No Classes**

Oct 14 – Photo Retakes (morning only)

Oct 16 – Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm

– Parent Teacher Conferences @ 5–7 pm (in Foyer & Classrooms)

Oct 20 – PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the library

Oct 22 – Post-Secondary Prep #1 in the theatre 10:30 am / 12:35 pm

Oct 24 – Professional Development Day – **No Classes**

GESS ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Tuesday, September 30 marks both Orange Shirt Day, as well as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Please join us in wearing orange on Monday, Sept. 29 to commemorate these days, and to honour the survivors of Residential Schools, their families and communities, and the children who never returned home.



Central Okanagan Public Schools



Dual Credit Information Night

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

STUDENTS AND PARENTS WELCOME!

Central Okanagan Public Schools is hosting a Dual Credit Information Night on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 6:00 pm at Kelowna Secondary School.

The purpose of this event is to showcase our Dual Credit Program options and provide an opportunity for students and parents to communicate directly with our post-secondary and industry training partners.

Please join us to discover the many benefits of a dual credit program, including tuition sponsorship and the ability for students to get a head start on a rewarding career.

AGENDA:

5:30 pm: Doors open to public to visit with post-secondary partners

6:00 pm: Dual Credit Presentation Overview - Bob Boback

6:20-7:00 pm: Parents and Students have an opportunity to talk with post-secondary partners to learn more

7:00 pm: End of Event

For more information on Dual Credit Programs visit our website
www.dualcredit23.sd23.bc.ca



Congratulations
The 2026 grad president is
Cassidy Burke!

Kelowna Friends of the Library

Book Sale!

35th GREAT OKANAGAN BOOK SALE
SUPPORTING ALL BRANCHES OF OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Wednesday	October 15	2:00pm to 8pm
Thursday	October 16	9:30am to 8pm
Friday	October 17	9:30am to 8pm
Saturday	October 18	9:30am to 2pm

Location: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Church Parking: New One-Way System
Enter: West Alley (by Church) Exit: East Alley (by Hall)

Kelowna Friends of the Library acknowledge the support of
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ATTENTION Gr. 12 Parents/Guardians: **ATTENTION**

If you haven't signed up yet to receive the 'Prom Parent 2026' information, please email
gesspromparents2026@gmail.com



GRAD FUNDRAISER
DRIVE THRU BREAKFAST

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3
7:15 - 8:45 am



By Donation
Cash or Tap

@ George Elliot Secondary
SCHOOL PARKING LOT

GESS Vision Statement: Love. Learn. Thrive.





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GO ENG GIRL: BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

JOIN US FOR AN ALL-GIRLS* EVENT AT UBC OKANAGAN

Step into the world of **Biomedical Engineering** – where science, technology, and empathy come together to change lives. This inspiring, hands-on day is designed just for girls in grades 10-12 who are curious about Engineering and want to explore how it connects to real-world impact.

Hosted at **UBC Okanagan**, participants will:

- Explore Biomedical Engineering as a post-secondary path
- Meet female engineering students and mentors
- Take part in engaging, hands-on activities that dive into the challenges and innovations of the field
- Hear stories and advice from guest speakers who are making a difference in healthcare and beyond

Get a sneak peek into what it's like to be an Engineering student on a day designed to build confidence, spark curiosity, and grow female representation in STEM.

Want to register?

Space is limited – talk to your career centre today to secure your spot! Deadline to apply is **October 17th**.

* We have an inclusive view of the word "girl" and welcome trans, genderqueer, and non-binary participants.

INTERESTED?

- Who:
- Grade 10 - 12 girls*
- When:
- Wednesday, October 22, 2025
 - 9:30am - 1:30pm
- Where:
- UBC Okanagan
 - bussing provided by your school
- Cost:
- Free - includes a pizza lunch!

Learn more about Geering Up
Visit bit.ly/GUKelowna,
email us at
kelowna.geeringup@ubc.ca,
or scan this QR code:



**Only 15
spots
available!**

"Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities.

Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. **Student Accident Insurance by StudyInsured** is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Plan or to find out more, click [HERE](#)."



FALL SEPT. 27 - OCT. 3, 2025

GoByBike Week for SCHOOLS

Ride to Win a Class Pizza Party!

GoByBikeBC BIKE IT, YOU'LL LOVE IT.

FREE REGISTRATION:
GOBYBIKEBC.CA

REGISTER AND ENTER TO WIN GREAT PRIZES!

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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.

DRIVE-THRU BREAKFAST OCT. 3 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The parent council is looking for volunteers for the drive-thru breakfast on Friday, October 3rd @ 7:15–8:45. Sign up on Google Classroom or in the Careers Centre.

STING – MORE INFO IN OCTOBER:

STING starts in October. Keep your eyes open for more updates.

GRAD LOGO VOTING – OPEN NOW:

Grad logo voting opens today and closes October 3. The link can be found on Google Classroom.

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

YLW Junior Ambassador Program

is excited to welcome the first group of
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS for the 2025-2026 school year!

Deadline to Apply: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Orientation: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Placement Start Date: as soon as training and online course material is completed

Students:

1. Should be prepared to commit to one four-hour shift per weekend for a minimum of four months (no weekday shifts).
2. Must submit the following documents by the deadline:
 - Volunteer Application Form
 - Student Resume
 - Teacher Recommendation page

Please see Mrs. Boisvert for application and teacher recommendation page.

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EXPECT RESPECT &
A SAFE EDUCATION

Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child



Register for free training

Tips to protect children
and youth online



Have a conversation

Talk with children and
youth about things they
may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on
[erase.gov.bc.ca](#)?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at [erase.gov.bc.ca](#).

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care



Join Us

The Strong Roots Centre
Childhood Connections

NOURISH

**FOR PARENTS WITH
SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN,
FRIDAYS AT 12:30PM**



A Weekly Parent Connection Group.
Raising school-aged kids can be amazing
—and sometimes overwhelming. Nourish
is here to support you.

Join us for a weekly gathering where
parents of school-aged children come
together to share, connect, and grow. This
is a warm, welcoming space for
conversation, support, and practical ideas
for parenting in today's world.
Starting September 12th

To register, please send us
an email

katier@childhoodconnections.ca



● **Meet other
parents**

● **Have
meaningful
conversation**

● **Receive support
and give support**



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