



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: Feb. 9 – 13

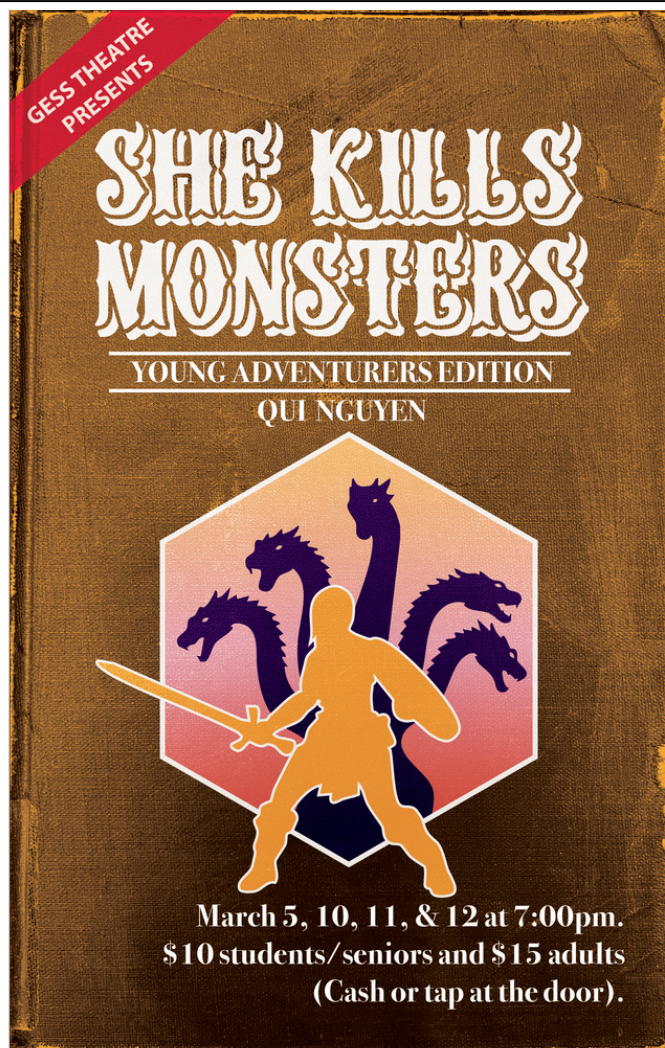
Monday – Feb. 9 C/D	- Gr. 9 Course Selection Assembly @ 9:10 am in the theatre - Gr. 10 Course Selection Assembly @ 12:40 pm in the theatre
Tuesday – Feb. 10 A/B	Gr. 11 Course Selection Assembly @ 12:40 pm in the theatre
Wednesday – Feb. 11 C/D	- Learning Lounge: ALL SUBJECT academic peer support @ lunch – rm. 136 - Grade 9–11 Parent Info Night @ 6 – 7 pm in the theatre - Grade 8 Parent Info Night @ 7:15 – 8:15 pm in the theatre
Thursday – Feb. 12 A/B	2026–2027 Course Selections open – links available on website - Grad Photos begin in the Artona Trailer (Feb. 12–23)
Friday – Feb. 13	- Pro-D Day – No classes - Grad Movie Night Fundraiser - Gnomeo & Juliet → doors open @ 5:00 pm; movie starts @ 5:30 pm 

Feb 16 – Family Day – **No School**
Feb 17 – Experience UBCO Day (Grades 10–11)
Feb 19 – Grade 11s – YDI Survey in afternoon
Feb 20 – 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 – info on poster →

**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.





SHE KILLS MONSTERS
YOUNG ADVENTURERS EDITION
QUI NGUYEN

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

GESS Vision Statement: Love. Learn. Thrive.





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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.

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)

CESS 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.

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.events.kelowna.ca/diversity-equity-inclusion>

Questions? Contact: Ximena | ximena@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

Funded by: KCR, LIP, YD, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

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)

SKATE LIKE AN OLYMPIAN

MILANO CORTINA 2026

Our skaters start in Kelowna then race all over Canada!

FREE Try-It Session Feb. 9th @ 5:45-6:30p
MNP Place Rink #2

All ages and experience levels welcome!!

kelownaspeedskate@gmail.com for registration info

City of Kelowna

LICENSED SPRING BREAK CAMP

City of Kelowna day camps pack your week with gym games, creative crafts, outdoor adventures, and a splash-filled swim trip to Parkinson Rec Centre. Join our awesome staff for a fast-paced, fun-loaded adventure!

Watson Rd Elementary **Bankhead Elementary** **Age 5-12**

Registration
Registration must be completed through the Program Manager. Please contact for more information.

Subsidy available!

Bankhead: bankheadkelowna@gmail.com
Watson Road: wraspkelowna@gmail.com

City of Kelowna

DAYS OF DANCE CAMP

Let's Move and Groove!

Students dive into Jazz, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop, and more while building confidence and learning core movement skills. It's a fun, creative way to express yourself through dance.

LOCATIONS:

- Kinsmen Fieldhouse - Mar 16-20
- Parkinson Recreation Centre - Mar 23-27

REGISTRATION:

- Sign up on our website

Only 42.50

rec.kelowna.ca or 250-469-8800



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2026/2027 School Year Calendar

Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days August)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 12
Early Dismissal #1 (1:30pm), Parent/Teacher Open House	Thursday, October 15
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Wednesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 21 – Friday, January 1
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Friday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 12
Family Day	Monday, February 15
Early Dismissal #2 (1:30pm), Parent/Teacher Open House	Thursday, March 11
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 15 – Thursday, March 25
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, March 26
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, March 29
Early Dismissal #3 (11:45am), for Grade 12 Capstones	Thursday, May 13
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 24
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30

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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 8
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	Monday, October 11
Early Dismissal #1 (1:30pm), Parent/Teacher Open House	Thursday, October 14
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	Thursday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, December 20 – Monday, January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 18
Family Day	Monday, February 21
Early Dismissal #2 (1:30pm), Parent/Teacher Open House	Thursday, March 16
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	Monday, March 20 – Thursday, March 31
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Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 14
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