



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: April 14 – 18

Monday – April 14 B/A	• Windscares Concert Band Festival • Capstone – teacher selections open @ 8:45 am • PAC Meeting in the Library @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday – April 15 D/C	• Windscares Concert Band Festival • Term 3 Ends • ‘STING’ Safety Act Day: Dress as a Sr. Citizen • Spirit Day: Anything But a Backpack – be creative! • Post-Secondary Prep #3 in the Library @ 10:30 am
Wednesday – April 16 B/A	• Windscares Concert Band Festival • Term 4 Begins • Spirit Day: 90's day & Easter Egg Guessing Jar
Thursday – April 17 D/C	• Windscares Concert Band Festival • Course Change forms due (return to the office) • Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (Prom) sold in foyer – \$20/box (12) / \$2 each
Friday – April 18	• Good Friday – School Closed • Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (Prom) sold @ Jack Seaton Park's Egg Hunt

April 21 – Easter Monday – School Closed
April 22 – Earth Day
 – Spring Formal dance (gr. 9–11) @ 7 – 9 pm
April 24 – Band Trip fundraiser – GESS order codes below
May 1 – Report Cards posted online @ end of the day
May 2 – Grad Award submissions close @ MIDNIGHT
May 5 – Red Dress Day
 – Cultural Assembly – Axis Theatre (am)

SPRING FORMAL
GR. 9–11
April 22, 2025 @ 7–9 PM
Purchase \$5 tickets at lunch in the foyer between April 7–11
Theme: Starry Night

Help Support the Band Trip Fundraiser and order your pizza

April 24, 2025

FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT

GESS Band Trip Fundraiser

Order one of the specials outlined below on April 24th, 2025 and your group will receive a \$5.00 contribution for each order.

OPTION A \$21.99

1 Large 3 topping Pizza & Cheesy Bread

Order Code: GESS1

OR

OPTION B \$26.99

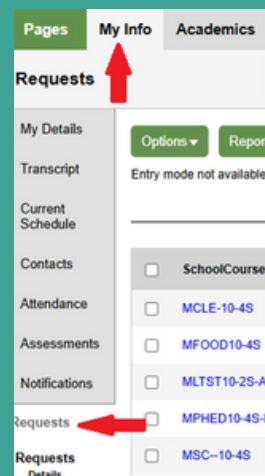
2 Medium 3 topping Pizzas & Cheesy Bread

Order Code: GESS2

WINFIELD (778) 480 3041
10051 HIGHWAY 97 N
ORDER ONLINE @ DOMINOS.CA



Last Wednesday, students received their course requests for next year. They can also view their requests on their MyEd portal using the "MyInfo" top tab and "Requests" side tab. Any change requests must be made on these forms and returned to the office by **Thursday, April 17**.



MAY 1: EXPERIENCE OC DAY

On Thursday, May 1, Okanagan College hosts all grade 11 students from across the district, and GESS would like all grade 11's to participate!

Students will be bused from GESS in the morning, attend two fun and interactive post-secondary sessions based on their interests, explore the campus, get a quick glimpse into post-secondary life, and have a BBQ!

Students should be bringing home a permission slip to sign!
 If you have any questions, please contact rochelle.youngberg@sd23.bc.ca Thanks for your support!

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GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. APRIL 1-30 CASH RAFFLE FUNDRAISER:

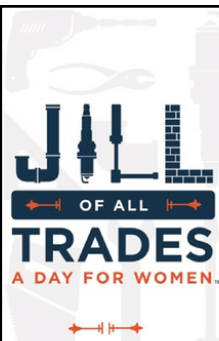
Grads who haven't year picked up their cash raffle tickets can do so from rm. 302 ASAP! A letter detailing the fundraiser was emailed out on April 1, and can also be found on the [grad website](#).

2. GRAD AWARDS – SUBMISSIONS CLOSE MAY 2:

Grads can find a Google Form on the 'CLP GRAD 2025' Google Classroom page to nominate themselves for grad awards. Submissions will close **Friday, May 2 @ MIDNIGHT**. Grads are **NOT** limited to just one award, and should submit the form multiple times for all awards that apply.

3. LAKE COUNTRY BOTTLE DEPOT FUNDRAISER:

Have refundables? Donate them to the 'GESS GRAD 2025' account at the Lake Country Bottle Depot. There's no need to sort them! Proceeds reduce the cost of prom tickets.



Thursday

May 22, 2025

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Okanagan College
Kelowna Campus
1000 KLO Rd.
Kelowna BC V1Y 4X8

Registration/Continental
Breakfast

8:30 am to 9:00 a.m.

This amazing event will include an array of hands-on workshops led by female mentors designed to help young women develop a better understanding of the potential of skilled trades careers.

Additional highlights will include an incredible lunch, information booths, facility tours, guest speakers and mentorship.

We hope you can join us.

For more information and an application form, see your Career Centre
DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TUESDAY, APRIL 22nd

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



Participate in our Kokanee salmon fry release!

Wonders of Water: A Hands-On Adventure

Mission Creek Regional Park
Saturday, May 3
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled family event to celebrate water! Explore the park to find activity stations. Engage in exciting learning experiences led by our incredible STEAM community partners. A free, all-ages drop in event.



Event partners:



Available to purchase in the foyer on **Thursday, April 17 (CASH & TAP)**.

\$20 for a box (12) OR \$2 per doughnut!

Funds raised reduce the cost of prom tickets!



UBCO's Heat Sport Camps offer a fun-filled week of skill development for kids aged 6 to 18. Camp offerings include basketball, volleyball, and STEM-letics.

Camps are set to run in July and August, and registration is now open.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



FREE Ages 12-17

Youth Nights

Friday April 25 & May 30
6-8:30 p.m.

At YMCA Youth Nights, you can explore all your options. Play sports, go for a swim, play video games, work out in the weight room, grab a bite to eat, practice your artistic side, or just hang out with your friends.



Register online
ymcasibc.ca/rec



Are you a former child or youth in care?

Explore the possibility of a free education.

- Regardless of your age, you may qualify for a tuition-free post-secondary education in BC with the newly expanded Provincial Tuition Waiver Program.
- Study full- or part-time and choose from many eligible courses and programs offered at any BC public post-secondary institution, the Native Education College, or one of the approved union-based trades training providers.

Grow your skillset, tuition-free.

Visit StudentAidBC.ca/provincial-tuition-waiver-program or scan the QR code to learn more



CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL HOME ALONE & BABYSITTING COURSES



Kidz 4 Safety

ONLINE & IN-PERSON SESSIONS

Home Alone: Ages 9+ yrs | \$53
Babysitter Training: 10.5+ yrs | \$70

Register at:

www.babysittingkelowna.com
kidz4safety@gmail.com
or
call/text 250-317-2868



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 Fraser Valley Chess Academy

 Okanagan Valley Chess Academy

WEST KELOWNA 2025 CHESS SUMMER CAMPS

📍 Okanagan Regional Library,
3731 Old Okanagan Highway, West Kelowna, BC

ENGAGING PUZZLE- SOLVING CONTESTS	TOURNAMENT-STYLE PRACTICE SESSIONS
ANALYSIS OF GRANDMASTER GAMES	PERSONALIZED FEEDBACK

\$250-\$395
Registration Fee

Aug 11th to Aug 15th, 2025

Timings: 10am-4:30pm
Full & Half day Camps

Join for fun & creative indoor activities for KG and up



GAMES - FIRE TRUCK TOUR - VENDORS - GIVEAWAYS

Easter Egg Hunt

**FRIDAY
APRIL 18,
2025**

JACK SEATON PARK
1950 CAMP ROAD

10 - 11:30 A.M. SIGN UP
10 - 11:55 A.M. GAMES & ACTIVITIES
12 P.M. EGG HUNT

FREE
EVERYONE WELCOME

HOT DOG BBQ
LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER
(CASH ONLY)



City of Kelowna Summer Camps: Registration Opens April 24

Get ready for an unforgettable summer with the City of Kelowna's summer camps! Whether your child is a budding artist, a sports enthusiast, or loves to explore, we have a variety of full and partial day camps available at Parkinson Recreation Centre, as well as Canyon Falls Middle School, Bankhead Elementary, Watson Road Elementary, and more. [See the 2025 Summer Camps at-a-glance](#) to help plan your summer of fun. Registration opens on April 24. Learn more about spring programs and summer camps online now at kelowna.ca/recreation.

