



Coyote Connections

WEEK OF: April 28 – May 2

Monday – April 28 B/A	• Voting @ 7 am – 7 pm in GESS gym; parking lot will be busy!
Tuesday – April 29 D/C	• ‘STING’ Safety Act: Twin Day (with photo proof)
Wednesday – April 30 B/A	
Thursday – May 1 D/C	• Grade 11 Experience OC Day – see info below • Report Cards published to MyEd portals by end of day
Friday – May 2 B/A	• Pizza Friday \$2/slice  • Grad Award submissions close @ MIDNIGHT – see page 2 for info

May 3 – Community clean-up @ Easter Seals Camp (8:30 am)
 – Community clean-up @ Winfield Cemetery (9 am)
 May 5 – 9 – **GESS Mental Health Awareness Week**
 May 5 – **Red Dress Day** 
 – Cultural Assembly – Axis Theatre (am)
 – Grad Write-up submissions open
 May 6 – Grad (Prom) Committee mtg. @ 7 pm in the Library
 May 10 – 16 – Mental Health Awareness Week
 May 12 – PAC meeting in the library @ 6:30 pm
 May 15 – **Gr. 12 CAPSTONE DAY** (Gr. 11s observing)
 – D Block (9–10:18 am) / C Block (10:27–11:45 am)
 – Half Day for Grade 9 & 10's (9–11:45 am)
 – Early Bus pick up – 12:00 pm for gr. 9/10's
 – Regular Bus pick up – 3:15 pm for gr. 11/12's
 May 19 – Victoria Day Holiday – **School Closed**

George Elliot Career Programs would like to thank the following people/organizations for taking the time to speak with our students about their careers and life experiences. We recognize and appreciate the time, effort and energy put into the presentations.

- Jon Matlock – College for Arts and Technology Kelowna
- Vanessa, Heather & Larry – Dignity Memorial
- David Grabavac – Kelowna Crown Council

MENTAL HEALTH
 AWARENESS MONTH
 MAY



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!

GESS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

May 5 Monday	Colouring contest Go to counsellor office to enter
May 6 Tuesday	Tech break at lunch for pizza
May 7 Wednesday	Hockey jersey day and Retired NHL player guest speaker
May 8 Thursday	Wear Green day 
May 9 Friday	 Pajama day

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GRAD ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. APRIL 1-30 CASH RAFFLE FUNDRAISER:

The deadline for the cash raffle is **April 30 at 3:00pm**. All ticket stubs, cash and unsold tickets must be returned to the office in a sealed envelope labeled with "Cash Raffle" and the student's name. Grads who haven't yet picked up their tickets should email gessgradparents@gmail.com ASAP! A letter detailing the fundraiser can be found on the [grad website](#) under the 'EVENTS' tab.

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.

1

- May 3 @ 8:30 am
- Winfield Easter Seals Camp
- BBQ lunch @ 12 PM
- This is a grad legacy commitment!

2

- May 3 @ 9:00 am
- Winfield Cemetery (beside LC School of Dance)
- If possible, bring your own gloves and rakes!

If you can volunteer your time for either of these events, connect with Ms. Marples in rm. 302 ASAP!

SATURDAY,
MAY 3

COMMUNITY
CLEAN UP
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED



STUDENT
VOTE
Canada 2025



Student Vote is an experiential civic literacy program facilitated by CIVIX Canada that provides students under the voting age with the opportunity to learn about democracy, government, and the electoral process, and cast ballots for the official candidates in a parallel election.

At GESS, we anticipate over 300 student voters. Once we receive the result data in the next few weeks, it will be communicated here.

Transit4Teens Kelowna is a student group advocating for free city bussing for students aged 18 and under. Many students face financial challenges, making it difficult for them to afford daily transportation. Their goal is to campaign for a change in the current policy to ensure that students can travel on the city bus without financial barriers.

To further this cause, they've developed a survey aimed at gathering feedback from students regarding the potential benefits and impact of offering free bus service for those aged 18 and under. The data collected will play a crucial role in shaping advocacy efforts and will provide valuable insights to present to city officials.

To support this initiative, please complete [THIS](#) survey.



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