

# Casorso News

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## Looking Ahead...

### Some Important Dates:

- Jan. 11 7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting
- Jan. 20 Walk to School Day
- Jan. 25 LAST Chess Club
- Jan. 29 12:15 am School-wide Assembly
- Feb. 4/5 12:30 p.m. dismissal for grade 1 - grade 6 students for Parent/Teacher Conferences  
- No Classes for Kindergarten students
- Feb.19 Pro-D Day for Teachers  
- no classes in session



Parent Student Handbook is now available on line. Paper copies are available at the office for those who can't print at home.



Happy New Year, and welcome back for second term!

One of the pressing questions on many parents' minds right now is, "When does Registration for the 2009-2010 school year start?" I am sorry that I don't have an answer for you yet, but the school district trustees will make a decision on this in their January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The registration dates will be made public immediately following the school board's decision. As in previous years, we have received calls asking about line-ups on the first day of kindergarten registration. Yes, line-ups are the norm, but the only issue affected by lining up in recent years is if parents wish for their child(ren) to be in the morning, French Immersion kindergarten class. Please note, Casorso will not offer full-day kindergarten because of our already large student population. Please check the School District website, [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca), for the most recent updates on registration.

On another note, the Hall Road area school bus is running! Thanks to Isabel Withler and Cheryl Stecko for ensuring that our pick-up zone is available to the bus at the end of our school day, and thanks again to Dave Richardson for all his work to initiate this service.

Our *Smartboards* have arrived and classes will begin using them shortly, probably on a schedule allowing for teacher-partners to develop units and lesson plans collaboratively so as to get the most out of this resource. Thank you to our PAC for funding this!

Our Casorso Olympic Torch Relay will happen on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, following a similar format to our Terry Fox Run.

This year's chess club is going strong thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Loesgen, Jen Neal, Suzanne Gross, Isabel Withler, Jill Bennett, and numerous helping parents at each of our after-school Monday sessions. We have more than 100 students registered!

Thank you all for your ongoing support of your children's learning and our school as a whole!

*Mr. Schneider  
Principal*

Intermediate students are participating in a School Science Fair in February. Grade four projects will be displayed and judged on February 25<sup>th</sup>, grade five projects on February 24<sup>th</sup>, and grade 6 projects on February 26<sup>th</sup>. To help with the Science Fair we are also looking for parents to judge projects. If you are interested in being a judge please contact me at 250-763-8088. A science background is not required to help with the Science Fair.



Thank you,  
*Mr. Hayher  
Vice Principal*

### Child Needs To Stay In At Recess? Read On...

It is during these winter months when many children catch colds and pass them on from one to the other. Students who have bad colds should be kept at home. They should not be sent to school with a request to stay in during the recess and lunch hours. If they are not well enough to come to school and play outside during the break times, they should be at home until fully recovered.



### On Time ?

Our school day begins at 8:30 a.m. with a warning bell ringing at 8:25 a.m. The first parts of the day are filled with the important tasks of taking attendance, collecting forms, listening to daily announcements, reviews, classroom reminders, collecting assignments and setting the agenda for the day. In every class, there is a great deal of preparation for learning and readiness for further learning at the outset of the day. The positive, productive tone for the day is set. Students, arriving late for class, miss important information and disrupt the learning of others. Punctuality is a lifetime habit that serves us well in the working world. Please help your child develop the positive habit of punctuality. If your child will be unavoidably late, or absent, please call the office, 250-763-8088, before 8:30 a.m.

### New Years Resolution:



**I will be on time for school!**

### Basketball Starts this Month



Casorso School has some very keen students who love to play basketball. The following staff members have volunteered to sponsor teams this year. Please note the practice times listed.

**Gr. 6 Boys - Coach: Mr. Hayher**

Tuesday 2:40 - 3:40 pm &  
Thursday 11:20 - 11:50 am

**Gr. 6 Girls - Coach: Mme Verley**

Wednesday @ 730 - 8:20 am  
(parent coaches Mr. Corrado,  
Mr. Miller, and Mr. Payer)

**Gr. 5 Boys - Coach: Mr. Schneider**

Monday 11:15 - 11:45 am &  
Wednesday 11:15 - 11:45 am

**Gr. 5 Girls - Coach: Mrs. Lalonde**

Wednesday 2:45 - 3:45 &  
Friday 11:15 - 11:45 am

If you are willing and able to assist with the Grade 5 Boys Basketball team, please contact the office at 250-763-8088.

### No Snowballs at Casorso!!



Any form of throwing or kicking snow, ice, mud, rocks, etc. **is not allowed at school.** It is forbidden at every school in our District, not just École Casorso School.

Students have been reminded through newsletters, notices, assemblies and class discussions that they are not to throw snow on the school grounds or while travelling to and from school. Should students choose to break this safety rule, a series of consequences will follow:

- 1st time:** a warning and record kept at the office
- 2nd time:** detention and parents informed
- 3rd time:** suspension

Our playground and roadways are crowded. The chances of someone getting hurt or property being damaged is too great when students throw snow.



### BRITISH COLUMBIA StrongStart Early Learning Centre

The Best Place on Earth

*StrongStart is a free drop in early learning program for children aged three to four years of age. The program is intended to fill a niche for children who are not attending childcare and are in the home with their parent or other caregivers (such as grandparents or nannies). Younger siblings are able to attend but the program emphasis will be developmentally appropriate for three to four year olds.*

When you join us you may:

- ◆ have some creative, interactive play time with your child
- ◆ connect with other parents
- ◆ access parenting information and support
- ◆ find out more about resources in your community

Each program is facilitated by a Licensed Early Childhood Educator. **The Centres are open on a first come, first served basis on days that school is in session. For more information please call or visit any of the Centres:**

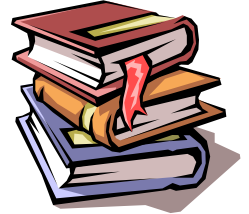
- A.S. Matheson (250) 860-6430
- Raymer (778) 478-9733
- Pearson Road (778) 753-5788
- South Rutland (250) 765-7785 ext 275
- George Pringle (250) 768-5146 ext 107
- Hudson Road (250) 769-4666 ext 29
- George Elliot (250) 766-2734 ext 7769

## Staff Contributions

### Library / Bibliothèque

***“To add a library to a house is to give that house a soul.”***

**- Cicero**



#### **Red Cedar Reading Club**

The Library is excited to “launch” the Red Cedar, British Columbia’s Young Reader’s Choice book award program.

Every year, thousands of students between grades 4 and 7 from across the province are invited to read books from the nominated lists of fiction and non-fiction (information) titles and to vote for their favourite.

Over the next four months, the Library will host a Red Cedar reading group. Students will read, discuss and evaluate a selection of Canadian fiction and non-fiction books. Ultimately, the students are the ones to choose which book is the winner in each category.

The Red Cedar Book Awards Program was established in 1996 to promote literacy through the reading of quality Canadian literature.

The purpose of the program is threefold:

1. To encourage students to read.
2. To develop students’ ability to judge the quality of published works.
3. To create an awareness of the works of Canadian authors / illustrators.

For more information on the Red Cedar Book Awards Program and a full list of nominated books for 2009–2010, please drop by the Library or visit the Red Cedar Book Award website @ [www.redcedaraward.ca](http://www.redcedaraward.ca)

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Parent volunteers are urgently needed to help out with the book fair to take place during parent-teacher conferences on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a very important fundraiser for the Library. Please contact us if you are able to help.

Happy Reading / Bonne Lecture!

**Mme Wilson, Teacher-Librarian / Professeur-Bibliothécaire**  
**Mrs. Ratzlaff, Library Assistant**

Congratulations to Mme Mireau on the production of another great Christmas Concert(s).

A DVD featuring both performances of the Primary Christmas Presentation as well as the Intermediate Choral Presentation is available for families to order.

The delivery of DVDs ordered will be with the second term report card on March 5th.



***Please refer to the last page for this years DVD ORDER FORM***

## Staff Contributions

### Casorso's Christmas Caring Campaign Sets New Record for Contributions

*Kelowna Community Resources* was overwhelmed by the generosity of the Casorso community once again as we made Christmas brighter for 26 local needy families. Thank you to our campaign coordinator, Shawni Macpherson and all her special elves who helped wrap, transport, sort and run extra errands!!

Thank you to all the class room parents who played such an important role this year...you made everything work so smoothly!

Casorso donated more than 1000 food items when attending our Christmas Concerts. This generosity to people in such a time of need, is overwhelming. These items were divided between The Kelowna Food Bank and the Salvation Army Food Hamper Drive. Thank you to Mme Verley and her students for coordinating this food drive.



### Counsellor's Corner

#### *Message from Mr. Maxey, our School Counsellor'*

#### **Proactive or Reactive...the Choice is Yours.**

Each day you and I have about 100 chances to choose whether to be proactive or reactive. You can usually hear the difference between proactive and reactive people by the type of language they use:

#### **Reactive language**

I'll try  
That's just the way I am  
There's nothing I can do  
I have to  
I can't  
You ruined my day

#### **Proactive language**

I'll do it  
I can do better than that  
Let's look at all our options  
I choose to  
There's got to be a way  
I'm not going to let your bad mood rub off on me

#### **It Pays to be Proactive:**

Proactive people are a different breed. Proactive people:

- Are not easily offended
- Take responsibility for their choices
- Think before they act
- Bounce back when something bad happens
- Always find a way to make it happen

Focus on things they can do something about and don't worry about things they can't.

If you are choosing to be proactive 20 out of 100 times on average each day, try doing it 30 out of 100 times. Then 40. Never underestimate the huge difference small changes can make.

Taken from: " The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens"  
(Franklin Covey Co. 1998)

## Community Contributions

### **FRENCH COURSES Winter 2009/2010**

Registration\* & information 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Centre culturel français de l'Okanagan 702, avenue Bernard, Kelowna 860-4074

\* Full payment by cheque or cash only. We do not accept credit cards or Debit cards.

\* Payment includes taxes and course material

\* Courses are non-refundable, unless cancelled by CCFO.

#### **FRENCH BEGINNER I (evening)**

\*\* Recommended for parents of students

in Immersion or Francophone schools

Monday and Wednesday Starting January 18<sup>th</sup> 2010

7 P.M. – 9 P.M.

2 sessions per week, 2 hours each

For 10 weeks = 40 hours Classes end on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2010

**\$235**

Membre: \$220

#### **FRENCH BEGINNER II (evening)**

Tuesday and Thursday Starting January 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

7 PM – 9 PM

2 sessions per week, 2 hours each

For 10 weeks = 40 hours Classes end on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2010

**\$235**

Membre: \$220

#### **FRENCH INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED (evening)**

Monday Starting January 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

1 session per week, 2 hours each

For 8 weeks = 16 hours Classes end on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

**\$100**

Membre: \$90

#### **FRENCH BEGINNER I (daytime)**

Monday Starting January 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

1 session per week, 2 hours each

For 8 weeks = 16 hours Classes end on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

**\$100**

Membre: \$90

#### **FRENCH BEGINNER II (daytime)**

Tuesday Starting January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010

1 P.M. – 3 P.M.

1 session per week, 2 hours each

For 8 weeks = 16 hours Classes end on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010

**\$100**

Membre: \$90

#### **FRENCH INTERMEDIATE (daytime)**

Tuesday Starting January 12<sup>th</sup> 2010

9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

1 session per week, 2 hours each

For 8 weeks = 16 hours Classes end on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010

**\$100**

Membre: \$90

#### **FRENCH ADVANCED (daytime)**

Wednesday Starting January 13<sup>th</sup> 2010

9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

1 session per week, 2 hours each

For 8 weeks = 16 hours Classes end on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

**\$100**

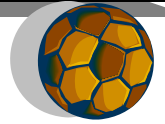
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## OMYSA

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MISSION YOUTH

SOCCER ASSOCIATION



Outdoor soccer registration for Spring 2010

Boys and Girls born between 1992 and 2004

Mission residents Only

Go to our website

[www.okmissionsoccer.com](http://www.okmissionsoccer.com) print a registration form and mail it (with cheque)

to : Box 29076

RPO Okanagan Mission

Kelowna, BC V1W 4A7

250-764-4565

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
JANUARY 22, 2010**



### LOOKING FOR PRESCHOOL THIS FALL?

*BRIGHT CLASSROOM, CUTTING EDGE PROGRAM & CURRICULUM WITH AN EMPHASIS ON LITERACY, TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCED ECE STAFF ALL CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE LOWER MISSION AT RAYMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. CHILDREN LEARN THROUGH PLAY IN A HANDS ON ENVIRONMENT. SUBSIDIZED SPACES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.*

**FULL TIME PRESCHOOL FOR 3 1/2 YEAR OLDS & 4 YEAR OLDS NOW AVAILABLE!**

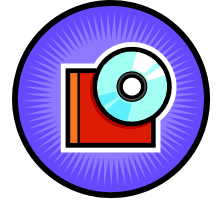
**CHOOSE BETWEEN 2 DYNAMIC CLASSES:**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:45 AM – 11:45 AM  
OR**

**MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR  
CALL ERIN OR KRISTY AT: 762-7505**

## *DVD Order Form*



We will be producing a DVD of the Primary Christmas Presentation (both performances) and the Intermediate Choral Presentation.

If you wish to order a DVD, please complete the bottom portion of this notice and return to the office with a payment of \$10.00, by the end of January.

Delivery of the DVDs will be with the second term report cards, (March 5<sup>th</sup>).

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I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas 2009 Presentations DVD  
(amount)  
@ a cost of \$10.00 each.

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_. If payment is by cheque please make it payable to Casorso Elementary School.

Please send the DVD(s) home with \_\_\_\_\_  
(student's name)

in \_\_\_\_\_ class.  
(teacher's name)

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