



Whoo's News

March 17, 2023

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Welcome • Bienvenue

KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project



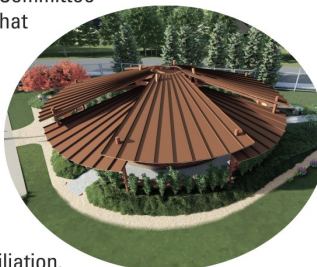
An outdoor
learning
space



The KSS Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee has created an Outdoor Classroom design that has been proposed for construction on our school field between the school and the basketball courts.

The purpose of the project is to bridge all students with the land, honour local Indigenous teachings, create a welcoming outdoor gathering space, and partner with people interested in being a part of Reconciliation.

This will be a space that emphasizes the use and celebration of Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Students involved have worked on designs to create a space that reflects values of respecting the land, learning outside, storytelling, and many cross-curricular initiatives. The space is also meant to be inclusive, accessible, welcoming, versatile, and safe.



For more information
and to donate
scan this QR code



Donations
can be made in person
by cash or cheque
at the KSS School Office
or
if you are a KSS parent
go to *School Cash Online*
click on *Make a Donation*
select fund destination of
KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project

For student
informational
video
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March 18-April 2

April 3

April 7

April 10

April 11

April 21

April 21

May 4

Spring Break

School reopens after Spring Break

Good Friday—No School

Easter Monday—No School

KSS PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Term 3 ends

Airband Final Performance 7:00 p.m.

Report Cards release Digitally via MyEd BC

GRAD 2023



For current updates, please ensure that you are reading the Whoo's News, checking the school website, and that your grads are following the grad Instagram @kss2023_, and the Grad 2023 Information Google Classroom.

Link to school website [HERE](#).

Grad Clothing - FINAL ORDER

The final order of grad clothing is open now until **April 4**.

Items will arrive at the beginning of May and we will announce here when it is ready for pick-up. <http://kssgrad.weebly.com/clothing.html>

Grad 2023 Spaghetti and Trivia Night

Reminder of the Spaghetti and Trivia Night, April 5th, for those KSS grade 12 students who have registered for this night.

Regular spaghetti and marinara sauce, caesar salad (not guaranteed vegetarian), garlic bread, and gluten-free pasta will be provided. To eliminate single-use forks, BYO cutlery!

BOTTLE DRIVE FOR THE GRAD CLASS!!!

Please help us raise funds for the 2023 KSS Prom by bringing your empty bottles to the Return-It Express drop off at the Kent Road Bottle Depot @ 1936 Kent Rd. Simply bring your containers to the depot in sealed, transparent blue or clear bags, and enter the KSS grad class number at the Express kiosk located just inside the building (250-KSS-GRAD = 250-577-4723). You will be prompted to select the number of bags you're dropping off, and the kiosk will automatically print stickers for each of your bags with the KSS Grad Express account code. Tag each of your bags with a sticker, and drop the bags off in the designated Express drop-off area (outside the building) to be counted and credited to our account. (Note: a maximum of 12 glass bottles can be included in each bag.)

Please help us spread the word, & THANK YOU for your support!!

KSS 2023 Prom Fundraising and Sponsorship

The 2023 Prom Committee is raising funds and seeking sponsorship in order to make the 2023 prom on May 19 affordable and accessible to all grads. Please see "Prom Sponsorship Letter" (page 4) to support these fundraising efforts and to help make this a great year for your grads!

Don't miss the chance to order a Wow the Yard sign to let your neighbors know you have a grad! *See next page—*

**Attention
French Immersion Grads!
Diner en Blanc is for you!**



Célébrons ensemble
DÎNER EN BLANC



*Achetez
votre billet*

**FÊTONS
VOTRE RÉUSSITE
DU PROGRAMME
D'IMMERSION FRANÇAISE
\$25 / PERSONNE**

*Lieu Secret - habillez-vous en
blanc!*

LUNDI, LE 29 MAI, 2023



GRAD FUNDRAISER

Celebrate your GRAD!

**GRAD KEEPER
SIGNS
2023**



**\$5 FROM EVERY
SIGN GOES TO
SUPPORT THE
GRADS!**

- These signs are 18" high x 15.5" wide, and are for you to keep, they will look like the picture above.
- All signs need to be ordered by April 23rd, 2023.
- Signs will be delivered to the school by May 15th, 2023, for pickup
- Signs come with a yard stake for \$25 + tax, and a portion will go to the grad committee.
- Personalize them for \$10 more.
- Link to book is here: <https://form.jotform.com/211265528801250>
- For more information regarding our full size sign rentals, please go to www.wowtheyard.com

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For more info, visit
www.wowtheyard.com
or contact Rosanne at
wowtheyardkelowna@gmail.com
or 250-864-3480

Attention 2023 Grads!
**We are pleased to announce
your 'Prom Night' plans are well underway!**

Date: Friday May 19th, 2023

Location: Sunset Ranch Golf & Country Club

More details coming soon!

Parent volunteers will be needed in several areas!

Please see the Prom tab in the Grad section of our KSS website for regular updates.

Currently we are in urgent need of a 'Parent Fundraising Coordinator' volunteer!
If interested please email Dayna.culham@sd23.bc.ca

***** This event will be for Grade 12 KSS students only! *****



Kelowna Secondary School
École Secondaire Kelowna

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Dear Parents and/or Business Owners,

It has been a strange time to be in high school over the past few years, and the parent Prom Committee for the 2023 Kelowna Secondary School graduating class is working hard to organize an event that will provide over 500 grads with positive memories that will last a lifetime. As such, we are raising funds to help subsidize the cost of the Prom and ensure that everyone in the Grade 12 class can afford the ticket price to attend and be a part of such a special night.

As with everything these days, costs have increased significantly to put together an event like this. Therefore, we are reaching out to parents and the community to ask for your assistance with our venue, food, and entertainment costs. This would help tremendously in lowering ticket prices. These graduates have looked forward to this day for years and are our future in Kelowna. We wish to show them an example of what is possible when everyone comes together to achieve a common goal. Your generosity and contributions will be widely acknowledged and advertised throughout the evening of their Prom.

Alongside our fundraising efforts we are hoping to have some "door prizes" to give out that evening and are looking for community support for these as well. If you have a donation of a product or service from your business, a gift card to your business, or know a company, friend or family member who might be willing to donate a prize, this support would be greatly appreciated. Attached is our contact information and a sheet detailing our levels of donations and/or sponsorships. We thank you in advance for considering our request to assist the 2023 graduating class of Kelowna Senior Secondary School. Through your generosity, their Prom is sure to be a huge success.

Sincerely,

KSS Parent Prom Committee
Email: kssprom2023@gmail.com



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PROJECT KSS PROM MEMORIES FOR ALL

Door Prize Donation _____

The Graduation Cap _____ (Sponsor a Grad by purchasing a Prom ticket(s), price to be determined. Please reach out to kssprom2023@gmail.com for questions on the possible dollar amount of this.)

All levels of financial sponsorship from here forward will receive acknowledgement and advertising at the Prom (unless you wish to remain anonymous).

The Diploma _____ \$100 donation

The Words of Wisdom _____ \$250 donation

The Honor Roll _____ \$500 donation

The Scholarship _____ \$750 donation

The Valedictorian _____ \$\$\$ **

(Sponsor the cost of one of our entertainers, activities (ie photo booths), or rental expenses. Please inquire about the many options available and their associated costs. Tax receipts likely available for this level only depending on vendor.)

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Website URL: _____

Please email us at kssprom2023@gmail.com with your area of interest. Cheques can be made payable to KSS/Kelowna Secondary School, Attn: Grad Coordinator/PROM.

Congratulations to the following successful candidates who are joining the KSS Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee!

Successful candidates:

- Henry Pyo
 - Lexie Heer
 - Kaylie Gross
 - Libby Reis
 - Ava Cudore
- Nash Contois-Laroche

They are joining the following students who will stay on the committee this spring:

- Abdalla Tall
 - Pooja Lal
- Amelie Guignard

The student-driven committee is supported by a group of staff who have been supporting the students with:

a. *Truth and Reconciliation initiatives*

The Indigenous Inquiry – An Outdoor Classroom (see page 1 for more information.)

Truth and Reconciliation at KSS:

We will continue to collaborate and learn from our local Elders, community knowledge-keepers, and Indigenous educational leaders for guidance. In Elder Pamela Barnes' words, *"We believe that, going forward, this day will evolve, and hope that there will be space for those that are most affected to participate in various activities that respect their individual needs – also, respecting the needs of others as well as community."*

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KSS PAC

The purpose of the KSS PAC is to promote and improve the quality of education and the well-being of students at Kelowna Secondary School.

Attention 2023 KSS Grads:

The KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be awarding **two bursaries and two scholarships** to KSS grads who will be pursuing post-secondary education in the fall of 2023. Each award will be for \$1,000. Please visit the KSS PAC section of the KSS Website [HERE](#) for these applications. The applications are also available to pick up in the KSS Counselling Centre.

Applications are due back to the KSS Counselling Centre **by April 12, 2023.**

KSS PAC Executive, meeting minutes, meeting dates and other PAC information may also be found in the PAC section of the KSS Website.

The next PAC Meeting is on April 11th at 6:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend!



Accessibility Flag Design Contest (March 1 – April 28)

Easter Seals invites students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 across B.C. and the Yukon to enter its [AccessAbility Flag Design Contest](#). The contest is designed to bring out the creativity of students and spark a discussion in the classroom around INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ACCESS, leading up to National AccessAbility Week, May 28-June 3, 2023. Students are asked to design a flag that symbolizes what diversity means to them and what B.C./Yukon looks like as an AccessAble society. There are prizes for teachers and students. Please see the link [HERE](#).

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Grades 9-12



Christine S., Grade 11,
Sullivan Heights Secondary, Surrey



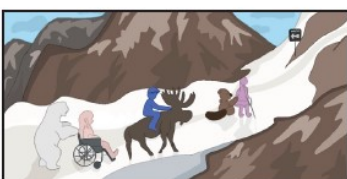
Elise M., Grade 10,
St. John's Academy, Shawnigan Lake



Isha G., Grade 11,
Sullivan Heights Secondary, Surrey



Julia B., Grade 11,
Sullivan Heights Secondary, Surrey



Maedlyn W., Grade 9,
Sullivan Heights Secondary, Surrey



Malia M., Grade 11,
Sullivan Heights Secondary, Surrey

Jack.org MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT!



Guest speakers presenting on mental health topics including:

- Managing burnout
- Barriers to accessing mental health
- And more!!

When: Friday, March 31st

Where: EME Foyer!

Scan the QR code for more info!



**RCA
ROCK
SCHOOL**

The RCA Rock School is a music education program designed to introduce youth to rock music through beginner music lessons, rock history, and the do's and don'ts of running a band. Led by local musicians Laura Lee Schultz, Andrew Stauffer and Ezra Cipes, the sessions will take place at the RCA in the Mary Irwin Theatre and other studio spaces, and the series will end with a performance by the registrants at the Mary Irwin Theatre.

SPRING
Tuesdays, Apr. 4 – May 9
4:00pm – 6:30pm | Ages 11-14

SUMMER
Mon, Aug. 21 – Fri, Aug. 26
9:00am – 4:00pm | Ages 13-17

Pre-register today

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**RCA
JAZZ
CAMP**

The RCA Jazz Camp is your chance to jam with the greats!
Led by Craig Thomson, Nick Dyson, and Joe Auty, students will learn how to develop their musical creativity by improvising over several styles of music including the blues, R&B/soul/funk, and popular jazz "standards". They will also be coached on refining their technique within instrument-specific classes.

In addition, students will be able to enjoy their instructors performing with other local professionals regularly and perform their own concert in the Mary Irwin Theatre.

Pre-register today

Monday, August 14 – Friday, August 18
9:00am – 4:00pm
Ages 12+

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Centre for Arts & Technology Scholarships

The future of creative careers is ever-evolving, and we want YOU to be a part of it. Centre for Arts and Technology will award scholarships to passionate Canadian high school students in grade 12 who are able to demonstrate their dedication to this growing creative landscape.

Grade 12 students with a flair for creativity are invited to apply. Think you've got what it takes? See their website [HERE](#) for more information and to apply!

Applications are open until June 28th.



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ages 16-30

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HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE AWARDS

**Planning to attend Okanagan College next fall?
You may be eligible for an entrance award.**

Students graduating from a secondary school within the Okanagan College region (Revelstoke to Princeton) entering Okanagan College in September 2023 may be eligible for the following awards.

- OKANAGAN COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS
- OKANAGAN COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ENTRANCE AWARDS
- RICK AND YASMIN THORPE & FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIPS
- MCGILLIVRAY ENTRANCE AWARD FOR BUSINESS
- TONY SELLAR LEADERSHIP ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP
- JOHNSTONE MEMORIAL AWARDS
- OC PENTICTON CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

**APPLICATIONS OPEN
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

HOW TO APPLY:
Eligibility criteria and details about how to apply online are available by visiting okanagan.bc.ca/awards
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Online Applications will be accepted until March 10, 2023. Students and school staff will have until March 17, 2023 to provide required documentation.

Questions? Contact awards@okanagan.bc.ca
or Toll Free in BC: 1-800-767-5492



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