



# Whoo's News



**December 10, 2021**

**Goodbye to Mr. Franklin and Welcome to Mr. Prasad**



It is with mixed feelings that we will be saying goodbye to Kelowna Secondary School Vice-Principal, Mr. Robbie Franklin. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Mr. Franklin will be moving to Oyama Traditional Elementary School as Principal. We would like to take this opportunity to express our immense gratitude to Mr. Franklin and our excitement for him in his first time role as Principal.

Mr. Franklin arrived at KSS in January 2020. Mr. Franklin's hard work and thorough attention to detail, along with his warm, caring ways, have been appreciated by the students, staff, and parents. We will miss Mr. Franklin's presence in the halls and his tremendous support for the Owl Community.

We wish him all the best and are excited for his new adventure as Principal at Oyama Traditional Elementary School.

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I am honored to be joining the Kelowna Senior Secondary as Vice Principal. I truly respect and appreciate all the hard work and dedication that staff, students, administration, families, and community partners put into making KSS the wonderful school community it is.

My educational background includes my roles as a Consultant in Inclusive Education, Resource Teacher, Classroom Teacher (English, Social Studies, and Careers), Behavior Consultant, and faculty member in postsecondary. I have dedicated my career to supporting student development from a strengths based approach and building strong relationships with students, families, and educators. As a lifelong learner, my journey has taught me how valuable educators are and the positive impact they have on young minds and future leaders.

I look forward to supporting, growing with, and learning from all of you as part of the ever evolving KSS educational community.

Go Owls!!



Photo Credit: April Anderson/A-Game Photography

On Friday, December 3rd, 2021, the Kelowna Owls varsity football team won the 2021 Subway Bowl North/Interior Championship against Vernon Secondary School 21-20! This is the first varsity championship in school history!

It came down to the final seconds where the Owls stopped a 2-point conversion when Vernon scored a late TD. The Owls was able to recover a short kickoff and then kneel for the win.

Big congratulations to Evan Fitchett who was chosen as game MVP and Jack Nyrose who was chosen as game Top Back.

This group has learned a lot this year. Their approach to the revamped playoffs helped change minds and hearts when it comes to being grateful to be able to finish their season in a positive way. We are so very proud of this team who will forever be known as CHAMPIONS!

Be T.O.U.G.H.!

GO OWLS!

# Graduation photos **Kelowna Secondary School** January 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022



Students can book their session through our website at [mountainwest.ca](http://mountainwest.ca)

Select "BOOK a PHOTO SESSION" at the top of the page.  
Select your school and proceed to sign up for your preferred date and time.

**Location: Kelowna Secondary School-Drama room**

- Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to sign in and make any last minute preparations.
- There is a NO sitting fee due to the photographer.
- Mountain West Studios will provide the cap, gown, school colours, flowers, diplomas and a variety of back grounds and creativity.

**Your Graduation portrait session is a special, once-in-a-lifetime event.  
Please take the time to prepare and you will love your portraits.**

## **What to Bring:**

- Please wear a V-neck, tank top or wear a shirt and tie for your cap and gown photos.
- If you do not have a shirt and tie, we will provide you with one of our "half" shirts and ties to wear under the grad gown.
- Hair and make-up (if worn) should be done before you arrive, but bring supplies for touch-ups
- We also encourage all of you to bring any special personal props/sports items, etc. to include in your portrait session.
- We would be following the COVID protocol which requires temperature and masks worn up till point of photos
- The Web Code to view and order online is available at the Camera and also will be emailed in 7-10 days after the photo day

If you have any questions email us at [grads@mountainwest.ca](mailto:grads@mountainwest.ca) or call 1-888-644-4494 ext 126

If you have any questions, please contact Mountain West Studios.



**Kelowna Secondary School**  
**École Secondaire Kelowna**

## *Thank You*



The Kelowna Secondary School Girls Curling Team would like to thank the following donors for supporting their team's travel and curling expenses for the upcoming season. We are especially thankful considering the trying times businesses have had during the past 18 months.

Black Mountain Golf Course  
Cactus Club  
CSTT Sports Travel  
Cruzwear  
David Ikesaka  
Great Canadian Oil Change  
Greg Rempel  
IGA Marketplace

Murray's Pizza  
Peter Yig – Independent Grocer  
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Rich Forster  
Satang Thai Cuisine  
Save-on-Foods  
Sparkling Hill Resort  
Stand Out Puzzles

Sunset Ranch Golf  
Sunshine Leisurescapes  
Thairapy Salon & Esthetics  
Tim Horton's  
Tourism Kelowna  
Welton Arms  
White Spot



*The team would also like to thank the many people who participated in our auction to help make it such a great success.*

# Grad photos!

KELOWNA SECONDARY GRADS

Mountain West Studios is pleased to offer your  
**GRADUATION PHOTO SESSIONS!**



**WHEN:** January 10th – 14th & 17th – 21st

**LOCATION:** drama room

**SIGN UP:** Book online at [mountainwest.ca](http://mountainwest.ca)  
Click "[Book Grad Session](#)"

- We provide cap, gown, school colors, diplomas and a variety of backgrounds.
- Please bring just one favorite selection of clothes for your casual photos.
- Feel free to bring along props for your casual photos (Sports items, musical instruments, etc.)
- Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment time! (Late arrivals may have to reschedule to another date.)

ANY QUESTIONS, CALL US: 604.433.0551 EXT. 126

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[mountainwest.ca](http://mountainwest.ca)



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## 'Tis the season for Green Giving!



To offer students an accessible, sustainable alternative for their holiday shopping, the students in the Sustainable Development Club and Environmental Science 11/12 class have joined together to establish "Thrifting Thursdays" at KSS. Starting Thursday, November 25th, and onwards, a pop-up store selling used and handmade items will be set-up in room 145 at lunch. All students are invited to come "vote with their wallet" and purchase goods that "do good". All money raised will be donated to various community organizations including the Gospel Mission, The Moosehide Campaign, and Tree Canada.

Starting in the new year, "Thrifting Thursdays" will also include a clothing swap, where students can bring in items and swap them for something "new". Stay tuned for more details! If you would like more information, please contact



On November 30th, KSS Environmental Science students Rosalyn Thiessen and Heather Ikesaka, visited Casorso Elementary to help the Kindergarten students in Marianne Law's class start a classroom worm composter. The KSS students researched how to set-up and run a worm composter and then shared what they learned with the Kindergarten students. The Kindergarten students were so excited to learn about how worms turn food waste into soil, and they were even more excited to do their part to help nature by reducing the amount of waste they send to the landfill. A big thank you to Karla Lockwood of KLO for providing the worm composting supplies. What a great collaboration between the 3 schools!



**Reminder to grade 12's** applying to Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship (COBSS) awards.

Applications and instructions available at [www.cobss.ca](http://www.cobss.ca).

The KSS access code is kss2022

Printed paper copies of applications due on or before January 11 @ 9 am to the your school counsellor

### KSS Foundry bottle drive

Dear KSS parents

We are collecting bottles for the month of November to raise money for the Foundry.

The Foundry is an organization in Kelowna that supports mental health and wellness for the youth of the Okanagan.

Please donate your bottles to any of the three bottle depots, and put them under the Kelowna Secondary phone number, 250-870-5105, and all proceeds will go straight to the Foundry.

Thank you for your support in our event, if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Triggs at [fane.triggs@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:fane.triggs@sd23.bc.ca)





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SCHOOL DISTRICT #22

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MAY 8-14

JOIN US

Are you interested in  
Policing Careers?

AGES 16-18

Students

Are invited to apply  
Applications DUE Jan 31st

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN  
THE OFFICE or SEE YOUR  
CAREER COORDINATOR

COST IS **\$350**

INCLUDES ALL FOOD, LODGING AND SUPPLIES  
FOR THE WEEK



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

[SD22.BC.CA/PROGRAMS-SERVICES/CAREERS/](http://SD22.BC.CA/PROGRAMS-SERVICES/CAREERS/)  
[DMeyer@SD22.BC.CA](mailto:DMeyer@SD22.BC.CA)



Remember when you looooooed Legos? Remember all of those sets you got for your birthday or the holidays, that you played with for hours? Remember before your high school life got busy?

Are you still creating things with your Legos, or did they all get mixed together into a bin that sits in your closet, collecting dust?

Put your old Legos to good use!

The Lego Club at KLO is looking to build up their collection! So many kids have joined the club that they're running out of bricks, plates, and other pieces.

But **YOU** can help those middle schoolers build their imaginations.

KLO is collecting donations of any –and all– old Legos. There's a box in the KSS office, ready to receive your beloved old bricks. Pass your love of creativity onto the next generation!



'intheknow'

## Information and Support

For families and caring adults who  
are parenting a child or youth with  
mental health challenges.

Every month, we host events for families called 'in the know'. We come together and share experiences and strategies that help in the hard moments. We help focus on strengthening our understanding and connection with our kids.

### Holidays Can Be Hard

We get it, there can be a lot of expectations around the holidays. Come join us and let's talk about how we can get through the hard spots, celebrate the small things, and find a bit of space to breathe when we need it.

Communities: Kelowna/Penticton/Vernon  
Cost: Free of Charge  
Date: December 15, 2021 at 6:00pm

Registration Required:  
[familysmart.ca/events](http://familysmart.ca/events)

Events are facilitated by Parent Peer Support Workers.



[familysmart.ca](http://familysmart.ca)

Please note that UBC-O and UBC-V have published a requirement to maintain one's offer of admission. Students are required to achieve a "Proficient" level on the Grade 12 Literacy Assessment. KSS will now offer 3 opportunities for students to write the assessment. Please complete the google form on the KSS Grad Google Classroom (classroom code is 4d4whlt) and sign up for an earlier sitting if preferred.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScioVYfauLu195kJSMT8H86IXzd-SNzg2I-3BIUrY8DXSChVw/viewform>

Here is the link to the information regarding the assessments on UBC's website. Please note that they state if this level of proficiency is not met, offers are reviewed on a case-by-case basis

<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/admitted/keep-offer/>

Questions regarding the requirement can be directed to our UBC recruiters.

## UBC-Student Recruitment

UBC: Anthony Dodds  
250-807-9269

[anthony.dodds@ubc.ca](mailto:anthony.dodds@ubc.ca)

UBC: Lauren Schroeder  
250-807-9159

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UBC/ UBC-O General inquiries: [recruitment.ok@ubc.ca](mailto:recruitment.ok@ubc.ca), 250-807-8521. Voicemails are returned within 24hrs, emails usually 3-5 days.

Attention Grade 12's



## The Path to UBC



## Additional Info





The University of Alberta is welcoming 20 lucky students from across Canada with the opportunity to get away and experience U of A.

U of A Getaway Program is a whirlwind weekend of exciting events where students will stay in residence, explore state-of-the-art facilities, learn about our 200+ programs, discover hidden gems on campus, and experience all the U of A has to offer!

Attendees will join us in Alberta's capital city, Edmonton, where they'll discover our breathtaking North Campus, nestled atop the lush North Saskatchewan river valley and just steps away from the bustling Whyte Avenue district. Their adventure will include transportation reimbursement (up to a maximum based on location), accommodations, meals, and a jam-packed schedule of events!

**Who:** Open to Grade 11 students throughout Canada

**When:** May 27 - 29, 2022

**Where:** University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

20 Grade 11 students will be selected for this unique experience. Students can learn more and apply at [uab.ca/getaway](http://uab.ca/getaway). The application deadline is **January 28, 2022**.

*Please note, as of November 1, 2021, guests visiting the University of Alberta are required to be fully vaccinated and must provide proof of vaccination upon arrival. For more information, please visit [uab.ca/covid19](http://uab.ca/covid19).*





I'm done school... Now what?

Finished your studies and not sure where to go from here?

Apply your current degree to a career.

- explore your options
- network with industry leaders
- rediscover yourself through psychometric assessments

I'm ready for a challenge

Stuck in an entry level position or just ready to try something new?

Your job could use an upgrade.

- get support with job shifting or your next promotion
- discover educational possibilities
- make professional connections

No one's responding to my applications!

Ready to look but struggling to get hired?

Learn to land and ace an interview.

- build a killer resume and compelling cover letter
- practice interview skills
- earn certificates and get hands-on work experience

## Career Development Services

Online services now available!

**AGES 16-30**

Our **FREE SERVICES** are currently being offered for social distancing by **PHONE, EMAIL AND ZOOM!**

Paid programs, including Jumpstart will continue to be delivered virtually. For more information, visit [www.ymcaokanagan.ca/careerservices](http://www.ymcaokanagan.ca/careerservices)

**Our next JUMPSTART SESSION**

**is Nov 8th - Dec 17th!**

**Call or email to attend our next info-session!**

Here's a few ways you can get in touch with us about our services offered:

- Call for detailed information.** Our staff will be happy to tell you more about our great programs. Reach us at **250-861-5627**.
- Email us your questions.** Book a meeting and get registered for services through [connect@ymcaokanagan.ca](mailto:connect@ymcaokanagan.ca)

Building healthy communities



## Partners for Inclusive Education

**Partners for Inclusive Education is a safe place where families, staff and community partners can connect and improve support for learners with diversabilities.**

Partners for Inclusive Education strives for open communication about inclusive education. This effort requires education, teamwork, and empathy to maximize "wrap around support" and celebrate the differences that make our children individuals.

The purpose of Partners for Inclusive Education can be found on the School District website under Parent Resources: ([http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/PIE\\_info.pdf](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Publications/PIE_info.pdf)).

**Event Date**

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:  
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 (every second Monday of the month)  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: Zoom (contact the Superintendent's Office for Zoom details)  
Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of each month.