



Whoo's News

May 5, 2023



Winning the shield at Junior Boys 7's Provincial Invitational Tournament in Surrey!



Congratulations to the KSS Jr. Boys Rugby Team!



May 5	"Mmiwg2s" National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited People (<i>Red Dress Day</i>)
May 9	PAC AGM 2 6:30 p.m.
May 9-14	"Clue" Night Owl Production
May 11	Moose Hide Campaign Day
May 19	Grad Walk & Prom
May 22	Victoria Day—No School
May 25	Indigenous Graduation
May 29	Diner en Blanc
May 31	Capstone
June 1	AP Banquet
June 7	Athletic Celebration

Mmiwg2s

I would like to acknowledge we're on the unceded traditional territory of the Okanagan syilx people. Mmiwg2s stands for missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited people. **May 5th is National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited People (or Red Dress Day).** We are called upon to wear red to acknowledge our missing. Red has a significant meaning, for it is a colour our ancestors can see and call back those missing to their loved ones. This day urges the government to take more haste and care; thousands missing without so much as a search party. Native women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher than other ethnicities and a majority of these cases are committed by non-indigenous parties on native land.



Moose Hide Campaign is on May 11, 2023

The Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from local communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges/universities, police forces and many other organizations – all committed to taking action to end this violence.

Since the Campaign began over 10 years ago along the Highway of Tears, thousands of communities and organizations across Canada have held Moose Hide Campaign events and joined the annual Moose Hide Campaign Day ceremony and fast. People of all ages, genders and backgrounds are invited to take part in Moose Hide Campaign activities.



The campaign is grounded in Indigenous ceremony and traditional ways of learning and healing. A cornerstone of the Moose Hide Campaign is the moose hide pin. Wearing the pin signifies your commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children in your life and speak out against gender-based and domestic violence. To date, over three million moose hide pins have been distributed free of charge to communities, schools, and workplaces across Canada.

For more information, visit the website [HERE](#).

Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee

École Kelowna Secondary School's **Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee** met with our newest committee members on May 4, 2023 to continue our work together. This student-driven committee works closely with staff and students involved with the Indigenous Academy on two major initiatives in our school:

- ◆ The upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Week (September 2023)
- ◆ The KSS Indigenous Inquiry Project, an Outdoor Classroom (please see following page for more information)

Our committee is excited to support the new Indigenous Course offerings coming September 2023. As the upcoming school year begins, students will present to one of our staff meetings, and will be meeting with teachers to offer opportunities for classes to sign-up to participate in our Truth and Reconciliation learning together. Our goal is to develop more visibility, advocacy and opportunity for learning.



Committee members above:

Henry Pyo, Grade 11; Leana Marton, Indigenous Academy Teacher; Christey Hughes - Vice Principal; Amelie Guignard - Grade 12; Pooja Lal - Grade 11; Abdallah Tall, Grade 11; Kailey Gross, Grade 10; Ava Cudmore, Grade 10; Libby Reis - Grade 10; Nash Contois-Laroche, Grade 10; Rob Bennett, Indigenous Academy Teacher; Steve Kelly, Indigenous Advocate; Trina Manca, Teacher Librarian (*not pictured*); Pamela Horton, Math Teacher (*not pictured*).

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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.

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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 KSS Grad on KSS website [HERE](#).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



In order to participate in Graduation, Grade 12 students must have:

- ⇒ returned any overdue library or textbooks,
- ⇒ paid any outstanding student fees (including \$75 grad fee), and
- ⇒ be in a calculable position to graduate.

2023 GRAD UPDATES

Baby Photos

Hey grads, parents, and guardians! Our grad historians are looking to collect baby/toddler photos from all grade 12 students for both the prom and cap and gown ceremony! Please have your grad submit a photo to the assignment on the Google Classroom. The deadline is May 10 as we have a VERY QUICK turnaround. Thank you everyone!

Prom Ticket Update

Prom tickets are still available in room 193 **outside of class time** until May 9. Grads must sort out any overdue books or outstanding fees and bring a receipt to Ms. Culham in room 193.

No Prom tickets will be sold after May 9.

FAQs:

Who can attend? KSS grade 12 students only

How do students get there? All grads must board a school bus leaving The Dolphins immediately following the promenade and arrive at Sunset Ranch together.

If I can't drive myself, how do I get home? Grads may arrange their own pick-up from Sunset ranch before 11pm, or they can indicate that they need to take a bus to KSS, Dr. Knox, or The Dolphins at intervals between 9-10:30pm.

Reminder: All KSS grads who purchase a ticket are agreeing to follow the KSS Code of Conduct for the entire evening. KSS administration will be on-site for the evening in addition to formal security and parent supervisors.

Ongoing Fundraising:

Fill out [THIS](#) Google Form to allow our grads to collect your cans and bottles to donate.

3A Girls Soccer Team



2023 KSS Football Registration

KSS Football registration has begun for the 2023 season! We welcome Grade 10s and 11s to sign up to be part of a championship program! No experience necessary! If you want to be part of something special and are committed to being T.O.U.G.H., this is the place for you!

Important Dates:

Spring Camp: Monday, June 5th, 2023 - Friday, June 16th, 2023

Spring Scrimmages: JV - Monday, June 19th, 2023 Varsity - Tuesday June 20th, 2023 @ KSS - Time TBD

Training Camp: Monday, August 21st, 2023 - Friday, September 1st, 2023

All practice times are from 5PM - 7PM on the KSS Fields.

The registration package must be completed and handed in before participating.

Please contact Chris Cartwright for any other questions—chris.cartwright@sd23.bc.ca.

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If you are a parent or guardian who has a student returning or starting at KSS in the fall, the KSS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) needs your help for the 2023-24 school year. Did you know that all parents and guardians of current KSS students are automatically members of the KSS PAC? All but one member of the current KSS PAC Executive Committee will be leaving KSS in June, when their students graduate. In order to maintain our school's BC Gaming Grant Funding of over \$30,000 per year, KSS needs to have an active PAC, so we are in need of new volunteers!

Please join us at our Annual General Meeting on May 9th at 6:30pm in the school library. We will be choosing a new executive board at this meeting. All positions are open, although there are nominations for a few already. Even if you aren't able to volunteer for a position, the PAC would love your input and attendance at meetings, and it is a fantastic way to keep up with what is happening at KSS! Please email us at kss.pac@sd23.bc.ca if you have questions or if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else. We hope to see you on May 9th.

KSS PAC Executive Committee Positions Open for 2023-2024:

Chair or Co-chairs, Treasurer (we have a nominee), Secretary, Academic Chair, Athletic Chair, Applied Skills (we have a nominee), Fine Arts Chair, Indigenous Chair, Student Support Chair (we have a nominee), COPAC Representative.



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

Event Date

The next Partners for Inclusive Education meeting is scheduled for:

Date: May 15, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Zoom: <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>

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MARCUS
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Cello Concerto

JOCELYN
*MORLOCK
Lucid Dreams

IMANT
*RAMINSH
Gloria

NORTHERN LIGHTS

ARIEL BARNES* | CELLO

and the OSO CHORUS and KSS CONCERT CHOIR

PHOTO: ANNA RESZNAK



Drawing inspiration from their surroundings, Scandinavian and Canadian composers bring a breathless sense of grandeur and space to this program. Ariel Barnes returns to our stages with two concertos written especially for him. Our OSO Chorus joins us to honour Imant Raminsh in his 80th year as we close our season with his uplifting Gloria!

KELOWNA

Friday May 12 | 7:30 pm
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Saturday May 13 | 7:30 pm
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Sunday May 14 | 7:00 pm
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Volunteers Needed!



Sunday, June 4, 2023

Gain hours towards your Grad requirement

**See your KSS Career Centre for
registration information -
deadline is Thursday, June 1**