



# Bear Tracks

## March 2-6, 2026

[www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca)  
 Instagram:  
 @mbssbears  
 @humansofboucherie

### *"Golden Age of Boucherie"*

#### THIS WEEK

<b>Mar 2</b> 3/4-1/2	<b>Grad Fees Are Due</b> 9:15 am - Media Arts/Dance Students 12 to Chief Tomat Elementary (Ennig) 12:20 pm – Mountain Biking Academy to Knox Mountain (Green) 1:30 pm – Hockey Academy to Jim Lind Arena (McDowall)
<b>Mar 3</b> 7/8-5/6	9 am – Science 11/12 to KGH (Bedwell) 9 am – International Students to Big White (Pendergast) 9:10 am – Mountain Biking Academy to Knox Mountain (Green) 9:10 am – Soccer Academy to MNP Place (Briker) 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to MNP Place (Briker) 2 pm – Fit for Life 10 to Jim Lind Arena (McIlmoyle)
<b>Mar 4</b> 3/4-1/2	<b>Early Dismissal Day @ 1:25 pm – All School District busses are running</b> 10:45 am – Bear Force Robotics Team to Robotics Regional Competition in Vanc, Mar 4-7 (Boulanger) <b>4:30-6:30 pm – Parent Teacher Conferences in the Bear Gym, Ian Snow Gym &amp; MPR</b>
<b>Mar 5</b> 7/8-5/6	9:10 am – Mountain Biking Academy to Smith Creek (Green) 9:10 am – Soccer Academy to MNP Place (Briker) 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to MNP Place (Briker)
<b>Mar 6</b> 3/4-1/2	12:40 pm – Mountain Biking Academy to Smith Creek (Green)

**Daylight Savings Time - Clocks Spring Forward One Hour Sunday, March 8 at 2 am**

#### NEXT WEEK

<b>Mar 9</b> 5/6-7/8	9:10 am – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Briker) 12:40 pm – Mountain Biking Academy to Smith Creek (Green) 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Briker)
<b>Mar 10</b> 1/2-3/4	9:10 am – Mountain Biking Academy to Smith Creek (Green) 9:30 am – Hockey Academy to Royal Lepage Place (McDowall) 9:30 am to 12 – Gr 6 Boys Basketball Jamboree in the Bear & Ian Snow Gyms
<b>Mar 11</b> 5/6-7/8	12:40 pm – Mountain Biking Academy to Smith Creek (Green) 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Briker) <b>5 pm – MBSS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House in the MPR</b>
<b>Mar 12</b> 1/2-3/4	9:10 am – Mountain Biking Academy to Smith Creek (Green) 9:30 am – Hockey Academy to Royal Lepage Place (McDowall) 9:30 am to 12 – Gr 6 Girls Basketball Jamboree in the Bear Gym 2 pm – International Students to Jim Lind Arena (Pendergast)
<b>Mar 13</b> 5/6-7/8	Band/Choir 11/12 Students to Paris (Perry, Friesen) 9:10 am – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Briker) 12:35 pm – Soccer Academy to West Kelowna Bowling (Briker) 12:40 pm – Mountain Biking Academy to Smith Creek (Green)



## MBSS Sports Teams Schedules: Athletics - Central Okanagan Public Schools

School Sports Teams Schedules are posted on the Central Okanagan Public Schools Athletics page and can also be found using the link above. Questions? Please connect with your student's coach!

### PARENTS/STUDENTS



Read our daily announcements "Bear Necessities" and our weekly newsletter "Bear Tracks" on our website!



Students are not permitted to order food (Door Dash, Dominos, SkiptheDishes, etc.) to the school as it often arrives during class time and disrupts learning. A parent/guardian may choose to deliver or drop off food for their child to be picked up in the office at lunchtime.

As an alternative, MBSS has food options available for students to purchase such as our **School Store "The Cave"** and our **Global Village Café** which offer a variety of food and

beverage items – and are open during morning/afternoon breaks and during lunchtime. Also available is our **Breakfast Program** which operates every morning from 7:45 am to 8:45 am in the MPR.

### Peer Tutoring for Students!

Room 013 at lunch, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Get help for any subject!

### Do not miss school unless you are sick!

If you are absent, please contact your teacher by email to find out what you need to do. You **MUST** do this work at home!





**Student Parking Areas** - Students must have a MBSS Student Parking Pass registered with MBSS and can only park in Student Parking areas:

1. Student parking area by the gym
2. Along the fence line towards Pickleball courts (student designated area only, not visitors area)
3. The dirt lot past Jim Lind Arena.

All students with motorized transportation including EBikes, EScooters and Motorbikes must register their mode of transport with the school.

**Students may not park in Staff Assigned Spaces, in Visitor Parking, or in the back of the school. Students who park in areas other than ones designated for student parking may be towed.**

**Students are reminded to be careful when walking to and from school, especially on Riffington Place.** Please use the sidewalk and do not walk down the middle of the road. We have had a few close calls and we want to keep everyone safe!



**To our MBSS Community – Student Pick Up and Drop Off:**

For student safety, if you are picking up your child, please arrange for pickup from an alternate location to ease traffic congestion. **Also, please note that the sidewalk area, beside the portables, is reserved for SCHOOL BUS PICKUP & DROP OFF ONLY!** Here are 3 suggested areas to pick up or drop off students:

1. Royal Lepage/Jim Lind Arena
2. Riffington Place
3. Boucherie Ball Fields (along East Boundary Road)

Reminder to be respectful of our neighboring strata developments and others in the community (ie. not parking in designated handicap spots, etc). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **GRADUATION**



**Please click on the link for the MBSS Grad 2026 Website:**

**<https://sites.google.com/learn.sd23.bc.ca/mbss-grad-2026/home>**

### **Important Grad Event Dates**

*\*These dates are subject to change. For the most current information, students & parents should regularly check the Grad Events Google Classroom and the Bear Necessities daily announcements.*

**March 2 – Grad Fees are Due**

**May 28 – Grad Ceremony Assembly @ 9:00 am**

**April 20 – Grad Banquet Assembly @ 9:00 am**

**June 12-13 – Grad Ceremonies**

**May 16 – Grad Walk and Banquet**

**All grads are responsible for keeping up with grad information which is posted in the Google Classroom or the Grad Webpage (link is on the MBSS homepage or above!).**

**See information for *Dry Grad Events* at the end of this newsletter.**

## COUNSELLING

### PLANNING FOR POST-SECONDARY

**Okanagan College:** Applications for Sept 2026 are now open! First apply, first accepted.

### Current Scholarship Opportunities:

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships>

[okanagacollege.ca/awards](https://okanagacollege.ca/awards)

[scholartree.ca](https://scholartree.ca)

Check Google Classroom often for scholarship updates!

## CAREER LIFE PROGRAMS



- **Millwork**, March 3, 10:30, Library
- **PSI Visit-Ascentia & Elevare Career Institutes**, March 4, 9:10, CC
  - **Journalism (from Global News)**, Mar 5, 9:10 Library
  - **Mechanic & Autobody**, March 10, 9:15, Library
  - **Doctor**, March 12, 10:30, Library

### Work Experience Sign Up - For Grade 11 & 12's.

Do you have a job or are planning to get one this school year?

Sign up for Work Experience Graduation Credits! Come to the Career Centre asap.

- Work 100 hours for 4 credits / Work 200 hours for 8 credits

\* You can sign up 2 different jobs.

\* You can sign up twice for one job (as long as you are doing two different things at that job) to gain 8 credits.

\* Looks great on your resume and university applications.

# MOUNT BOUCHERIE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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When you walk through the door you are a bear who is a valued part of our school community.



## BELONGING

We belong here as bears who have opportunities for connection in classrooms, hallways, and in school communities.

## EMPATHY

We build an understanding and sensitivity towards other bears by learning how to think beyond ourselves and recognize different perspectives and ways of knowing.

## ACHIEVEMENT

We are each accountable for our own learning and growth by putting our best paw forward.

## RESILIENCY

We can each accept and embrace everyday challenges to help learn from personal struggles and mistakes.

## SAFETY

Each of us is a member of this community and plays a role in supporting others to experience safety and security.

### **Mission Statement**

We will do what we can to educate and support our students in realizing their unique and full potential, and in living purposeful lives.



Central Okanagan  
Public Schools  
Together We Learn

French Immersion Kindergarten  
Informational Session: Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
@ 6:00-7:00 pm Zoom Link: [sd23.org/french](https://sd23.org/french)  
This meeting will be recorded and posted on the  
District website

**ONLINE APPLICATION for STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins on  
Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 am for 2026 - 2027 School Year**  
(for kindergarten, new students, and school of choice for K – 12)

Schools will be open at 7:00 am to provide support to parents that require assistance.  
Documentation Submission Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2026

If you are new to Canada, please contact the Welcome Centre for enrollment information at (250)870-5155

**HOW TO APPLY**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The application process is online only. You are required to have a valid email account.*

In your web browser type: <https://www.sd23.bc.ca/school-enrollment>

**No internet access?** Please contact your school for assistance.

**Online applications begin on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am.** Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below **directly to the school** in by email or in person by **Friday, March 13, 2026.**

1. Student's **Birth Certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship.
2. **Proof of Parent/Guardian B.C. Residency**
  - a. Combination BC Driver's License and Services Card (copy of both sides); or,
  - b. BC Services Card (copy of both sides) **and** one item from the list of Supporting Documentation (B.) below; or,
  - c. Proof of application for BC Medical Services Plan and one item from the list of Supporting Documentation below.
3. **Supporting Documentation/Proof of Parent/Guardian Living Address**
  - Ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling;
  - Documentation indicating British Columbia residence (i.e. utility bill);
  - British Columbia registration of an automobile;
  - British Columbia Driver's License (copy of both sides); or,
  - A current income tax return filed as a British Columbia resident.

**AFTER Thursday, September 3, 2026**

**New in-catchment area enrollments:** Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

**New out-of-catchment area enrollments:** Parents **will not** be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

**Qualifying age:** The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2026, to qualify for school enrollment in September 2026. No exceptions.

For further information, please visit the School District website [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca) or call (250) 860-8888.





**KCR**  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

# Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Workshop



Explore the topics of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice and why they matter.

*Open to anyone in the community!*

## Register Now!



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-tickets>

Questions? Contact:

Ximena | [ximena@kcr.ca](mailto:ximena@kcr.ca) | 250-762-8008 ext. 202

*This workshop takes place over two dates one week apart to allow time for reflection.*

**When:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

**Where:** KCR Community Resources,  
620 Leon Ave - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Cost:** FREE

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## Dry Grad – Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

Dry Grad is not a school-sanctioned event; it is fully organized by parent volunteers and supported by generous community donors. We have been busy meeting, fundraising and planning since September! **OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL IS \$40,000** --- all hands-on deck!

### 1. Upcoming Fundraiser – February 28<sup>th</sup> at Whiski-Jack's Pub - **SOLD OUT!!!**

**We are still collecting items for our silent auction. We are gratefully accepting:**

- New items for silent auction bundles – anything goes!!
- Donations from local businesses such as gift cards, experiences or products
- Bottles of wine for our wine wall – our goal is 100+ (*we are currently at 53*)

### 2. March 5<sup>th</sup> Paint Night at The Gallery Winery

**Tickets on sale now** - \$50 includes all your supplies. Secure your ticket by etransferring \$50 to [mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com](mailto:mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com)

Beverages will be available for purchase! Seats are limited... FCFS 😊



**SAVE THE DATE – April 22<sup>nd</sup> SPIN CLASS AT SUKA**

Tickets will be \$25 – limited seats -FCFS.... *Watch for details, coming soon!*

### 3. Ways to Contribute

Families can support Dry Grad in many ways – through time, auction items or financial contributions. For those who aren't able to help in other ways and prefer to donate funds directly, please direct donations to:

- Go Fund Me <https://www.gofundme.com/f/mbss-class-of-2026-dry-grad>
- E-Transfer: [mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com](mailto:mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com)

### 4. Return-It Express Donations

A simple way to support Dry Grad is by donating your Return-It refunds. It's quick and requires no sorting:

- Bag your empties in a clear or blue bag
- Take them to any Return-It Express machine
- **Enter our code 250.470.7586**
- Print the label and attach it to your bag
- Drop and go-no counting or sorting!!

If you have any questions or if you have some great ideas, donations or offers of time, please direct them to [mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com](mailto:mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com).

**Our parent-volunteer team is happy to connect.**

**ATTENTION: Parents, Students and Schools**



**Central Okanagan  
Public Schools**  
Together We Learn

Central Okanagan Public Schools

is pleased to offer the "School Bus Stop" which is located on our website at [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)



School Bus Stop

Parents, students and schools can now sign up to receive email or text alerts when the school bus route is delayed.

To register for alerts and to view a complete list of bus routes displaying the current status, select the school bus icon on our website at [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca) or go to the site directly at <https://schoolbusstop.sd23.bc.ca>

Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Due to the varied reasons our school bus routes may be delayed or in extreme situations, cancelled, it is not practical for drivers or staff to personally phone all those affected. Safety is everyone's responsibility and we must all be diligent when staying up to date on the status of our school bus routes.

**All school bus route cancellations and delays in excess of 10 minutes will be posted on the "School Bus Stop"**

If you have signed up for the alerts, upon posting the delay, you will receive an email or text with the route delay, length of delay and reason for the delay. You could also expect to see general alerts when weather conditions or an emergent situation arises regarding the bus route.

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

6:00 AM—5:00 pm

250-870-5151

[transportation@sd23.bc.ca](mailto:transportation@sd23.bc.ca)

**STAY INFORMED ON BUS ROUTE DELAYS—SIGN UP TODAY!**



**Subject: Public Health Nurse Wellness Clinics in the School Settings**

To students & their parents, guardians, or representatives:

As part of Interior Health (IH) - Central Okanagan's efforts to provide access to public health nursing (PHN) support and services, IH has been offering in-school PHN Wellness Clinics for all grades and clinics will continue until the end of the school year.

At the Wellness Clinics in the school, Public Health Nurses will be available to talk with students and answer any questions about public health nursing services, such as health and wellness promotion/disease prevention information, and resources. This is also a great opportunity for senior high school students to meet with a public health nurse to assess their immunization history and ensure they have all the necessary vaccinations before they graduate. Some post-secondary schools/training programs require immunization history prior to starting the program.

Additionally, based on information gleaned from the most recent 2023 McCreary Adolescent Survey indicating a growing concern from students regarding a variety of health-related topics, these in-school clinics will offer improved access for students to reach out to a health professional.

**Checking immunization status:**

Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to review their own immunization status. HealthGateway provides secure access to health records, including immunizations. Please visit:

<https://www.healthgateway.gov.bc.ca/>

COVID-19 or Influenza vaccines will not be offered or provided at these Wellness Clinics.

Mount Boucherie Secondary School, Mr. Cartwright and public health have identified the following days and times for PHN Wellness Clinics:

Thursdays from 11:45-1:00

If you have any questions, please contact Sharie Schwab; West Kelowna Health Unit; 250-980-5160

Thank you,  
Sharie Schwab, RN, BScN

Public Health Nurse  
West Kelowna Health Centre



**WESTSIDE OUTLAWS**  
NOW OPEN!  
**SPRING REGISTRATION**

<b>U7</b> 2019/20/21	<b>2026</b>	<b>U13</b> 2013/2014
<b>U9</b> 2017/2018		<b>U15</b> 2011/2012
<b>U11</b> 2015/2016	<b>U20</b> 2006/07/08	<b>U17</b> 2009/2010

REGISTER ON  
**WESTSIDEMINORFASTBALL.CA**

<b>MONDAY GAMES&amp;PRACTICES</b> U7 - \$75  <b>TUES/THURS GAMES&amp;PRACTICES</b> U11 - \$205 U15 - \$240	<b>MON/WED GAMES&amp;PRACTICES</b> U9 - \$125 U13 - \$225 U17 - \$425 U20 - \$255
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**WESTSIDE LAKERS**  
**2026 REGISTRATION**  
NOW OPEN  
RECREATIONAL PROGRAM  
**U7 - U18**

Our Recreational program is the heartbeat of our club, and all practices and home games take place in West Kelowna.

PROGRAM STARTS APRIL 4TH  
REGISTER - [WWW.WYSA.CA](http://WWW.WYSA.CA)

**SCAN ME**

**Spring League Now Open**

**WESTKHOOPS**  
BASKETBALL  
westkhoops.ca

HOUSE LEAGUES  
CAMPS & CLINICS  
COMPETITIVE TEAMS  
YOUTH AGES 5 TO 16  
SMALL-GROUP & PRIVATE TRAINING

**3X3**

**EXPLORE France & Spain**

*Spring 2027!*

**"Paris to the Pyrenees"**  
Scan for tour info  
or visit <https://www.ef-tours.ca/tour-website/27979697P>

- Enjoy 10 days in France & Spain with EF Tours, a leader in student travel & education for over 50 years.
- Visit Paris, the Loire Valley, Bordeaux, The Basque Coast, San Sebastian, Pamplona, & Barcelona.
- Experience the culture of France & Spain through their language, food, art, architecture, & history.

See Mrs. Gallagher in Fortlake 15 for more info.

**2026**

**NFL SPRING FLAG**

**REGISTRATION**

**CLOSES SOON ON MARCH**

**9TH**

**KELOWNA MINOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**KMFA.CA**  
**GET SIGNED UP TODAY**