



Bear Tracks

March 30-April 3, 2026

www.mbs.sd23.bc.ca
 Instagram:
 @mbssbears
 @humansofboucherie

"Golden Age of Boucherie"

**** Spring Break – Mon, March 16 to Fri, March 27 ****
 School Office Hours – March 16-20 (8 am-2 pm) / March 23-27 (Closed)

Week after Spring Break

Mar 30 3/4-1/2	School Reopens after Spring Break
Mar 31 7/8-5/6	9:10 am – Soccer Academy to MNP Place (Briker) 12:30 pm – Football PE Class 9-12 to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Hudson, Haynes) 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to MNP Place (Briker)
Apr 1 3/4-1/2	9:10 am – Child Development and Caregiving 12 to Okanagan College (Edstrom)
Apr 2 7/8-5/6	9:10 am – Soccer Academy to MNP Place (Briker) 12:30 pm – Football PE Class 9-12 to West Kelowna Sports Dome (Hudson, Haynes) 12:40 pm – Soccer Academy to MNP Place (Briker)
Apr 3	Good Friday – No School

Next Week

Apr 6	Easter Monday – No School
Apr 7 1/2-3/4	8 am – Hockey Academy 9-12 to Vancouver (McDowall, McParland, Bedwell) – April 7 & 8 2:30 pm – Bear Force Robotics Team 10-12 to Las Vegas (Boulanger) – April 7 to 12
Apr 8 5/6-7/8	12:40 pm – EFP 11 to Kelowna Heritage Museum (Mills-Doherty)
Apr 9 1/2-3/4	12:40 pm – Leadership 9-12 to Paynter's Fruit Market (Bedwell, Marshall)
Apr 10 5/6-7/8	



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.*

April 20 – Grad Banquet Assembly @ 9:00 am

May 28 – Grad Ceremony Assembly @ 9:00 am

May 16 – Grad Walk and Banquet

June 12-13 – Grad Ceremonies



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: Apply now for Sept 2026! First apply, first accepted.

Current Scholarship Opportunities

Check Google Classroom often for scholarship updates!

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarships>

okanagacollege.ca/awards

scholartree.ca



Apply for free
Enter to win a \$500
tuition voucher

OC Spring Open House

Vernon: Wednesday, March 11 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Salmon Arm: Tuesday, March 31 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Kelowna: Wednesday, April 1 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Penticton: Thursday, April 9 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.



CAREER LIFE PROGRAMS



Career Spotlights Sessions!

- Physiotherapy - April 1, 10:30, Library
- Chef - April 2, 10:30, Library
- Early Childhood Education - April 8, 2:00, Library
- Medical Imaging – April 9, 2:00, Library
- Construction (OC College) – April 21, 9:15, Libr
- Plumbing-OC College - April 23, 10:30, Library
- Structural Engineering - April 28, 2:00, Library
- Aviation – April 30, 2:00, Library

Post-Secondary School Visits

Post Secondary School Visits!

- Olds College of Agriculture & Technology,
Apr 8, 10:30, Career Centre
- Sprott Shaw College-Apr 14, 9am, Career Ctr
- Mount Royal University-Apr 15, 2pm, Career Ctr
- University of Calgary, Apr 16, 9 am, Career Centre
- University of Lethbridge-Apr 29, 9am, Career Ctr

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! In 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

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.

SPRING REC GUIDE

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.

Discover fun programs, classes and camps!
View the guide online at westkelownacity.ca/recguide.



WEST KELOWNA
RECREATION **GUIDE**
Think Active • Be Active

westkelownacity.ca/recguide

KIDS, GET READY FOR
FRIDAY FUN!

New theme
each week!



Drop Off the Kids, Take the Night Off!

- » Epic team challenges
- » Crafts and non-stop fun

MORE INFORMATION

- Mar Jak Elementary School Gym
\$20/per person
- Register online: See page 66 of
our Spring Rec Guide

AGES 6 - 10
FRIDAYS

westkelownacity.ca/recguide

FREE

FAMILY FLICKS

NOW SHOWING

FIREHEART

Sunday, March 29

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Westbank Lions Community Centre



A fire truck will be on-site during movie.
Stop by and say hi to our firefighters!

*This movie is brought to you by the
West Kelowna Firefighters
Charitable Society.*

Learn more &
secure your spot at:

westkelownacity.ca/cityevents

Dry Grad – Saturday, May 30th

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!

THANK YOU

To all our generous community donors and families who donated, attended and bid, bid, bid!!

We made over **\$13,000** on Saturday night at our Whiski-Jack's Fundraiser!!

1. **THREE TICKETS LEFT!!** Thursday, March 5th Paint Night at The Gallery Winery \$50 includes all your supplies. Secure your ticket by e-transferring \$50 to mbss.grad.committee@gmail.com

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



2. **SAVE THE DATE – April 22nd 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

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.

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



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 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

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

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

REGISTER ON **WESTSIDEMINORFASTBALL.CA**

MONDAY GAMES&PRACTICES U7 - \$75	MON/WED GAMES&PRACTICES U9 - \$125 U13 - \$225 U17 - \$255 U20 - \$255
TUES/THURS GAMES&PRACTICES U11 - \$205 U15 - \$240	

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



Summer STEM Camps at UBCO

Geering Up's mission is to make STEM exciting and accessible for ALL students. We offer summer camps for participants entering grades 1-12. Camps take place at our UBC Okanagan campus in Kelowna and feature 4 and 5 day programs packed with hands-on experiments, creative building challenges, and engaging STEM activities.

Our camps for students entering Grade 1 are designed to build confidence and curiosity through playful exploration of science and engineering. Older students can dive into topics like coding, robotics, and video game design, while developing problem-solving and teamwork skills. High school participants have opportunities to explore advanced STEM topics and post-secondary pathways.

Detailed information and registration can be found [here](#).

Bursaries are available to help make camps accessible for everyone; find the application [here](#).

Join us this summer to imagine, invent, and engineer a better world!

Please reach out directly with any questions; kelowna.geeringup@ubc.ca

 **UBC Geering Up**
Kelowna, Okanagan

Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

Take your STEM learning beyond the classroom!

Join our action-packed, hands-on summer day camps to explore the wonderful worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math! Build, explore, and design through our camps' interactive sessions.

All of our summer camps are taught by passionate, subject area expert university students and meticulously designed to tap into core foundational knowledge and speak to young curious minds.

Dive into Coding, innovate in unique environments like our All Girls* camps, and more! Each week is a dynamic mix of hands-on activities, demonstrations, tours, mentors, and design challenges.

Limited bursaries available. Please scan the QR code to learn more.

A Glimpse of Geering Up Camps

-  Weekly programming from June 29th to September 3rd, 2026
-  9AM - 3PM (Before/After Care options available)
-  UBC Okanagan, Kelowna Campus
-  Grade Levels: 1-12 (Program themes vary)

Register Today!

For more info, visit: bit.ly/kelownacamps



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School of Engineering
Okanagan Campus

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JUNIOR COYOTES SPRING PROGRAMS

SPRING 3ON3

Sundays
March 29 - June 21

@ KCS High School

Boys & Girls
Grades 1-12

SPRING MICROBALLERS

Sundays
March 29 - June 21

@ KCS High School

1:00-2:15pm

Boys & Girls
Ages 3-5

SPRING 5ON5 LEAGUE

April 6 - June 19

Boys & Girls
Grades 1-8

1 Weekday Practice & 1
Friday Game per Week

MARCH BREAK CAMPS

March 16-17
March 23-24

Boys & Girls
Grades 1-12

WWW.GOCOYOTES.CA

250-575-7731

jessica@ocbasketball.ca

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Spring League
Now Open

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

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Spring 2027!



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