



# YouLearn.ca

## April Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

April signifies the final stages of the school year. Staff continue to support students and check in on their progress. Please reach out if you have questions or need assistance with your coursework.

Planning for the upcoming school year is underway. Student projections have been sent to the district office and the staffing process begins. We anticipate that next year will look very similar to this year.

Graduation assessment dates have been set for the week of April 20-24th at YouLearn in Oliver. Mentor teachers will be reaching out to those students who need to write the Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and/or Literacy 12 assessments as part of their graduation requirements. The next period to write will be in June.

The graduation ceremony for this year has been tentatively set for the third week June. We are waiting on a couple items before announcing the date. Stay tuned for more information. A grad questionnaire will be sent to all of the potential grads from the office on April 20th. We ask that this is completed by Friday May 1st as the information will help us plan for the ceremony.

PAC is up and running! Thank you to Alicia and Melanie who will join the team as Members At Large and assist with the transition. A huge thanks to all the parents that have volunteered to join the PAC group. Aimee Oakley is the newly appointed President and Amy Doyon will serve as the Treasurer. The next meeting will be in person or via Zoom on May 29th at 5:00 PM and is open to all parents and guardians of YouLearn students.

The District Powwow will take place April 17-18th and is hosted by SOSS in Oliver. It is open to the public. Please see the more information about the event in this month's newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Brad Burns

### Important Dates

#### April 3rd

Good Friday  
School's Closed

#### April 6th

Easter Monday  
School's Closed

#### April 20th

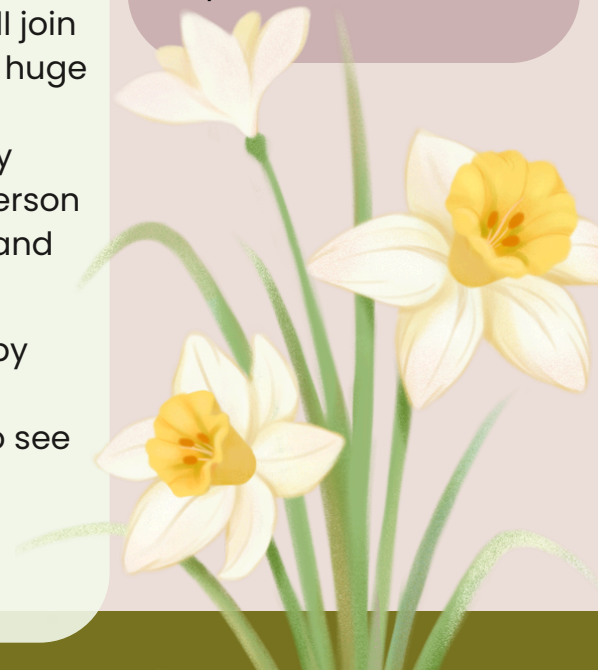
Field Trip  
Peach Cliff Walk

#### April 20th - 24th

Graduation Assessments

#### April 29th

Inquiry Day  
Early Dismissal @ Noon



# Early Years Program (Grades K-6)

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fun and refreshing spring break.

As we jump back into learning, the Spring season is a great reminder to be curious and continue to grow.

We are looking forward to making the most of every day.



Happy Spring!

# Middle Years Program (Grades 7-9)

Remember, growth happens when you challenge yourself. Set goals, stay curious, and take pride in your progress, both big and small.

Your teachers are here to support you, and we believe in your ability to finish the school year strong.

Let's make this a focused, productive, and successful spring!

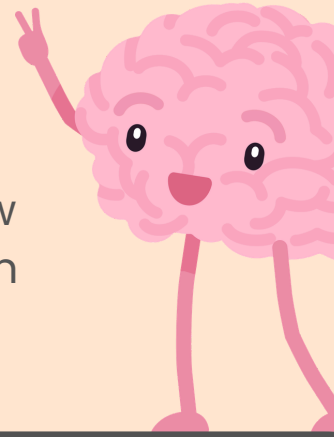


# Secondary Program (Grades 10–12)

Every assignment, assessment, and class discussion from this point forward helps build the credits, skills, and habits you need to cross the graduation stage with confidence.

Staying organized and asking for support when needed will all play a key role in finishing the year strong.

Small, consistent efforts now can make a big difference in your academic outcomes.



# Graduation ..... Assessments

**Graduation Assessments for YouLearn students in Grades 10–12, who have not yet written, will be taking place the week of April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

The following assessments are available for this session:  
Grade 10 Literacy (LTE10)  
Grade 10 Numeracy (NME10)  
Grade 12 Literacy (LTE12)

More details on the next page!

Stay tuned for more news on the Grad Ceremony!



# YouLearn April Grad Assessment Schedule

Monday April 20th

Literacy 10 Assessments  
Available Sessions:

9 am

12 pm

Tuesday April 21st

Numeracy 10 Assessments  
Available Sessions:

9 am

12 pm

Wednesday April 22nd

Literacy 12 Assessments  
Available Sessions:

9 am

12 pm

Located at  
762 Fairview Rd  
Oliver

Thursday April 23rd

All assessments available  
through appointment  
only.

Please contact your  
mentor teacher or the  
office to arrange a  
session.

Friday April 24th

All assessments available  
through appointment  
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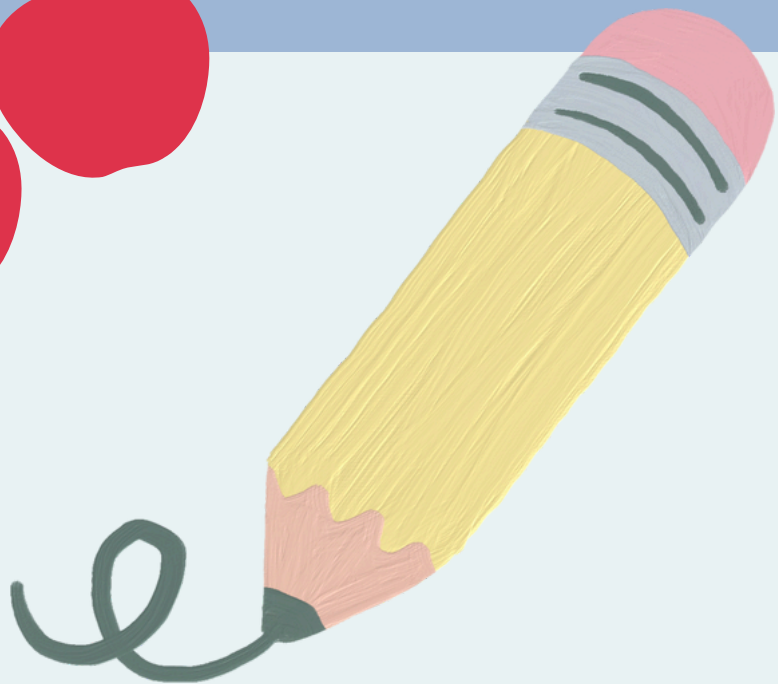
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Please speak to your mentor  
teacher for questions regarding  
your assessment progress and  
scheduling.

Note:

Drop-ins for school of record students  
welcome Monday through Wednesday.

Assessments are for Grades  
10-12 only. Students on the  
adult grad program do not  
need to complete  
assessments.



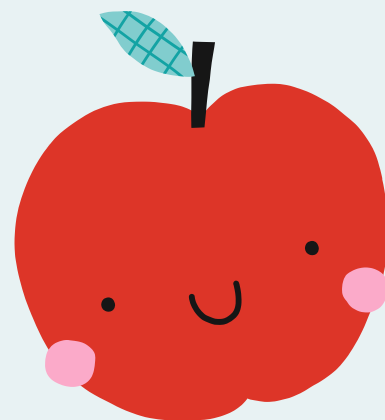
**Registration for the 2025-26  
school year has now closed.**

**Registration for the 2026-27  
school year will open on  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

→ [How to Register](#)

→ [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

If you have any questions, please call our  
office at (250) 498-4597 or email  
[youlearn@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:youlearn@sd53.bc.ca).



# Interested in taking the bus to YouLearn?

Students **must register every school year** for the school bus by visiting the transportation section of School District No. 53's website:

<https://www.sd53.bc.ca/student-transportation>



Our school district provides bus services for students who live outside of our walk limits. To view our district student walk limit maps [click here](#).

Contact our transportation department by email at [transportation@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:transportation@sd53.bc.ca) for more information.

**Join us for our:**

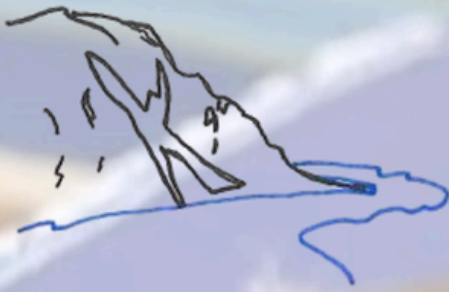
# **Peach Cliffe Nature Walk on Monday, April 20th**

**We leave from our Oliver location at 9:15 am**

**Signed permission slips are required to attend  
(a blank slip is located near the end of this newsletter)**



# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



**Indigenous Education Program  
School District No. 53 Okanagan Similkameen**

**Invites you to join us in celebrating the  
Indigenous Graduates  
of 2025/26**



**Location: Snařsnulařtn Campground  
(Ashnola Pow-wow Grounds)  
Wednesday, June 3, 2026  
Celebration at 5:00 PM**

**Dinner for grads and guests following ceremony  
Please RSVP: hgallagh@sd53.bc.ca OR:  
nthom@sd53.bc.ca  
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Mission Statement:

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'Enhancing students' pride and success through traditional Okanagan and Similkameen people's ways of learning.'

**Google maps link:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5Lrrjw2dLvSS3nvF7>

# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



## “Celebration Of Traditions”

### Pow Wow

April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Southern Okanagan Secondary School

6140 Gala St, Oliver, BC, V0H 1T0

School District #53 Indigenous Education Committee Hosting

**Host Drum – Smokey Valley**

**Second Host Drum - High Water**

**Emcee – Levi Bent**

**Arena Director – Lawrence Trottier**

**Admission is Free - Open to the Public**

**Free Dinner:** Friday and Saturday 5:30pm

**Free Breakfast:** Saturday 9:00 - 11:00am

Friday Schedule: 10:00am - 2:30pm SD#53 students only

Friday Evening: Open to the Public 7:00 - 11:00pm

Saturday Schedule: Open to the public 1:00 - 5:00pm & 7:00 - 11:00pm

**Dancers welcome. Please register before Grand Entry**

#### **Saturday Afternoon**

Tiny Tot Special

By

Heaven N Earth

Native Art

#### **Saturday Evening**

Honouring Jemma Louie

Initiation to Jr Girls Category

Special Age 7 - 13

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$200, 2nd Prize \$150,

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$100, 4th Prize \$50

All drum groups will receive an Honorarium with a minimum 4 singers and must be registered

Vendors are full - You can unload at the back of school then must move vehicles to the front

Public Parking at the front of SOSS

**Elder and handicap parking at the back of school**

**THIS IS A SMOKE AND VAPE FREE ZONE**

Pow Wow Committee members & School District No.53 are not responsible for any injuries, theft, or items lost





# 2025/2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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January 23-27	Secondary Exam Days
January 28	Second Semester Begins
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June 26	Administrative Day (School Closed for Students)

Number of Days in Session 192  
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## DISTRICT NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

October 24 – Professional Development Day  
February 13 – Professional Development Day  
March 23 to 27 - Connected to Spring Break

## EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Schools will notify parents of early dismissal times  
Also available on our website: <http://www.sd53.bc.ca/>  
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Osoyoos: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10  
Oliver/OK Falls: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10

District wide early dismissal days for Inquiry Time are indicated on calendar with this symbol { }

## Family Conferences

October 22: CPS, OKF, OES, OSE, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN  
April 9: CPS, OKF, OES, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN  
April 9 and/or 10: OSE

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**NEW**



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### **Minimum age and maximum wattages for e-bikes**

- Minimum age to operate e-bikes: standard e-bikes (500W) is 16 years old; light e-bikes (250W): 14 years old;
- Maximum speed: standard e-bikes (32km/hr); light e-bikes (25 km/hr);
- E-bikes with a battery over 500W are not permitted except for off road.

Note – a person under 14 year old cannot ride any e-bike.

### **Safety guidelines and rules of the road for e-bike riders**

E-bikes does not have a separate set of e-rules when it comes to the way of the road.

Under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, cyclists must follow the same regulations as drivers, including obeying road signs and traffic signals.

- Always wear a helmet;
- Use lights and reflectors when riding at night or in low-visibility conditions;
- Cyclists must ride as close as possible to the right side of the roadway;
- Hand signals must be used to indicate turns;
- Only one person per bicycle is permitted;
- Riding on sidewalks is prohibited;
- Respect pedestrians and other road users.

### **E-Scooters**

- Rider must be 16 years or older;
- Must wear a helmet;
- Battery power cannot exceed 500 watts;
- Weight cannot exceed 45 KG, including motors and batteries;
- Max speed 25 Km/h;
- Rider must be 16 years or older;
- Must have a braking system that can stop the device travelling at maximum speed within 7.5 meters. The motor must also stop when the accelerator is released or brakes applied;



- Must have Front and rear lights to operate after sunset;
- Not permitted on a numbered highway (this includes Main Street);
- Not permitted on roads that have a speed limit above 50 km/hr.

### **E-dirt bikes not permitted**

E-dirt bikes cannot be driven on any public roadway. E-dirt bikes are only permitted for off-road use or on private property.

### **Applicable fines:**

- No insurance – approximately \$598;
- No driver's licence – approximately \$276 and demerit points;
- No helmet – approximately \$138; and
- Additional violations such as driving without due care or consideration.
- In some cases, riders may also be subject to vehicle impoundment or criminal charges, including dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

E-dirt bikes are not insured, which means riders — **and in the case of youth, their parents** — **may be held personally liable for damages if a collision occurs.**

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Osoyoos Detachment  
PSOSRD Media Relations Officer  
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# Career Ed. Newsletter- April 2026

## Career Ed. Report

As we return from spring break our spring programs are well underway. We have a few students that did not get break as they started programs all over the province. As part of the Dual Credit Health Care Program initiative, four students have started programs related to the health care field. One student began the Healthcare Assistant program at Okanagan College, another started the Medical Office Assistant program at the College of the Rockies, one began a Psychology degree at Thompson Rivers University, and another started coursework for the Dental Assistant program at Okanagan College


Three of our Youth Work in Trades Apprenticeship students have accumulated enough hours to start their level 1 technical training. These students transitioned to Youth Train in Trades program and will be completing Level 1 trades programs at different institutions. The Welder is at Okanagan College, the Carpenter is at University of the Fraser Valley, and the Electrician is at Camosun.

In late February, the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology did a tour for all the CLE 10 classes in School District 53. Our Skills Canada Regional winners have all been registered for provincials taking place April 15 at Tradex in Abbotsford. We are looking for female students interested in trades to go to OC for the Jill of Trades event April 28 in Kelowna.

Finally Dual Credit programs for the 26/27 year are being promoted and are starting to fill up. Grade 10 and 11 students and parents are encouraged to contact Mr. Turnbull or Mr. Toth to learn how to get your post-secondary tuition paid!!


## Up Coming Events :

Skills Canada Provincials- Tradex	April 15th
OC Jill of Trades Female Trade Event	April 28th
Youth RCMP Academy	April 25-29
Experience Okanagan College Penticton	May 4th
SD53 Wilderness Career Fair Camp Boyle	May 7th



# TECHNOLOGY SAMPLER AT OC

Sept - Feb




A 22 week program delving into the rapidly advancing world of information technology and computer science. Hone your digital literacy and technical proficiency with practical training and industry-relevant learning in two key areas: IT Essentials and Introduction to Coding. This program is one night online and one night at OC and gives students the opportunity to explore:

- Hardware/Software/
- Coding & Programming
- IT Systems & Networks
- Cybersecurity/ Data Protection
- Ethics in Technology
- Industry Demands & Career Pathways

*Ready to Explore Information Technology?*

Scan the QR Code and a staff member from the SD53 Careers Department will get in touch with you

Have a question? Email Mr. Turnbull at: [bturnbul@sd53.bc.ca](mailto:bturnbul@sd53.bc.ca)



## Current Offerings

**SEATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 26/27**

Early Childhood Educator,  
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning,  
Welding,  
Automotive Service Technician,  
Heavy Duty Mechanics,  
Health Care Aid,  
Business Administration,  
Technology Sampler,  
Carpentry  
Plumbing  
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering  
Structures,  
Professional Cook,  
Trades Sampler,  
Health Sampler,  
Engineering Sampler,  
Academic Dual Credit,  
Office Administration,  
Nail Technician,  
Hairdressing,  
Leadership in Action,

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53  
PARENT CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIPS  
STUDENT ACTIVITY/FIELD TRIP**

**Description of the Activity: Healthy Habits Series with Jenny Martin**

**Date, Time, and Location of Activity:**

Session 1 Food and Mood

- **Monday, February 23, 2026**
- 10:30 - 11:30
- Oliver YouLearn

Session 2 Winter Wellness

- **Monday, March 9, 2026**
- All day to 1:00 (Depart Oliver at 9:00)
- Nickel Plate Nordic Centre - Nickel Plate Rd #2600, Hedley, BC

Session 3 Nature Makes you Happy

- **Monday, April 20, 2026**
- 11:00 - 1:30
- Nature walk at Fire Mountain, Okanagan Falls

**Mode of Transportation:** For sessions 2, 3 - Bus or staff vehicles or meet there

**Phone:** 250-498-4597, ext 0

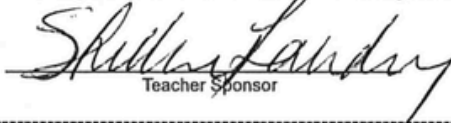
**Teacher in charge:** Jenny Martin and Shelley Landry (250-498-7529)

**Chaperones:** Jenny Martin and Shelley Landry

**Length of Event:** Varies by event

If you have any questions regarding this activity, please contact the administrator  
at the school: 250-498-4597 Ext 89100

Accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student, or the School Board or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your son/daughter to participate in this activity, you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring, and agree all these activities, as described above, are suitable for your child.

  
Teacher Sponsor

  
Administrator

I understand that my child may be exposed to certain risks while participating in this activity. Accidents and injuries may occur. **\*\*\*Please sign ONE form per child.** Thank you.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian &

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Printed name of Parent/Guardian

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Medical Number#

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Address of Parent/Guardian

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Home/Work/Emergency Phone #s



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
PARENT CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIPS
STUDENT ACTIVITY/FIELD TRIP

YouLearn.ca is planning the following student activities. Your written permission is required by the school if your child is to attend.

Description of Activity: These are planned activities for our student body. The goal is to build community, enhance social comfortability and have fun. We will provide transportation. Included activities may be considered low risk such as forest walks, having BBQs, and swimming in public pools with a lifeguard.

Location of Activity: Please see below for list of activities. A guardian will need to sign and initial each activity on the list.

Town: Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Okanagan Falls, Kaleden

Date(s): February 3, March 3, March 10, April 20, May 5, June 2, 2026

Mode of Transportation: School Bus and staff personal vehicles that are insured to carry children.

If you have any questions at all regarding this activity, please contact the undersigned at 250-498-4597.

Accidents can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student, or the School Board or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your son/daughter to participate in this activity, you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring, and agree all these activities, as described below, are suitable for your child.

I give (name of student) permission to participate in the field trips organized by YouLearn.ca. I understand that my child may be exposed to certain risks while participating in this activity. Accidents and injuries may occur.

Signature of Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Guardian

B.C. Personal Health Number of Student (please fill in)

Address of Guardian

Home/Work/Emergency Phone #s

Any medical needs/medications/allergies we should be aware of:

Is there anything you would like us to know about your child?

Teacher Sponsor

Handwritten signature of Administrator

Activity	Date and Times	What will we do	What to bring	Transportation	Guardian Initials
<b>Mount Baldy Tubing</b>  <b>**WAIVER ATTACHED**</b>	Tuesday, Feb 3  Back at school by 2:30pm or before.	- Tubing  Tubes are provided.	- Water bottle - Appropriate winter clothing ( <i>warm waterproof boots, snow or water-resistant pants, a warm zip up coat, a toque or hat that covers the head and ears, water resistant gloves or mittens</i> )  Lunch and snacks will be provided.	School bus or car driven by chaperone	
<b>Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre</b>	Tuesday, Mar 3  Back at school by 2:30pm or before.	- Explore and learn about our local land and the history of the Osoyoos Indian Band.	- Water bottle - Appropriate clothing ( <i>comfortable shoes, warm coat and a warm hat</i> )  Lunch will be provided.	School bus or car driven by chaperone	
<b>Swimming at The Penticton Community Centre</b>	Tuesday, Mar 10  Back at school by 2:30pm or before.	- Swimming	- Water bottle - Appropriate swimwear ( <i>modest two piece or a one piece for females, trunks or swim shorts for males</i> ) - Towel  Snacks will be provided.	School bus or car driven by chaperone	
<b>Peachcliff Quarry Walk</b>	Monday, Apr 20  Back at school by 2:30pm or before.	- Nature walk	- Bagged lunch - Water bottle - Sunscreen - Hat - Good, comfortable shoes  Snacks will be provided.	School bus or car driven by chaperone	
<b>Kettle Valley Railroad (KVR) Nature Walk</b>	Tuesday, May 5  Back at school by 2:30pm or before.	- Nature walk on the KVR trail starting in Okanagan Falls to Kaleden - BBQ in Kaleden, then walk back to Okanagan Falls	- Water bottle - Sun hat - Sunscreen - Good, comfortable shoes  Lunch will be provided.	School bus or car driven by chaperone	
<b>Swimming at Oliver Pool</b>	Tuesday, Jun 2  Back at school by 2:30pm or before.	- Swimming	- Water bottle - Appropriate swimwear ( <i>modest two piece or a one piece for females, trunks or swim shorts for males</i> ) - Towel - Sunscreen  Snacks will be provided.	School bus or car driven by chaperone	



# National AccessAbility Week Design Contest 2026



## Easter Seals BC/Yukon Design Contest

In Celebration of National AccessAbility Week in BC and Yukon, **May 31 – June 6, 2026**, Easter Seals BC/Yukon is challenging you to submit a T-shirt design.

### Create Your Own AccessAbility T-Shirt Design

Easter Seals invites students from British Columbia and the Yukon in Grades 5-12 to create a design that symbolizes the theme:

#### Reimagining Play, Learning, and Community Through Accessibility

Canada's National AccessAbility Week celebrates the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and recognizes the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion. For 79 years, a core mission of Easter Seals is to make the lives of people with disabilities better in British Columbia and the Yukon.

### Two Grand Prizes Include (Age Group A – Grades 5-8; Age Group B – Grades 9-12)

- \$200 honorarium for the winning student
- \$750 for the winning student's classroom to purchase learning materials
- T-Shirts will be produced with the winning designs and will be given to the winning students.
- Finalists will receive a pizza lunch for their classrooms, generously donated by Panago Pizza.  
\*Pizza parties are subject to delivery availability at school locations, and while we will do our best to provide this lunch to winning classrooms, some limitations may apply.

### Who Can Enter

British Columbia and Yukon youth in Grades 5-12.

### Submission Deadline

Midnight on **Friday, May 1st, 2026**.



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## 2026 NAAW Theme: **Reimagining Play, Learning, and Community Through Accessibility**

### Design inspiration ideas:

- How can we improve by re-thinking about play, learning and community?
- What barriers do you see for people with disabilities and how can we lend a helping hand?
- What does accessibility mean to you?
- How can we be more inclusive through play?
- How can we make learning more inclusive?

### Artwork Guidelines

- design must incorporate the theme: **Reimagining Play, Learning, and Community Through Accessibility**
- we encourage original artwork, created and designed by students themselves
- no text or lettering elements
- one sided
- size – 1:1 aspect ratio; downloadable templates available on website.
  - If using Adobe Illustrator or similar, create an 8.5” by 8.5” square file
- all parts must be solid colors (any two-dimensional media such as markers, watercolors, acrylic, tempera, pastels, crayon, pencils, collage or computer graphics)
- design should be appropriate for a school setting
- a paragraph of 150 words or less, explaining the symbolism and/or story used in the design, is recommended, but not required.

### Not Allowed:

- NO copyrighted material (such as comic strip characters, school or commercial logos)
- NO photography
- NO Metallic or fluorescent colours
- NO AI generated illustrations

### How To Submit Artwork

- Entries will be accepted through the online submission site here.
- Files accepted include JPG and PNG and PDF.
- Please include a brief description of your inspiration and explanation of your design choices, 150 words or less



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- Entries must be received by midnight on **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.
- Do not put your name or identifying information on the image itself. Include your name in the filename of your design and in the submission form only.
- No files larger than 9 MB please.

## Entry Guidelines

- Only one entry per student. Entries that do not follow the above guidelines will not be considered. All entries become the property of Easter Seals BC/Yukon, and the student/teacher/school relinquishes all rights to the design.
- The original winning artwork will be required to produce the T-Shirt design.
- T-Shirts will be available for purchase.

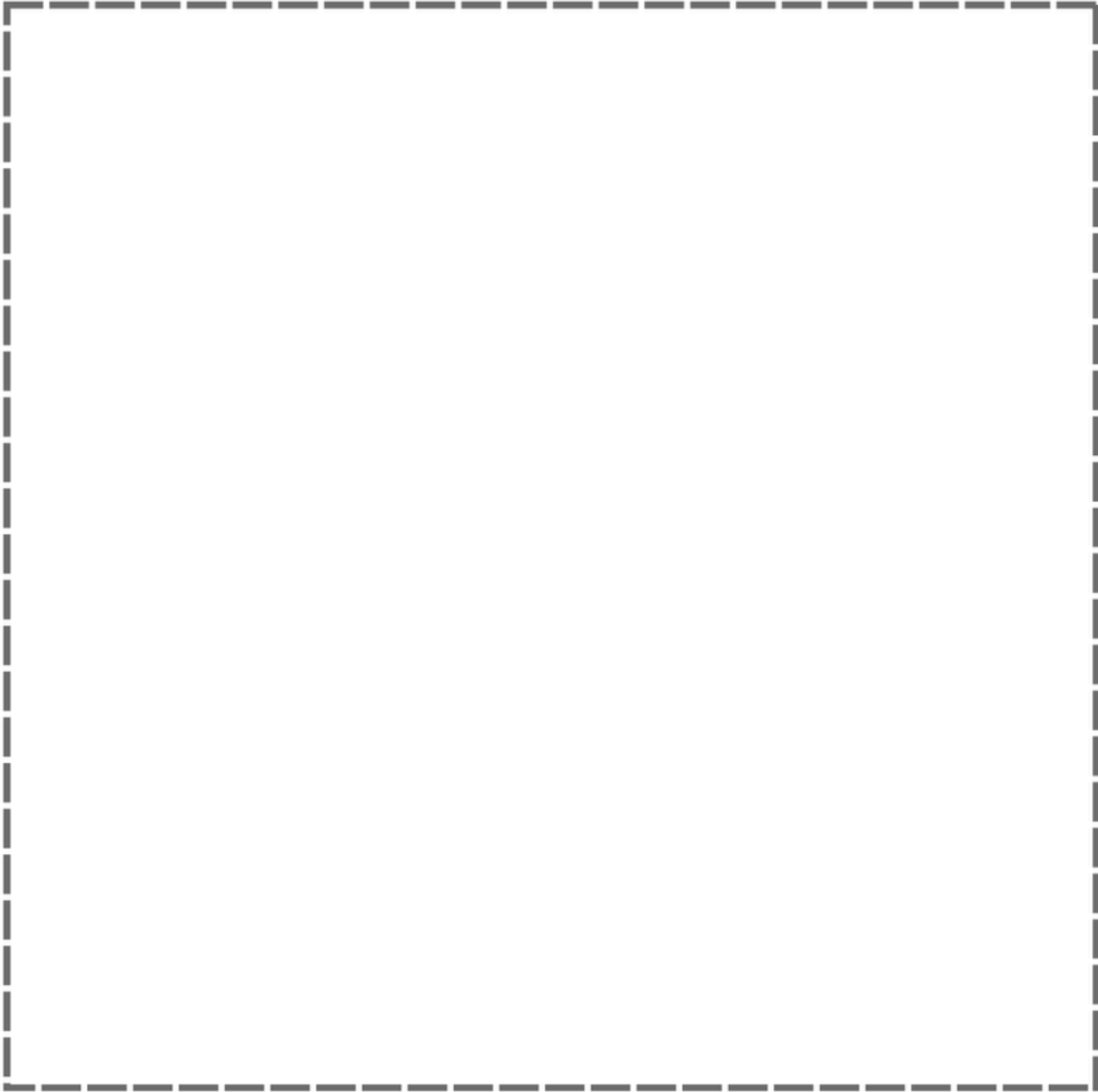
## Questions?

Email [marketing@eastersealsbcy.ca](mailto:marketing@eastersealsbcy.ca) and we will help as much as we can!

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Student's Name

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Teacher's Name



SOSS ENRICHMENT FUND SOCIETY

Scholarships for Mature Students

**PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP** - this scholarship is intended for students that attended SOSS and are returning to post-secondary after an absence from their education.

1. Student must be a past student of SOSS
  - Proof of attendance must be provided in the way of confirmation of attendance and/or graduation from SOSS
2. Student must be enrolled at a credited post-secondary educational institution at the time of application.
  - Proof of enrolment or attendance must include the student's registration number and any other supporting documents.
3. The application must be completed and received by the SOSSEFS by Sept 30 to be considered for the scholarship fund allocation for that year.
4. Applications will be vetted and approved or denied by a committee appointed by the Board of SOSSEFS. A maximum of \$5000 per year will be allocated to this scholarship, applied to individual scholarships as allocated by the committee.

**SOSS ENRICHMENT FUND SOCIETY**  
**MATURE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

**PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP** - this scholarship is intended for students that are returning to post-secondary after an absence from their education.

Name	
Cell Ph:	
Email:	
Mailing Address:	

Proof of attendance at SOSS:

- A certified true copy of proof of attendance, from SOSS, is included with this application

Proof of enrolment and attendance at:

- On line/Distance Education school -
- required documentation is attached (proof of enrolment and attendance)
  - receipt of funds paid
- Post-Secondary Institution -
- required documentation is attached proof of enrolment and attendance)
  - receipt of funds paid

Application submission Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be submitted no later than Sept 30 to be considered for the scholarship fund allocation for that year)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email this application and supporting documents to [sossenrichmentfundsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sossenrichmentfundsociety@gmail.com), to the attention of the SOSSEFS Scholarship Committee, or mail to the SOSS Enrichment Fund Society, PO Box 1445 Oliver BC. V0H 1T0.