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May Newsletter

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Principal's Message

As we welcome the month of May, warmer weather and more opportunities for outdoor activities are upon us, and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. Staff continue to work closely with students to support engagement and academic success, ensuring students have the help they need to finish the year strong. Secondary student learning updates have been shared with families, and ongoing student work and progress can be viewed through Spaces.

Registration for the 2026–27 school year is now open. Families can begin the process by following this [How to Register link](#). All students must re-register, including those who have an approved plan to continue with current courses or enroll in new ones. Please remember to update the office with any address or contact changes. If you need assistance or have questions, feel free to contact the office.

We are pleased to share that the 2026 YouLearn Graduation Celebration will be held on June 17th at 2:00 PM in the Oliver YouLearn courtyard. Thanks in advance to Heather Lessard for lending her photography skills and to staff for planning and running the event. Following the ceremony, families are invited to join us for a reception with refreshments in the NOL building. Additionally, some YouLearn graduates will be participating in the Indigenous Graduation Ceremony on June 3rd at 5:00 PM at the Ashnola Powwow Grounds. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates.

Staff have been busy organizing field trips and time out on the land. Thank you to our PAC group for supporting these activities through their generosity.

Brad Burns

Important Dates

May 4

10–12 Written Learning Updates

May 5

Field Trip:
KVR Trail Hike and BBQ

National Day of
Awareness for Missing
and Murdered Indigenous
Women and Girls

May 14

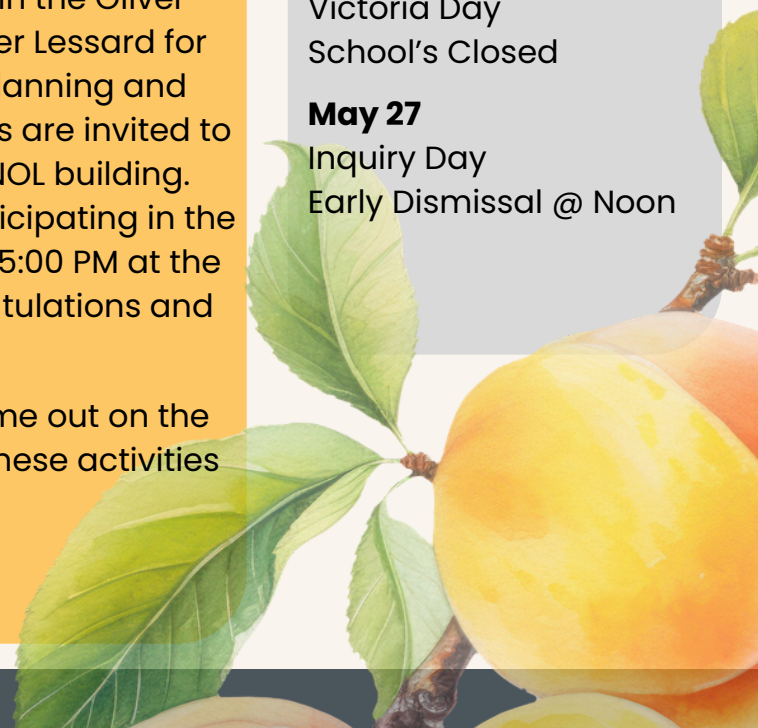
Moose Hide Campaign

May 18

Victoria Day
School's Closed

May 27

Inquiry Day
Early Dismissal @ Noon



Keep up the great work, learners!

Early Years Program (Grades K-6)

Even small steps, like reading, writing, or practicing math, make a big difference over time. Remember, it's okay to make mistakes; that's how we learn and improve. Stay curious, try your best, and be proud of all the effort you put into your learning!



Every bit of effort is bringing you closer to your goals.

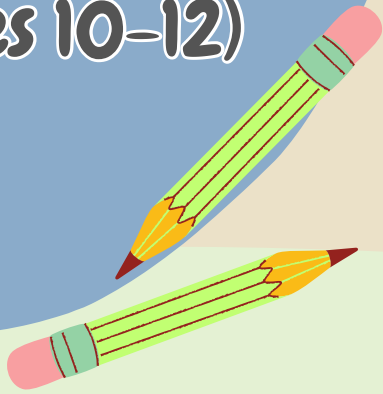
Middle Years Program (Grades 7-9)

Even when things feel tough, each assignment you complete is another step forward and something to feel proud of. Stay positive, keep trying new strategies, and don't hesitate to reach out for support.

You can do this.



Secondary Program (Grades 10–12)



We've almost made it to the last stretch of the school year!

Written Learning Updates will be shared to families through marksheets. If you are unsure of how to access marksheets, please reach out to your mentor teacher or contact our office.

The deadline to submit work for the June Summary of Learning is Friday, June 12th.

Teachers will do their best to mark work submitted after this date, but they cannot guarantee that your work will be graded by the end of June.

The earlier you can submit completed work, the better!



A reminder to dually enrolled students:

Please be aware of your primary school's deadlines for completion of your YouLearn courses.

This is particularly important for students in Grade 12 that need YouLearn courses in order to meet graduation requirements.

Please contact your teacher if you need help making a plan to finish your work.

Art Meets Nature Workshop

Thank you to
hosts
Miss Heather,
Miss Silvia and
Mr. Louis!

[Click Here](#) to
register for our next
session on May
26th!



YOU LEARN GRAD

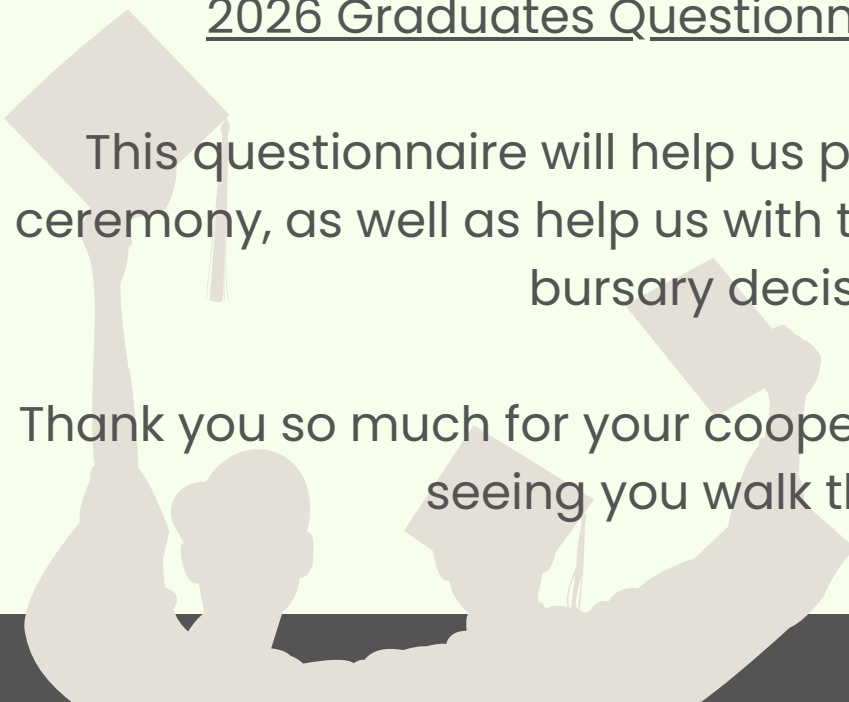
Dear YouLearn Graduating Class of 2026 and families,
We are excited to announce that this year's graduation ceremony/celebration of learning will take place in
the courtyard of our Oliver Centre on
Wednesday, June 17th at 2:00pm.

We ask that all graduates please fill out the following Grad Questionnaire as soon as possible:

[2026 Graduates Questionnaire – Fill out form](#)

This questionnaire will help us plan for your graduation ceremony, as well as help us with this year's scholarship and bursary decisions.

Thank you so much for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you walk the stage!





*You're Invited
to Celebrate*

YOULEARN.CA'S
GRADUATING
CLASS OF
2026



Wednesday

June 17th

at 2:00pm

762 Fairview Rd
Oliver BC V0H 1T6



Registration for the 2026-27 school year has now open!

ALL YouLearn students must complete a registration form each school year!

- [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.



Moving?

Only students within our district's catchment area can register with YouLearn.ca. (Hedley, Keremeos, Cawston, Okanagan Falls, Osoyoos, Oliver).

Out of district students must register with one of their local schools or a [Provincial Online Learning School](#).

If you are unsure if your address is within our catchment area, please contact our principal with details. (Apex Mountain, Anarchist Mountain, etc.)



GO Let's FISHING!

If you are bringing your own fishing rod, it MUST be barbless!

Permission slips near the end of the newsletter.

Join YouLearn Fishing
Friday, June 5th
at 10am

Pack water, snacks, a hat, sunscreen, and a lunch.



Artificial Intelligence Reminder

Our school district recognizes that artificial intelligence (AI) can be a valuable learning tool when used appropriately and with teacher permission.

However, misuse or abuse of AI, such as submitting AI-generated work as your own or using AI to bypass learning expectations, is strictly prohibited.

Students are expected to use AI responsibly, transparently, and in ways that support (not replace) their own learning.

Any inappropriate use of AI will be addressed in accordance with YouLearn's Code of Conduct and academic integrity policies.



Dual-Credit Programs

The district still has **one seat left** in the following Okanagan College dual-credit programs for September:

Welding ~ Penticton

Auto Service Tech ~ Kelowna

Heavy Duty Mechanic ~ Kelowna

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic ~ Penticton

There may also be seats available in the Camosun Chef program in Oliver in February.

Reach out to our Careers Teacher, Steve, if you are interested!

First Aid & CPR Training

Emergency First Aid & CPR: YouLearn Keremeos May 21st/2026



Emergency First Aid and CPR training is an indispensable one-day course that equips you with the essential skills to save lives in an emergency, whether at home or work. This course is a must-have, as it meets the requirements for the Federal or Provincial Authority Having Jurisdiction over first aid training for the workplace. Additionally, the course content meets the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standard Z1210 for Basic first aid training. Includes the latest first aid and CPR guidelines. Enroll today to gain the knowledge and confidence to handle any emergency situation efficiently.

Completion: Successfully demonstrate skills and critical steps, Min. 75% mark for written knowledge evaluation, attend and participate in 100% of the course.

Certification

3-year certification in Emergency First Aid and CPR Level A or C

Course Content: The Red Cross, preparing to respond, the EMS system, check, call, care, airway emergencies, breathing and circulation emergencies, first aid for respiratory and cardiac arrest, wound care, opioid poisoning awareness information. Includes any other content required by the Provincial or Federal Authority Having Jurisdiction over workplace first aid training.

Please contact Jessica Stelkia (250) 689-3687 or Steve Pozzobon to register.



MOOSE HIDE
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MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY

HELP END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

On **May 14, 2026** join Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from across Canada to support reconciliation and help end violence against all women and children.

Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day for connecting, learning and sharing, where you can hear from inspiring speakers, share experiences and join workshops. It's a day of ceremony where we invite you to fast with us from sunrise to sunset in our **#FastToEndViolence**. Tune into the livestream or join us for our in-person Workshops and **#WalkToEndViolence** in Victoria, BC.

Supporters are encouraged to wear and share the moose hide pins on the day (and every day!) and organize events with their organizations, schools or communities. Fasters will be supported on their fasting journey throughout the day. Events are free for anyone to attend.

Learn more at moosehidecampaign.ca

LEARN
MORE



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 for more information.

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

Parent, Caregiver & Youth Gathering



**Fri, May 22nd - Sat, May 23rd
UBC Okanagan Campus**

Door prizes available for Youth,
Parents/Caregivers, and Families

Complimentary and limited
accommodation is available at UBC
Okanagan on Friday, May 22nd

Families will be provided with a
gas card for travel

This engaging and informative event is designed to bring together parents, caregivers, and youth in supporting educational success.

Participants will gain valuable insights and discover helpful resources to enhance both youth and parent/caregiver experiences in education.

The Gathering is geared towards Indigenous youth in Grades 7 - 12, but all Indigenous Youth and Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend.

Contact Ryan Conneely for more info: ryan.conneely@ubc.ca

Register here: ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0r2ctll1QRVbHV4



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Career Ed. Newsletter- May 2026

With report cards approaching, Career Coordinators have been gathering input from dual credit instructors, who report that School District 53 students are performing well. Supervising these students has kept me traveling throughout April.

School District 53 continues to excel at Skills Canada. On April 15, 20 students attended the Provincial Skills Canada competition at Tradex in Abbotsford, competing in Senior Electronics, Senior Carpentry, Junior Sumo Bot, and Junior Gravity Cars. SESS students won gold in both Junior Sumo Bot and Junior Gravity Cars. OSS students earned silver in Junior Sumo Bot and gold in Senior Electronics. Emmett Madsen from OSS will be heading to Toronto to compete in the Skills Canada National Competition from May 26–30. The District is actively seeking sponsors to support Emmett's opportunity to compete on the national stage.

On April 22, SOSS textile students explored careers in fashion design. They toured Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Richmond and attended the graduating students' fashion show. On April 28, 15 students from OSS and SOSS attended the Jill of Trades event at Okanagan College in Kelowna. This event promoted the trades as a viable career choice for female students.

The first week of May will continue with multiple career events across School District 53, including ongoing planning for the SD53 Female Trades event.

School District 53 continues to make progress in establishing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with post-secondary institutions. New MOUs have been signed with Okanagan College and MC College. To expand opportunities, the district is also developing MOUs with the College of the Rockies and the En'owkin Centre.

Students continue to access a wide range of career exploration opportunities, and planning for 2026/27 programs is already underway.

Boyd Turnbull



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,

Up Coming Events :

Experience Okanagan College Penticton May 4th

Work BC's -Find Your Fit
at Osoyoos Elementary May 5th

SD53 Wilderness Career Fair
Camp Boyle May 7th



2025/2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1	Labour Day
September 2	Schools Open
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconcil.
October 13	Thanksgiving Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 22	Christmas Break Begins
January 5	Schools Re-Open
January 23-27	Secondary Exam Days
January 28	Second Semester Begins
February 16	Family Day
March 16	Spring Break Begins
March 30	School Re-Open
April 3	Good Friday
April 6	Easter Monday
May 18	Victoria Day
June 22 to 24	Secondary Exam Days
June 25	Last Day of Classes
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/>
 Cawston/Keremeos: October 22 & 23 / April 9 & 10
 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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Okanagan
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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
RCMP E Division / Government of Canada
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**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

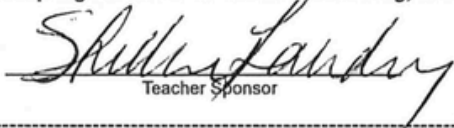
Teacher in charge: Jenny Martin and Shelley Landry (250-498-7529)

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

Printed name of Parent/Guardian

Medical Number#

Address of Parent/Guardian

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.

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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
Mount Baldy Tubing **WAIVER ATTACHED**	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	
Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre	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	
Swimming at The Penticton Community Centre	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	
Peachcliff Quarry Walk	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	
Kettle Valley Railroad (KVR) Nature Walk	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	
Swimming at Oliver Pool	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	

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

YouLearn.ca is planning the following student activity. 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 be going fishing on Marron Lake.

Town: Kaleden

Date(s): June 5, 2026

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

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Signature of Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Guardian

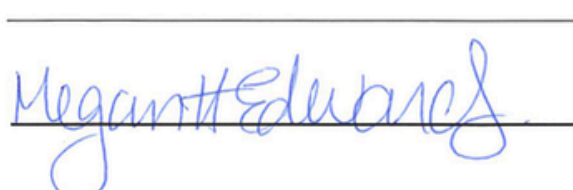
B.C. Personal Health Number of Student
(please fill in)

Address of Guardian

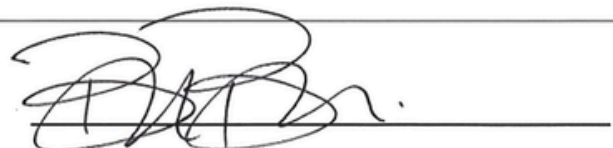
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Teacher Sponsor



Administrator



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**.



National AccessAbility Week Design Contest 2026



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 1st, 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.

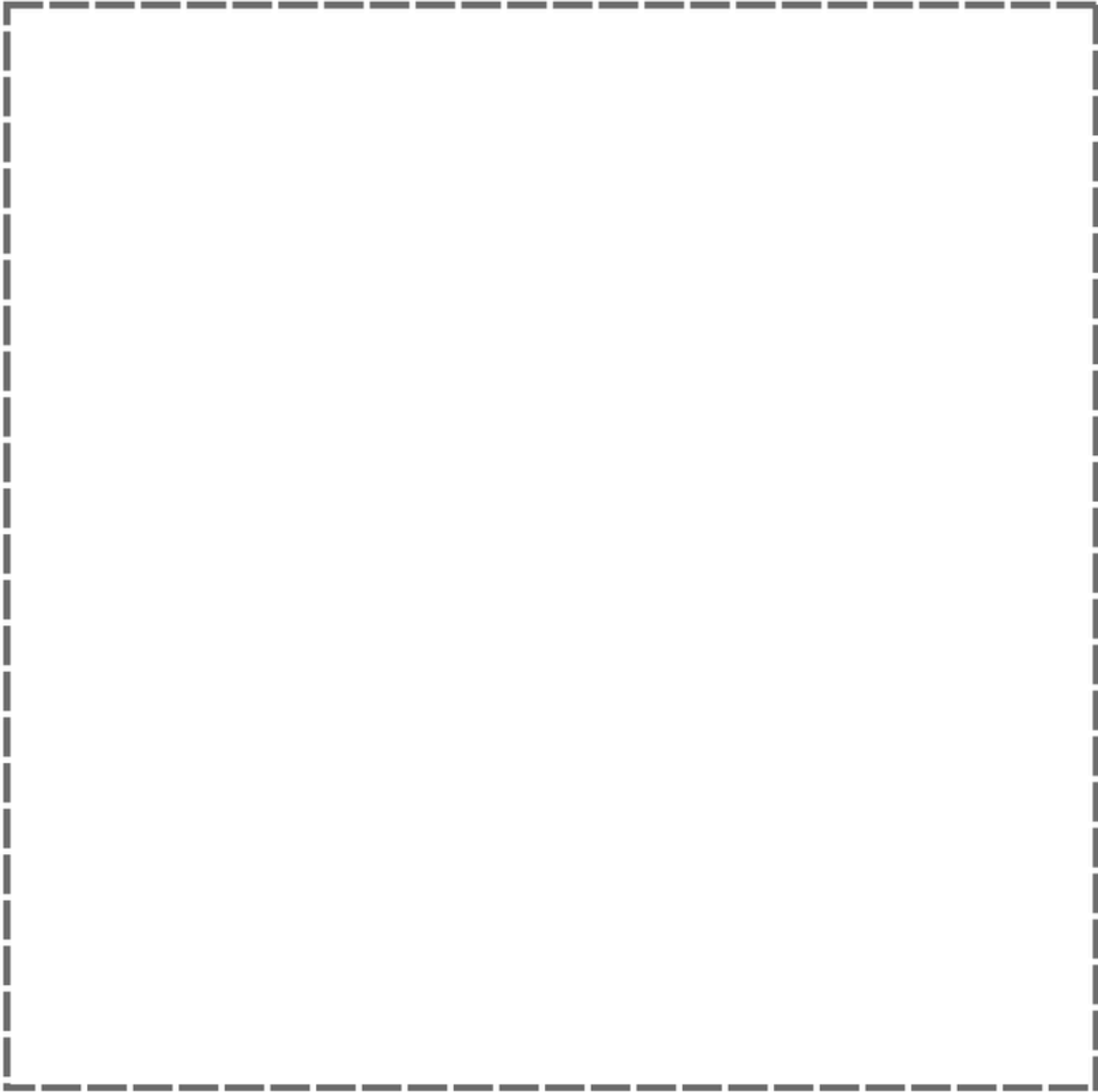
Questions?

Email marketing@eastersealsbcy.ca and we will help as much as we can!

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National AccessAbility Week Design Contest 2026

Student's Name

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, to the attention of the SOSSEFS Scholarship Committee, or mail to the SOSS Enrichment Fund Society, PO Box 1445 Oliver BC. V0H 1T0.