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March Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome to March! Even though it has been a mild winter, we look forward to warmer times where students can go outside and experience the land.

Staff have been busy organizing activities for students. From attending a symphony to visiting The Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre, there have been many exciting opportunities with YouLearn. Please have signed permission forms into the office as soon as possible if your child is interested in attending any upcoming field trips.

March 9th is the next scheduled K-9 Written Learning Update. The student SPACES Reporting Space is now open. When you sign into SPACES, you will need to click on the Reporting Space to view the snapshot. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your teacher or the office. Secondary students will receive Informal Reports from teachers via marksheets. If you cannot access your marksheet, please reach out for assistance.

Students who have not submitted their first assignment have until April 2nd to do so, otherwise, you will no longer have access to the course and will need to re-register in May. Please reach out to the office if you have any concerns.

For any graduating students who are looking for funding opportunities, the District Authority Scholarship is once again available to apply for. Details can be found within the newsletter.

We hope you all have a great break, and we will connect again on March 30th when the school reopens.

B. Burns

Important Dates

March 3rd

Field Trip:
Desert Cultural Centre

March 9th

K-9 Written Learning
Updates

March 10th

Field Trip:
Swimming in
Penticton

March 13th

Last Day of School
Before Spring Break

March 16th - 27th

Spring Break
School's Closed

March 30th

First Day of School
After Spring Break



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Early Years Program (Grades K-6)

Welcome to March!

K-9 Written Learning Updates will be available in SPACES before the spring break. Make sure to check in with Shelley if you're unsure how to access SPACES.



The sun is shining and we're looking forward to an awesome month ahead!

Middle Years Program (Grades 7-9)

Did you know we're hosting a wide variety of activities this year? Permission forms can be filled out at the office or found at the end of this newsletter. If you're curious to know more, please feel free to reach out to Megan or Shelley!



Spring has sprung!

Keep working on your courses and keeping in contact with your teachers. At this time, your goal should be to complete your current courses by June 1st.

Secondary Program (Grades 10-12)

If you are cross-enrolled to YouLearn, don't forget to check in with your School of Record's Education Advisor on deadlines they may have related to your YouLearn courses.

Connections Club

Connections Club has been moved to Fridays from 1-3.



**Registration has begun for the following 2026-27
Dual-Credit Trades programs with Okanagan
College Penticton:**

Welding (In-person)

Early Childhood Educator (Primarily on-line with two days per month in -person)

Tech. Sampler (Primarily on-line with two days per week in-person)

Please reach out to Steve if you would like to register or know more: spozzobo@sd53.bc.ca



Spring Break!

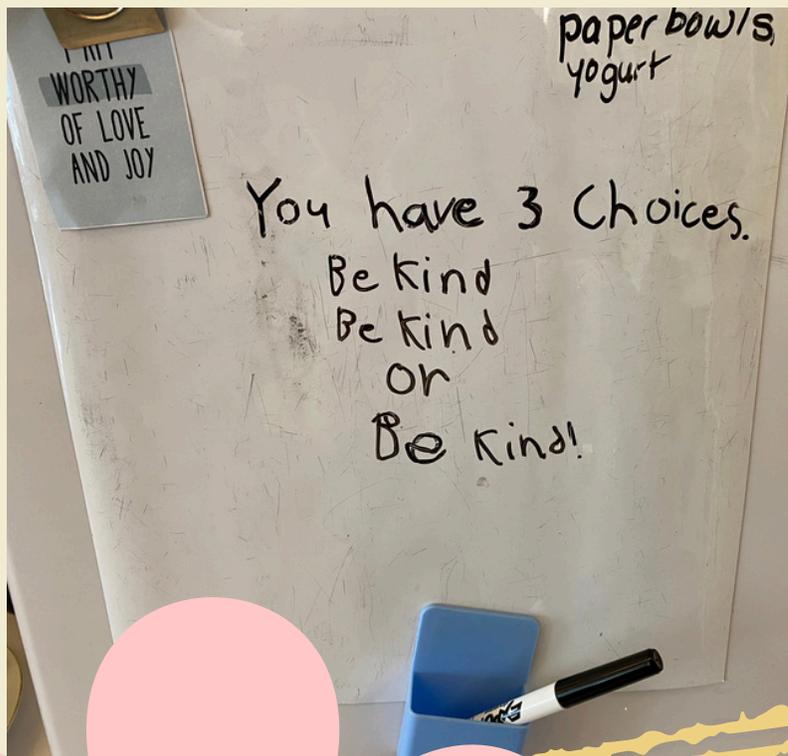
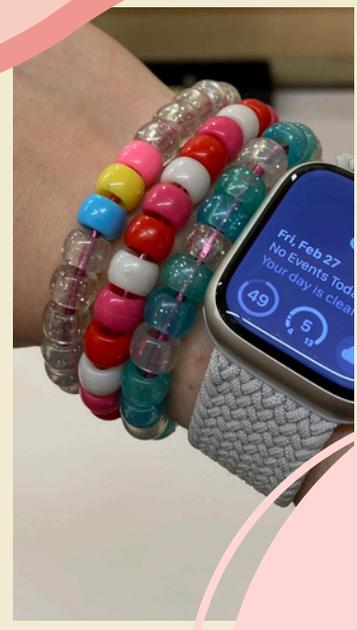
We will be closed for Spring Break from March 16th to 27th.

The last day of school before the break will be Friday, March 13th.

Staff and students return on Monday, March 30th.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday!





Fun at YouLearn!





CONNECTIONS CLUB

Friday afternoons from
1 to 3 pm

Join Megan, Shelley and Jessica
as we plan fun activity
afternoons with students!

COME GET SOCIAL!



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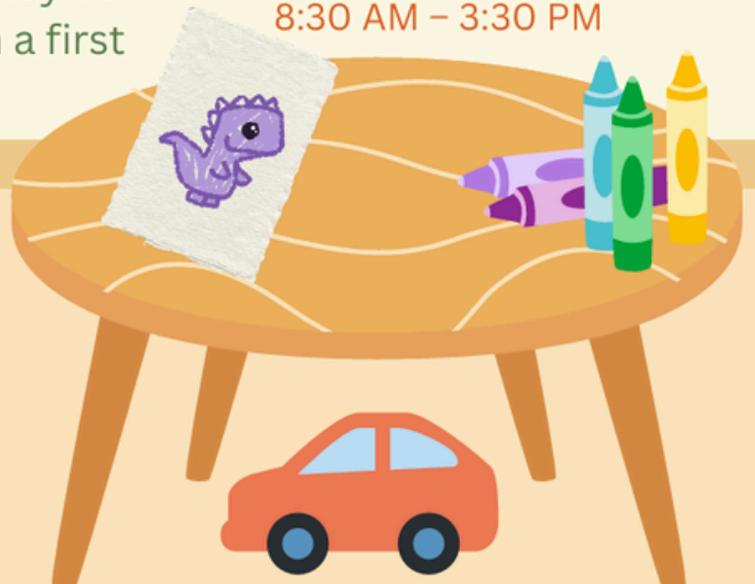
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2026-2027 Registration for Children Born in 2021:
January 12 to March 13, 2026

- Children who will be five years old by December 31, 2026, may begin their first year of Kindergarten in September 2026. These will be children who were born in 2021.
- **Please bring your child's birth certificate and medical card with you, as well as proof of residency.** Should you require further details, please contact your local school.
- Parents may defer the entry of their child into Kindergarten for one year but registration must occur in the following school year.
- Early registration assists the district with plans for September 2026. Also, Kindergarten spaces in a school may be limited and placement is done on a first come, first serve basis.

SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMATION

- **CAWSTON PRIMARY**
250-485-4434
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OKANAGAN FALLS ELEMENTARY**
250-497-5414
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OLIVER ELEMENTARY**
250-498-3468
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **TUC-EL-NUIT ELEMENTARY**
250-498-3415
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **OSOYOOS ELEMENTARY**
250-485-4444
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- **YOULEARN**
250-498-4597
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



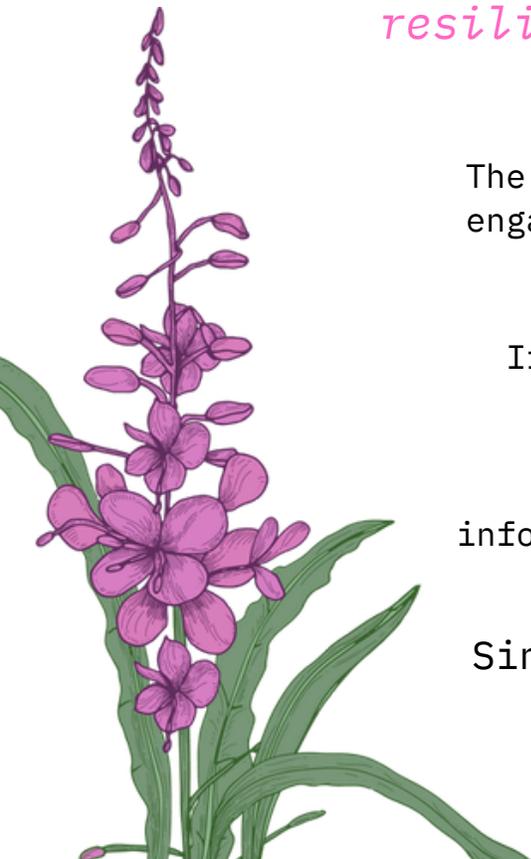


Why fireweed? ...with its ability to thrive in disturbed areas, long blooming season, and wind dispersed seeds, fireweed is a stunning symbol of rejuvenation and new growth after destructive events. Its beauty and resilience are truly remarkable

The Collective is a multi-age group who meets monthly to engage in nature-based social activities. The purpose of 'being around others who just get it'.

If your child has experienced the death of a parent, caregiver, or sibling, please reach out to your school's Administrator if you would like further information or to register your child/teen for the group.

Sincerely, The District Counselling Team, ICY & Healthy Schools



YouLearn.ca's Career Programs Summary

Period	Program	Details
September	Health Care Sampler	2 days per week online and 2 days per month on campus in Penticton.
September	Information Technology (Computers) Sampler	(Offered every other year) 1 day online and 1 day on campus each week in Penticton.
September	Early Childhood Educator	2 days online each week and 2 days each month on campus in Penticton.
February	Chef Program Camosun College	Online self-paced lessons with a lab one afternoon in Oliver.
February	Trades Sampler	4 days each week in Penticton for 16 weeks.
July	Emergency Medical Responder	5 weeks during the Summer Break.
May	Royal Canadian Mounted Police Jean Minguy Youth Academy	10 days in Vernon in the spring. <u>Deadline to apply is in early January.</u> Recommended participants are grade 12 students.
May	Inclusive Trades Sampler	1 day in each secondary school. Recommended participants are grade 10 students.
All Year Intake	Nail Technician	Kelowna - Marvel College
All Year Intake	Dual Credit College Programs	Penticton and Kelowna Campuses Some common programs include automotive services technician, welding, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.

Please contact YouLearn.ca's Career Education Teacher, Steve Pozzobon, if you are interested in taking any of the above programs!

Career Ed. Newsletter- March 2026

Career Ed. Report

With February well underway SD53 currently has 64 students accessing dual credit post-secondary and trades training programs from 7 different institutions.

Our Careers teachers recently attended the Career Education Society of BC Conference in Vernon. The conference provided valuable insight into opportunities available to students and an appreciation of the collaboration required across all levels of government to successfully create and sustain dual credit programming.

Skilled Trades BC publicly acknowledged School District 53's contribution and the work that we do supporting our youth in trades. Skilled Trades BC did a promotional video with Siobhan Detkavich who acknowledged her start as a professional cook in PC 1 course hosted in our district together with Camosun College.

On February 20, we took 90 students to Skills Canada Regional competition at Okanagan college in Kelowna. All our students did an awesome job the competitions, and we're excited to send our winners to the Provincials on April 15th.

Congratulations to Blake Kriesel (SOSS) and Taylor St. Cyr (SESS) for being selected to attend the Youth RCMP Academy in Vernon April 25-29

Up Coming Events :

Minerva Womens Leadership Forum	March 4th
Interior Health Career Exploration	March 10th
Skills Canada Provincials- Tradex	April 15th
OC Jill of Trades Female Trade Event	April 28th
Youth RCMP Academy	April 25th-29th
Experience Okanagan College Penticton	May 4th
SD53 Wilderness Career Fair- Camp Boyle	May 7th

Please use the link to view information on the Health Care Sampler:
Health Care Sampler

Skills Canada Winners:

Silver in Spaghetti Bridge:

OSS- John Bourne, Cohen Hesketh
Grayden Klein Hofmeijer, Joel Parker

Jr. Spaghetti Bridge Bronze:

SESS - Zack Nelson, Partap Brar,
Sukhman Rai

Sr. Carpentry Gold:

OSS - Alex Satterfield

Sr. Electronics Gold:

OSS - Emmett Madsen

Jr. Gravity Vehicle Gold:

OSS - Selina Backstrom-Resch,
Avery Lockerby, Shanica Szarka,
Charlie Redenbach,

Jr. Gravity Vehicle Silver:

OSS - Maye McDonald, Liliana Bento,
Elena Bento, Mila Keller

Jr. Gravity Vehicle Bronze:

SESS - Luka Manazza, Carson Whelpton

Sumo Robots Gold:

SESS - Kai Rivest, Matteo Manazza

Jr. Sumo Robots Silver:

OSS - Addison Dortman, Grace Kelly

Current Offerings

SEATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 26/27

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



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Health Care Sampler at OC

February - June



A 16 week introductory program giving students the opportunity to explore a variety of **high demand** health care careers. Try out **job-related tasks**, discover where your **interests fit**, and learn what it takes to **enter the field**.

Two nights a week online and biweekly Saturday classes at OC and will introduce students to:



**Health Office
Administration**

Dental Health



Pharmacy

Nursing



**Social Work/
Counselling**

Allied Health



Ready to explore a career in health care?

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



“Celebration Of Traditions”

Pow Wow

April 17th & 18th, 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

Dinner: Friday and Saturday 5:30pm

Breakfast: Saturday 9:00 - 11:00am

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

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

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

Saturday Afternoon

Tiny Tot Special

By

Heaven N Earth

Native Art

All drum groups will receive an Honorarium
(minimum 4 singers and all drums must be registered)

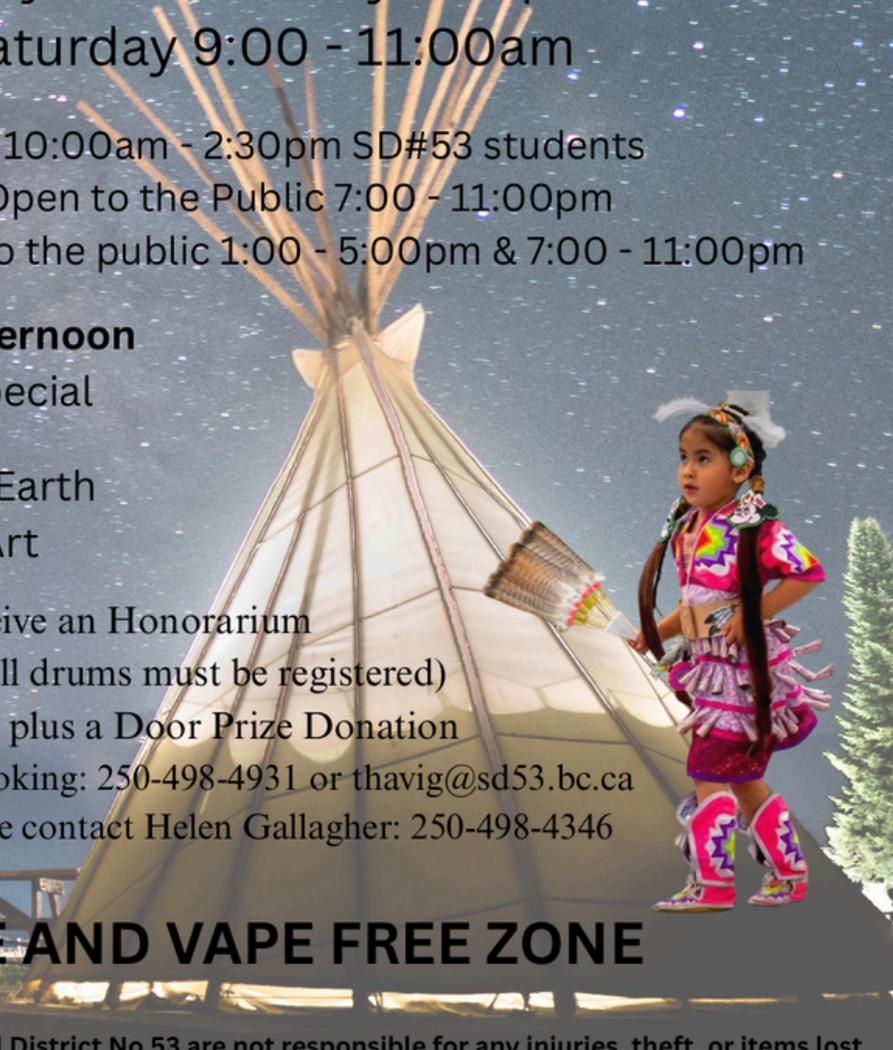
Vendors Welcome: \$75.00 plus a Door Prize Donation

Contact Tara Havig for Booking: 250-498-4931 or thavig@sd53.bc.ca

For all other inquires, please contact Helen Gallagher: 250-498-4346

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

September 2025

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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October 2025

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December 2025

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February 2026

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March 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

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June 2026

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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
Number of Days of Instruction 184

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

- Stat/School Holidays
- Non-Instructional Days
- Secondary Exam Days
- Year End Administration

We are an innovative learning community where all members are supported in their academic, social, and mental well-being equipped with the skills and experiences necessary to thrive in a diverse and changing world.

SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

Cawston Primary School
Principal: Amanda Palmer

Phone: 250-485-4434
Fax: 250-499-5288
Hours: 8:38am-2:30pm

Okanagan Falls Elem. School
Principal: Katie Poole

Phone: 250-497-5414
Fax: 250-497-8279
Hours: 8:30am-2:27pm

Oliver Elementary School
Principal: Scott Tremblay

Phone: 250-498-3468
Fax: 250-498-0339
Hours: 8:30am-2:23pm

Osoyoos Elementary School
Principal: Jason McAllister

Phone: 250-485-4444
Fax: 250-495-2855
Hours: 8:30am-2:30pm

Osoyoos Secondary School
Principal: Dave Foster

Phone: 250-485-4433
Fax: 250-495-2669
Hours: 8:35am-2:45pm

Similkameen Elem. Sec. School
Principal: Stacey Smith

Phone: 250-499-2727
Fax: 250-499-2411
Elem Hours: 8:30am-2:35pm
Sec Hours: 8:30am-2:40pm

Southern Okanagan Sec. School
Principal: Bev Young

Phone: 250-498-4931
Fax: 250-498-6957
Hours: 8:30am-2:45p

Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School
Principal: Shannon Miller

Phone: 250-498-3415
Fax: 250-498-0388
Hours: 8:30am-2:27pm

YouLearn.ca – Online Learning & Continuing Education

Principal: Brad Burns Phone: 250-498-4597

DISTRICT CONTACTS – 250-498-3481

Marcus Toneatto
Subra Paliappa
Naryn Searcy
Debby Sansome
Susan Trower
Heather Rose
Melia Dirk

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer
Director of Learning & Inquiry
Director of Facilities
Manager of Human Resources
Director of Student Services
District Vice Principal, Early Learning & Childcare

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Rob Zandee
Debbie Marten
Casey Brouwer
Sholeh Pickell
Christine Watson
Karen Clayton
Brenda Dorosz

PARENT AND STUDENT APPEALS:

Where a decision of an employee of the Board significantly affects the education, health or safety of a student, the parent/guardian of the student, or the student may, within a reasonable time from the date that the parent/guardian or student was informed of the decision, appeal that decision to the Board. Further information regarding the appeal process can be obtained [HERE](#).

ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED:

Mid-Year Reports: Date to be determined by each school

Final Report: Thursday, June 25, 2026

**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.

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

2025/26 - DISTRICT/AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP: Application Package

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP:

The District/Authority scholarship is awarded to 5,500 high school graduates who have demonstrated excellence in their chosen area. The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets core eligibility requirements and general guidelines; local scholarship committees determine awarding criteria and select their conditional recipients.

Confirmed recipients receive a \$1,250 scholarship voucher. They can use this voucher to be reimbursed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care for tuition paid at a post-secondary institution that is designated by the Province of BC (i.e. approved for Canada Student Loans) or a program provided that is approved by the Industry Training Authority. Students have five years to redeem their District/Authority scholarship vouchers; an expiry date is printed on each voucher and extensions are not possible.

Key Dates

- Spring: conditional recipients notified by their district/authority
- September: conditional recipients checked against eligibility requirements
- November: paper scholarship vouchers mailed to confirmed recipients

Eligibility Requirements

Students selected as conditional recipients of the District/Authority scholarship must satisfy the following requirements by **August 31 of their graduating year** to be confirmed as a recipient and receive their scholarship voucher.

- Meet core eligibility requirements:
 - Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) and have that on record with the school at which you registered for Grade 12
 - Be a BC resident
 - Be (or have been in the school year for which the scholarship is awarded) enrolled in a BC public school (including online learning schools), or enrolled in a Continuing Education centre
 - Complete all graduation requirements, and be on record as having graduated, by August 31 of the scholarship awards year (September 1 to August 31)
- Fulfill the graduation requirements of either the BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) or the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood); and
- Meet criteria determined by the student's local scholarship committee, including demonstration of outstanding achievement in one of the areas listed below:
 - **Applied Design, Skills and Technologies** (Business, Home Economics, Media Arts, Technology, Tourism)
 - **Community Service (Volunteer Activity)** (includes awareness of local, global and cultural issues)
 - **Fine Arts** (Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts)
 - **Indigenous Languages and Culture** (demonstrated at school or in the community)
 - **Languages** (External Assessment or Languages Curriculum, including AP and IB courses)
 - **Physical Activity (and Health)** (Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics)
 - **Technical and Trades Training** (Coding, Culinary Arts, Mechanics, Robotics, Woodwork)
- Have not previously received a District/Authority Scholarship

A completed application for the District/Authority Scholarship must include the following:

- References letters or recommendation forms from teachers or community sponsors;
- Resume;
- Unofficial transcript;
- Written statement of application or essay, outlining motivation for pursuing area of interest, impact of this involvement, highlights of achievement, personal/educational goals in this area and plan for attaining these goals; and
- Evidence of other attributes such as: creativity, innovation, initiative, motivation, leadership, cooperation, good citizenship in school/community, attendance, punctuality, work habits.

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APPLICATION FORM

1) Personal Information

Legal Name _____
(Surname) (Given Names) (Preferred Name – if applicable)

Date of Birth (M/D/Y) _____ PEN Number _____

Address _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Personal Email _____

High School that you will graduate from _____

I am a Canadian Citizen

I am a permanent resident (landed immigrant)

**Related note: Under the Income Tax Act, the Ministry of Education and Child Care must issue scholarship recipients a T4A for the taxation year in which the scholarship cheque is issued. When redeeming a scholarship, recipients will need to provide a Social Insurance Number (SIN) for this purpose. Temporary SINS, beginning with '9', cannot be accepted.*

2) Post-Secondary Plans

Which post-secondary program(s) do you plan to apply for?

What are your long term career plans?

3) Area of Achievement/Interest

Please check the one area of interest or strength for which you are making this application

- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies** (Business, Technology, Media Arts, Tourism, Home Economics)
- Community Service (Volunteer Activity)** includes awareness of local and global issues and cultural issues
- Fine Arts** (Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music)
- Indigenous Languages and Culture** (demonstrated at school or in the community)
- Languages** (External Assessments or Languages Curriculum, including AP and IB courses)
- Physical Activity (and Health)** Athletics, Dance, Gymnastics
- Technical and Trades Training** (Coding, Culinary Arts, Robotics, Woodwork, Mechanics)

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4) Course work and extracurricular activities related to your area of interest

Grade 11 and 12 Courses

Teacher/Sponsor

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Extracurricular Activities

Teacher/Sponsor

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

5) Evidence of Achievement

Students must provide evidence of outstanding achievement in your chosen area. Please attach a one page statement that describes your achievements. Depending on your chosen area of interest, you will also be required to provide further information or participate further activities, such as a portfolio, project, research paper, performance, presentation, demonstration, or interview. Your school counsellor or local scholarship committee will provide you with more details.

6) References

Please list two teachers and/or community members who can attest to your achievements in your chosen area of interest and who will provide a written reference on your behalf, using the reference form attached.

Name _____ Position _____

Name _____ Position _____

Applicant Signature

Date

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CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM

Thank you for providing a reference for the student named below, who is applying for a District/ Authority Scholarship in the indicated area of interest. Please complete the form and return it (and any additional relevant information you choose to include) to the student inside a sealed envelope with your signature across the envelope flap.

Student Name: _____

Area of Interest: _____

1) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2) How would you comment on the applicant's general attributes, such as attitude, communication, creativity, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, initiative and leadership?

3) Please provide examples of and comment on the applicant's strengths in their chosen area.

4) What other comments do you wish to make in support of this applicant?

Your Name _____ Position _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Signature _____ Date _____