



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Media Information

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Education Week: Celebrations in the Community

Kelowna, BC: This year's Education Week theme "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" captures the spirit of learning within School District No. 23. Nearly 2,000 employees including teachers, support staff, bus drivers and many others work each day to ensure that children enjoy a safe and supportive environment. Of course, the Village would not be complete without volunteers. Hundreds of people including retired teachers, parents and other caring individuals donate their time to supervise, transport, educate and inspire.

Education Week is an opportunity to share this vibrant spirit with the community. From March 10 to 14, students will be displaying their artwork, singing, dancing, acting, showcasing athletic ability, creating feats of engineering, and more. The following is a list of events and displays taking place throughout the Central Okanagan:

KEYNOTE EVENTS:

March 10th: Kelowna Art Gallery opening event "Art in Action" at 7:00 pm

March 11th: Education Week Breakfast (by invitation only)

March 13th: Kelowna Community Theatre presentation by author Karen Levine 7:00-8:30 pm

ARTWORK DISPLAYS:

Kelowna City Hall

Peachland City Hall

Lake Country City Hall

Okanagan Regional Library branches in Lake Country, the Mission, Rutland, Kelowna and Westbank

STUDENT EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Monday March 10th

- Casorso Elementary – Choral Performance at Rotary Arts Centre 12:00-12:45 pm
- Chief Tomat – Open House 1:30-2:30 pm
- George Pringle – Spaghetti Bridge Display 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
- Heritage Central – Retired Teachers' Association Open House at 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Kelowna Art Gallery – Middle and Secondary Students "Art in Action" Opening Event 7:00 pm
- Okanagan Mission Sec. – Hockey/Soccer Skills Academy at Capital News Centre 9:30-11:30 am

Tuesday March 11th

- Davidson Road Elementary – Choir at Rotary Arts Centre from 12:00-1:00 pm
- Bankhead Elementary – Term 2 Intermediate Awards at 12:15 pm
- Heritage Central – Retired Teachers' Association Open House at 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

- North Glenmore Elementary – Ready, Set Learn Event 6:00-7:30 pm
* 3 year olds with parents – future NGE students

Wednesday, March 12th

- Bankhead Elementary – Celebration Assembly at 8:40 am
- Belgo Elementary – School-Wide “Musical Matinée - Dance from around the World” at 12:30 pm
- Casorso Elementary – Gr. 4 Talent Show from 11:15-11:45 am
- Heritage Central – Retired Teachers’ Association Open House at 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Raymer Elementary – Gr. 6 Country Fair: Celebrating Global Diversity at 12:15-1:15 pm
- Springvalley Elementary – Choir at the Rotary Arts Centre from 12:00-1:00 pm
- Okanagan Mission Secondary: – Hockey/Soccer Skills Academy at the Capital News Centre from 9:30-11:30 am

Thursday, March 13th

- Anne McClymont Elementary:
 - Choir at the Rotary Arts Centre from 12:00-1:00 pm
 - Grade 7 Band Performance at 7:00 pm
- Casorso Elementary – Gr. 5 Talent Show from 11:15-11:45 am
- Dorothea Walker Elementary – Gr.7 Musical Production “ROCK – The History of Rock and Roll” at 7:00 pm *tickets are required
- Ellison Elementary – Talent Show at 9:30-10:30 am & 6:00-7:00 pm
- Heritage Central – Retired Teachers’ Association Open House from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Kelowna Community Theatre – Author Karen Levine Presentation from 7:00-8:30 pm
- Peter Greer – Talent Show at 7:00 pm

Friday, March 14th

- Constable Neil Bruce Middle – Gr. 7-9 Talent Show at 2:00-3:00 pm
- Casorso Elementary – Gr. 6 Talent Show at 11:15-11:45 am
- Helen Gorman Elementary – Choir and Strings at Rotary Arts Centre at 12:00-1:00 pm
- North Glenmore Elementary – School-Based Rotary Public Speaking Finals 8:45 am
- Okanagan Mission Secondary – Hockey / Soccer Skills Academy at Capital News Centre from 9:30-11:30 am
- Peachland Elementary – Gr. 6 students with Gr. 11 Big Buddies at Mount Boucherie Secondary “Respecting Individual Differences” at 12:30-2:00 pm
- Quigley Elementary – Student Dance Presentation at 1:30 pm

The public is also invited to contact their local school for other activities taking place during Education Week and other times of the year.

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