



Whoo's News

April 18, 2019



Congratulations to Teryl Bates who won first place for the Central Okanagan School District at the Regional Science Fair, winning a trip to the Canadian Science Fair, May 11-17 in Fredericton.

This will be his third trip to the nationals. He's competed in science fairs since Grade 4 and previously won a silver and bronze medal at the national level, which this year will involve 500 participants.

His winning project was aptly named, "A Fibonacci solution—mitigating landslides and avalanches"



Provincial Sweep!



Congratulations to Rebecca Koschny who recently competed in the High School Gymnastics Provincials, level 5 (highest level).

She competed in Beam, Vault, Floor and Bars finishing an impressive first all around.

Congrats!

Congratulations to Rhiannon Evans for her silver medal at the Regional Science Fair. Rhiannon's project investigated the possible connection between socioeconomic status and rates of dementia. Instead of a link between current socioeconomic status and dementia, she noticed a strong association between level of education and rates of dementia. Individuals with less education had higher rates of dementia. As poor education is often used as a proxy for low childhood socioeconomic status, she delved into childhood brain development to investigate whether or not this proxy could explain the association. Childhood poverty hinders brain development in the same areas that dementia degrades, the hippocampus and overall grey matter. The same can be said about the functions that children born into poverty struggled with (i.e. memory, working memory, linguistic ability, and cognitive function). As a result of all these factors, individuals that have experienced childhood poverty have less of a "defence mechanism" against dementia. Dementia may hit these individuals harder and progress faster, therefore we notice their cognitive impairment earlier on.



Please Mark Your Calendar:

- April 19 and 22 Good Friday and Easter Monday (no school)
- April 24 Early Dismissal at 12:30 for MAP Presentations
- April 26 Post Secondary Presentation in the Library at lunch
- April 29 Vaping Awareness Session for Parents - 6:30 p.m. KLO Middle School
- May 1 - 4 Night Owl Theatre Company Spring Show- *The Count of Monte Cristo*
- May 2 Report Cards Distributed at 1:55 p.m.
- May 16 Aboriginal Grad
- May 17 Grad Banquet (Prom) @ The Delta Grand, Tickets available in the MPR Apr 29 - May 3 ONLY See KSS Website under "Grad" for all the details
- May 30/31 Fringe Festival



The Ministry of Education is inviting parents of Grade 10 and Grade 12 students to complete a parent portion of the Student Learning Survey (formerly known as Student Satisfaction Survey). The survey will be open until April 30, 2019. If you are interested in providing feedback through this process please contact the KSS office at (250) 870-5105 to receive an individual access code.

To complete the survey:

Go to KSS Homepage > Quicklinks (at bottom of page) > Ministry of Education Survey

Enter **District 23 - Central Okanagan**

Enter individual **access code**

Thank you in advance for your feedback!



Rocky Mountain Music Festival Banff, Alberta



Music News

1. **Congratulations to KSS Choirs!!!!** All 4 Chamber Choirs received GOLD in the Kelowna Kiwanis Choral Festival. The Mixed Chamber Choir and the Treble Choir also received Top High School Choir of the Festival and \$300!!
2. **Very important Music Parent Meeting Tuesday May 7, 7:00 PM, room 128 to discuss next years trip.**
3. Congratulations to all Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, and Choral students for an amazing trip to the Rocky Mountain Music Festival in Banff. After Vocal Jazz performed, the adjudicators went to the festival coordinator and said 'where has this Kelowna group been? Why have they not been at our festival before? They are outstanding! Bring them back!!

Also, at this festival a very few groups are selected to perform a Showcase Concert in front of other participants and the public.

Kelowna Secondary School was THE ONLY School who was asked if they wanted to put on a Jazz Band Showcase, which was enthusiastically received in front of almost 400 people.

This was a truly life changing experience, the headliner concerts were out of this world and, our music students were incredible ambassadors for KSS, their families, Kelowna, and the Music Department,

Music Director, Sheila French is extremely proud of her students.

Tickets for Prom (Banquet) go on Sale April 29—May 3

Grade 12 students will have opportunity to purchase tickets for Prom starting April 29th at lunch in the MPR.

Please note! Students who have outstanding fees or overdue library books and textbooks will not be eligible to purchase their Prom ticket.

Students are responsible to check the “**Non Grad List**” that will be posted outside the office April 29th to see if their student number is on that list.



In the meantime students can:

- return all library books and textbooks
- Pay outstanding fees online (print off your receipt to bring to office to have name removed)

Students who are on the Non Grad List for Academic or Attendance reasons must see their Vice Principal to formulate a plan to be eligible to attend Prom.

Sexual Health Education for Grade 10 and 11 students will begin on April 24th for those students currently in Social Studies 10 and English 11. The District Sexual Health Education Team will visit classes for two lessons. Please see the attached Parent Information Letters for both grades.

[Grade 10](#)

[Grade 11](#)

All Grade 12 Students are invited to attend the final Post-Secondary Prep session of the year.

PSP #3 – I’ve Been Accepted – Now What?

Topics include: Deposits, post-secondary calendar year, tips on how to choose post-secondary courses, navigating your degree, residence, and important deadlines and reminders. Updates for UBC and OC.



One Session Only: Friday April 26th at lunch in the KSS library.



Planning Ahead for Prom

Attention parents and grads: Prom is coming up on **Friday, May 17 at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort.**

Tickets for grads only are \$80, and that includes a spectacular buffet dinner and dessert, as well as a night of dancing and a commemorative photo booth.

Tickets will be on sale in the KSS MPR from April 29-May 3 only.

A maximum of 4 parent tickets can be purchased at \$12 each, which covers dessert and dancing.

Grads wishing to bring a date outside of the KSS grad 2019 class must fill out a date request form, available outside room 193 in April.

Please follow this link for more information: <http://kssgrad.weebly.com/prom.html>



Prom Volunteers

Parents interested in volunteering the evening of the prom will not be required to purchase a \$12 parent dessert ticket. We are looking for volunteers to fill the 8:45-10:45pm shift. You are welcome to come at 7:45pm when parents and dates enter and enjoy dessert and dancing with your grad before taking your post. Please email dayna.culham@sd23.bc.ca if you are interested

VAPING AWARENESS SESSION for PARENTS



Monday, Apr 29, 2019 @ 6:30pm KLO Middle School Library

Presentation by Janelle Zebedee & Tricia Penny of SD#23



DRY GRAD




Mark your calendars for this year's Dry Grad celebration that will take place at KSS on **Saturday June 15**. The event is organized and hosted by parents, and is always highly memorable for the graduating students. They can look forward to a night packed full with entertainment, games, food, prizes and FUN!

TICKET SALES

Ticket price for Dry Grad is 40\$ and will be on sale at the following times and locations:

- **EVERY Wednesday in April at NOON in the MPR**
- **LUNCH HOURS in Mrs. Marton's classroom. (NOT available during class time)**

Please hand in a completed consent form with your payment. Consent forms can be found in the counselling office, or on the Dry Grad KSS website (located under 'Parents').  [KSS Dry Grad 2019 Consent Form \(1\).pdf](#)

*****WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS** for both the silent auction (bid items) and for the Dry Grad event (funds, food, prizes). Please contact Irene Veselic: ijveselic@gmail.com cell 250-870-3621 (text preferred)

*****WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Dry Grad is organized and run by parent volunteers and we need your help! Please contact April Unger drygradkss@gmail.com cell 250-870-3621
Link to volunteer sign-up for event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0844afaa2ea2fe3-kssdry>

Thank you in advance for supporting the Kelowna Secondary School Class of 2019!

Nancy Irvine
Co-Chair Dry Grad Committee
ggnancy@telus.net



BLACK & LEE
FINE FORMALS FOR MEN



Rent/buy your tuxedo or suit for grad and save money!

A KSS student who rents a premium package or purchases a tuxedo or suit from Black & Lee, will automatically receive \$20 off the total. As well, Black & Lee will donate \$20 to our Dry Grad event for each purchase or rental!

Please go to the School store to receive the discount/donation.

Join us for an evening of revenge
and redemption!

The Count of Monte Cristo tickets
are now on sale in the KSS Studio box office,
or reserved by email at
nightowltheatre@gmail.com.

The show runs May 1st - 4th. \$8/student, \$12/
adult, staff get a free ticket :)

Night Owl Theatre Presents
The Count of Monte Cristo

Original Novel By Alexandre Dumas
Adapted by Charles Morey
Directed by Doryan Elliott
Performed by the Night Owl Theatre Company

May 1st to 4th
7:00 pm

KSS Studio Theatre, 1079 Raymer Ave.
Adults: \$12 / Students: \$8

Tickets available at the door, the KSS ticket booth,
or by email: nightowltheatre@gmail.com

Wanderer above the Sea of Fog by Caspar David Friedrich, 1818 (public domain)
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Welding Foundation program Info Session

Bring your own boots event!

Join us with your steel toe boots and experience
welding on steel plate in Okanagan College's
state-of-the-art welding shop.

Speak with OC's Red Seal endorsed welding instructors
and learn about the welding program, welding as a
career and common employment outcomes.

Disclaimer: participants required to sign Acknowledgment of Risk form.
Minors under age 19 require guardian signature. Steel toe boots mandatory.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided.

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| Penticton April 30, 5 - 7 p.m. 583 Duncan Ave. West, Penticton New Welding Facility | Kelowna May 7, 5 - 7 p.m. 1000 KLO Road, Kelowna Trades building, Shop T124 |
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Full details: okanagan.bc.ca/welding

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Okanagan
Festival Singers

INTO THE LIGHT

OKANAGAN FESTIVAL SINGERS
CONDUCTOR LEROY WIENS

with
Kelowna Secondary School Chamber Choir
Conductor Sheila French
and
Guest Conductor Erick Lichte

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019
Doors open 6:30pm, Performance 7:30pm

Willowstone Academy,
4091 Lakeshore Road, Kelowna

TICKETS
\$25 Adults, \$12 Students

Available at kelownatickets.com, ofsingers.com or call 250-862-2867

SUPPORTERS

Foodsafe Courses

2019:



KELOWNA

Monday Apr. 15th
Saturday Apr. 27th
Monday May 13th
Saturday May 25th
Monday June 17th
Saturday June 29th

WEST KELOWNA

Sunday, Apr. 7th
Sunday, May 5th
Sunday, June 2nd

PENTICTON

Saturday, Apr. 13th
Saturday, May 11th
Saturday, June 22nd

COST:

\$80 – INCLUDES WORKBOOK,
LEARNING MATERIALS & INTERIOR
HEALTH OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE

HOW TO REGISTER:

EMAIL:
INFO@INTERIORTRAININGSERVICES.COM
TEXT/CALL: 250-878-1036

***GROUP BOOKINGS AVAILABLE**

As of July 29, 2013, all FOODSAFE Level 1 certificates issued in British Columbia have a five-year
expiry date. FOODSAFE Level 1 certificates issued prior to July 29, 2013, are valid until July 29, 2018.



We hope all is well as you move into the busy spring season. Here's what you need to know about UBC:

How UBC makes admissions decisions

Students who did not receive a first-round offer or who applied after **December 3** are currently being evaluated for admission. Find out [how UBC evaluates applications](#) and [when students can expect their admissions decision](#).

Presidential Scholars Awards and Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards

UBC will contact all applicants who are being considered for a Presidential Scholars Award by the end of day on **April 26**.

If a student submitted an application for the Centennial Scholars Entrance Award for the 2019/20 academic year, UBC will notify them of a decision by **May 15**.

Pathways to UBC

Students find their way to UBC in myriad ways. Some come directly from high school, while others [bridge through college or transfer from another university](#). We encourage students to identify the path that works best for them. Here are some of our transfer agreements:

[UBC-Langara Aboriginal Transfer Partnership](#)

[Engineering Transfer Program](#)

Connecting with UBC on social media

[Snapchat](#): Our popular student takeovers give current students a chance to share authentic stories.

[Instagram](#): Students will find posts about campus life, the student experience, current student stories, deadline reminders, and in-the-moment campus events and activities.

[Facebook \(and Facebook messenger\)](#) and [Twitter](#): Students can connect with UBC advisors to get their questions answered. They'll also find deadline reminders, slice-of-life content, and details about upcoming events.

Destination UBC and UBC Welcomes You events

Admitted students will receive email invitations to join events taking place on and off campus this spring.

Events on UBC's Okanagan campus:

[Destination UBC \(May 10–12\)](#) is a full-weekend program for high school students who have been admitted to the Okanagan campus. Participants will connect with the UBC community and start preparing for life as a UBC student. Students travelling from outside the Okanagan Valley are eligible for a [travel reimbursement](#).

Admitted high school students who [self-identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit](#) are also invited to the [Indigenous Welcome \(May 9\)](#).

Events on UBC's Vancouver campus:

High school students who have been admitted to the Vancouver campus and who [self-identify as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit](#) are invited to the [Destination UBC Aboriginal Student Welcome \(April 26–28\)](#) and are eligible for a [travel reimbursement](#).

[UBC Welcomes You \(April 27\)](#) is a half-day informational event designed for all students who have been admitted to the Vancouver campus. Students will connect with the UBC community and start preparing for life as a UBC student. Travel reimbursements are not available for this program, but any admitted students who will be in Vancouver that weekend are welcome to attend.

Program spotlight: [Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Design and Production](#)