



MAKE SOME NOISE FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

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KELOWNA, BC – The Central Okanagan Public Schools Class of 2020 wants your help to celebrate graduation this year.

With graduation ceremonies changing due to pandemic health measures like physical distancing, graduates are counting on their neighbours from Peachland to Lake Country to cheer them on as they celebrate the last day of Grade 12.

"Staff and grad councils did an amazing job putting together alternate graduation ceremonies for us, but it will also be really special if grads can still toss their caps to the sound of cheers from the community," said James Ropotar, Co-President of the District Student Council. "We hope everyone will cheer, bang their pots and pans, and let grads know the community supports them."

On June 26th at 6 p.m., the Class of 2020 asks that you go outside, turn up your radio, and make some noise any way you can. Lawn signs throughout the valley let neighbours know where graduates live in their neighbourhood. The District also asks local radio stations to play "I Lived" by One Republic on June 26th at 6 p.m.

Virtual graduation ceremonies will be available online on the [Central Okanagan Public Schools YouTube channel](#).

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