

*We wish to acknowledge as a school community that we continue to work, learn and play together on the homelands of the Ktunaxa People.*



**Principal’s Message**

Dear FSS Families,

The RCMP recently met with our Director of Student Learning and Safe Schools Coordinator, Jason Tichauer, to discuss e-bikes and e-scooters. Please see the visual below to help better understand the rules regarding these types of "vehicles".

Please also remember that bikes, scooters, skateboards, and similar devices are not permitted on school property once students have arrived at school. This means students can ride to school and park their modes of transportation, and can ride away from school, but should not ride these devices while they are at school.

**KNOW THE RULES BEFORE YOU RIDE**

*Not all small or electric vehicles are treated the same under the Motor Vehicle Act.*

	WHERE CAN I RIDE?	HOW OLD DO I NEED TO BE?	HOW FAST CAN I GO?	LICENSE AND INSURANCE?	WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?
<b>E-BIKE</b>	Anywhere where bicycles can ride!	14+ for light e-bikes; 16+ for standard e-bikes	Light e-bikes: 25 km/h Standard e-bikes: 32 km/h	No Drivers License or Insurance required	Must have fully operable pedals
<b>E-SCOOTER</b>	Only in communities participating in the pilot project	16+	25 km/h	No Drivers License or Insurance required	Illegal outside of pilot communities
<b>MOPED/LSM</b>	On public roadways only	16+	70 km/h	Drivers License and Insurance required	CMVSS compliance label required
<b>E-DIRT BIKE</b>	Not on roads, sidewalks or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal e-bikes or LSMs
<b>MINI-MOTORCYCLE</b>	Not on roads, sidewalks or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Do not meet safety standards

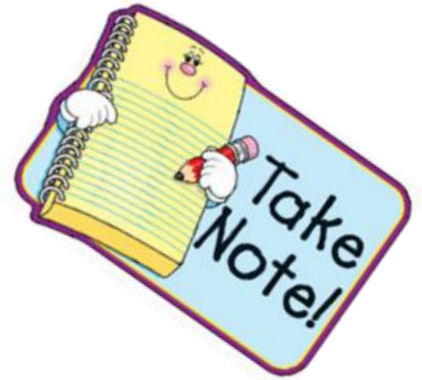
Regards,

Jason Sommerfeld  
Principal  
(250) 423-4471

I am grateful to learn, work, and play on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

## Upcoming Dates to Note:

- May 18<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday Day 1 Schedule
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup> – Drama Production– 9 to 5
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Grade 7 Track Meet
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Learning Services Track and Field
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL
- Jun 1<sup>st</sup> – Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> – Leadership Field Trip to Victoria
- Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> – FSS Indigenous Field Trip to Lethbridge
- Jun 2<sup>nd</sup> – ICBC Presentation
- Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grade 6 to Grade 7 Transition Day
- Jun 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Day 2 Schedule
- Jun 8<sup>th</sup> – Jun 12<sup>th</sup> – Grad Assessments Open (grade 10's writing)
- Jun 10<sup>th</sup> – FSS Indigenous Field trip to Calgary
- Jun 11<sup>th</sup> – Waterton Trip (Senior & French Outdoor Ed)
- Jun 12<sup>th</sup> – Administrative Day – NO SCHOOL
- Jun 15<sup>th</sup> – Jun 19<sup>th</sup> – Grad Assessments Open (grade 10's writing)
- Jun 18<sup>th</sup> – Locker Cleanout
- Jun 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday Day 1 Schedule
- Jun 25<sup>th</sup> – Grad Ceremonies
- Jun 25<sup>th</sup> – Learning Update Published



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Dear FSS families,

Greetings from Student Council! We are conducting a bottle drive as a fundraiser for our upcoming workshop at Parliament in Victoria to help cover travel costs.

If any families have spare bottles & cans you want to get rid of, we would love your support! Bottles can be dropped off at school, or we can arrange for them to be picked up from the Fernie area! Please feel free to respond to this email to coordinate! Thank you all!

- FSS Student Council



Thanks PAC, for  
helping with the  
Trash Bash  
Hotdog Lunch!

The Fernie Secondary Outdoor Education 8/9 class would like to extend a sincere thank you to Kootenay Fly Shop for hosting us for an engaging and insightful behind-the-scenes visit. Students were welcomed into the shop where they met three staff members and local guides, gaining a valuable look at how a fly shop operates and the variety of roles involved. Through meaningful conversations and hands-on learning, students developed a deeper understanding of Fernie tourism, river entomology, fly fishing equipment and gear, and the local watershed of the Elk River, while also exploring the importance of being environmental stewards of the land.

The experience was made even more memorable as four lucky students had their names drawn for some fantastic prizes, including hoodies and fly shop hats. We are incredibly grateful for the time, volunteerism, and local knowledge shared with our students. Opportunities like this help bring learning to life, and we truly appreciate the Kootenay Fly Shop team for their generosity, expertise, and commitment to our school community.



# Jr. Girls Soccer took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Attack of the Nak Tournament



FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

# BINGO NIGHT!

A FUN EVENING TO SUPPORT  
OUR STUDENT COUNCIL!



**WHEN: MAY 20th @ 6:00 PM**

**WHERE: TRAYNOR HALL**

102 Fairway Dr, Fernie, BC

**BINGO CARDS BY DONATION!**



PROCEEDS FUND STUDENT  
'S TRIP TO PARLIAMENT!



**PRIZES DONATED BY  
LOCAL BUSINESSES!**



**A CONCESSION  
WILL BE OPEN!**



**SUPPORT  
OUR  
STUDENTS!**





Walkathon Date:  
**Friday 5 June**

**SUPPORT OUR  
FUNDRAISER!**



Click here to  
make a pledge!

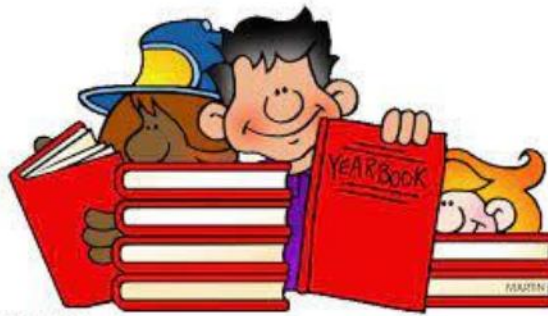


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**➤ Class of 2026 ➤  
FSS Grad Walk-a-thon!**

# Order Your YEARBOOK



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You can order your yearbook on SchoolCash Online



**Senior Art Class**  
Working on 3D clay projects



On behalf of the Physical and Health Education 10 class at Fernie Secondary School, I would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in helping make yesterday's learning experience at the College of the Rockies Fernie campus such a meaningful and memorable day for our students.

The opportunity for students to participate in both theory and practical hands-on learning involving first aid, CPR, and AED training was incredibly valuable. Students not only learned important life-saving skills and gained new knowledge, but they also developed significant confidence in their ability to step forward and help someone in need during an emergency situation.

What stood out most throughout the day was the level of student engagement, enthusiasm, and enjoyment. Through the smiles, laughter, participation, and positive energy, it was very evident that students thoroughly appreciated the experience. Many students also spoke about how meaningful it was to spend the day learning in a post-secondary environment and experience what it feels like to attend College of the Rockies as a student.

Experiences such as this help bring learning to life in authentic and meaningful ways, and we are extremely grateful for the time, effort, expertise, and hospitality that made the day possible. Thank you once again for supporting our students and helping create such a positive place-based learning opportunity.

Stayin' Alive,  
Mr. Cullins



# FSS SPRING SPORTS



## Gym Schedule (until field is open)

### Girls Soccer

Junior (Gr. 7-10): Mon & Wed @ 5:00-6:30pm

Senior (Gr. 11-12): Tues @ 5:00-6:30pm & Thurs @ 3:30-5:00pm



### Rugby

All Grades: Thurs @ 5:00-6:30pm



### Track & Field

All Grades: Mon & Wed @ 3:30-5:00pm

Tues @ 3:30-5:00pm (high jump only)



### Badminton

Junior: Wed @ 6:30-8:00pm

Senior: Mon @ 6:30-8:30pm & Thurs @ 6:30-8:30pm



### Ultimate Frisbee

All Grades: Mon & Tues @ 3:30-5:00pm



### Golf

Grades 10-12: Mon & Wed @ 3:30-4:45pm at the Golf Course



### Mountain Biking

All Grades: Tues @ 6:00-8:00pm

*\*Starts Tues, Apr 21 – Meet at the Aquatic Centre Gazebo*





# The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Cranbrook Firefighter's Fishing Clinic

**When:** Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2026 (Father's Day)  
8:00am - 1:00pm

**Where:** Idlewild Park in Cranbrook

**Who:** All children 15 and under

**Fishing Fun!**

No cost or pre-registration!



**Free Burgers  
& Refreshments!**



**CHARTERED FISHING TRIP**  
for the  
**BIGGEST  
FISH  
CAUGHT!**



**Many More Prizes to be Won!**



Provincial fishing regulations apply. All fish must be caught in the lake!

# SCIENCE FAIR 2026



**SAMMY BURDITT, GR 7**  
**GREEN GENERATION**



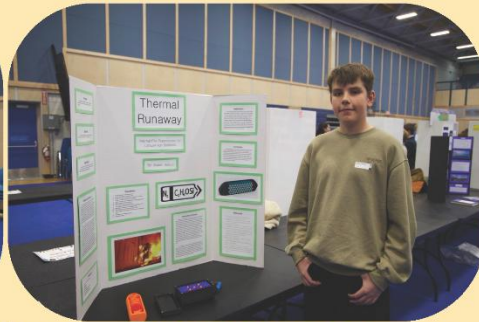
**JOSEPH POLLARD, GR 7**  
**PEAS IN POTS**



**JACKSON PRIDEAUX, GR 8**  
**ORGANIC MATTER TO RENEWABLE FUEL**



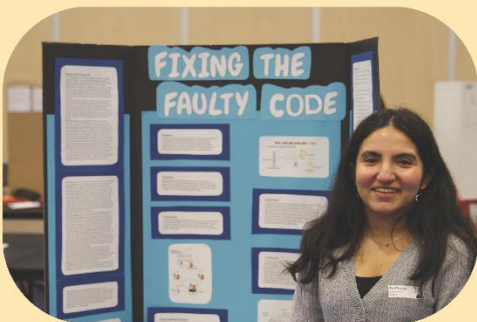
**MEREK VESELY & TIM CHOROSZEWSKI, GR 8**  
**TESTING 3D PRINTING INFILL STRENGTH**



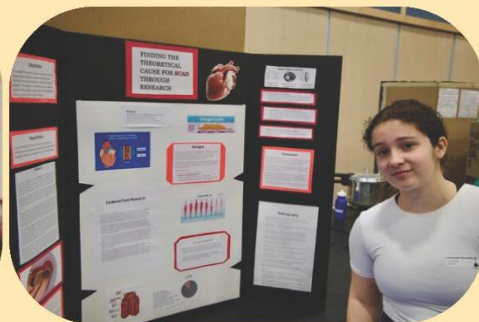
**BODEN NELSON, GR 8**  
**THERMAL RUNAWAY**



**ISABEL GILLESPIE, GR 9**  
**RUNNING INTO THIN AIR**



**PARI PARMAR, GR 12**  
**FIXING THE FAULTY CODE**



**FERNANDA GONZALEZ, GR 12**  
**THEORETICAL CAUSE OF SCAD**

**WELL DONE TO ALL THE FFS STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE ELK VALLEY REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR! YOUR PASSION FOR YOUR PROJECTS WAS INSPIRING.**

**THANK YOU PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES AND ORGANISERS, THE COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES AND SCIENCE LOVING STUDENTS! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.**

## SCIENCE FAIR 2026 RESULTS

Best of Fair (middle school): Boden Nelson

Best or Fair (high school): Pari Parmar

Power Pioneers Award: Boden Nelson

Michael Crooks Physics Award: Merek Vesely & Tim Choroszewski

BC Nature Award: Joseph Pollard

Gold Medal: Boden Nelson

Bronze Medal: Merek Vesely & Tim Choroszewski

Genome BC Scholarship Nomination: Fernanda Gonzalez

Canada Wide Science Fair Invitation: Pari Parmar (HUGE NEWS)

Bronze Medal: Fernanda Gonzalez

EKSF Young Scientist Award: Fernanda Gonzalez

We're thrilled about the outcome of the 2026 Fair. Here are some highlights:

- 67 students participated, from 6 schools in the region. This represents 50% more kids than last year's fair
  - Represented schools: FSS, KDS, T. M. Roberts, 'aq'amnik' School, TFA, and homeschoolers.
- 35+ volunteers and judges
- Science talks and demonstrations from professional civil engineers, a biologist, Cranbrook SAR, and others.
- Medals for top showing in each grade bracket, and 20 special awards were awarded.
- \$2500 in prize money, plus scholarships, donated by various sponsors.
- The top prizes went to:
  - Pari Parmar and Claire Couture, who will represent the region at the Canada-Wide Science Fair on May 23-30 in Edmonton.
  - Best in Show: Pari Parmar (Sr), and Boden Nelson (Jr), awarded \$250 each by our sponsors at the Cranbrook Sunrise Rotary.
  - Other gold medal winners included:
    - Gr 5-6 - Lachlan Ratay & Rachel Lewis
    - Gr 7-8 - Boden Nelson
    - Gr 9-10 - Claire Couture
    - Gr 11-12 - Rosalie Lloyd
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- Some of the top showings from SD5 included:
  - **Fernanda Gonzales (FSS, Gr 12)** - Bronze (Gr 11-12), and a \$300 Life Sciences Award, sponsored by Genome BC. *Finding the theoretical cause of SCAD* - Summary: An Investigation into whether it would be possible to formulate a scientifically supported hypothetical cause of SCAD through academic research and interviews with experts in the field.

- **Boden Nelson (FSS, Gr 8)** - Best in Show and Gold Medal. *Thermal Runaway* - Summary: The purpose of this innovation is to prevent lithium-ion batteries from undergoing the process of thermal runaway and ignite. This could be done by constructing a copper cartridge with a with a bismuth-tin alloy nozzle. This would melt at 138°C, releasing pressurized silicone oil into the battery cells.
  
- **Ethan Brass & Suvarn Jagrup (T. M. Roberts Gr 6)** - Special awards donated by the YXC Makerspace (2x 1-year memberships to the Maker Lab). *How does propeller size affect the flight of a model airplane?*

# 2026 PARTY Program





## **Spring-Summer Teen Training**

Bringing athletes from all sports together to get stronger, faster, have fun and enjoy the outdoors. 🌲🔥

When: May 3 – Aug 31

Who: Ages 13–19 (families welcome on Sunday hikes; under-13s need an adult) 🧑

Cost: \$60 program fee (paid to Fernie Nordic Society via e-transfer to [info@fernienordic.com](mailto:info@fernienordic.com)) + Youth FNS membership \$55 (<https://www.fernienordic.com/membership>).

What you'll get:

- 3 sessions/week — pick the workouts that fit your schedule (consistency recommended; however, not necessary!). 📅

- Coach-led, structured programming focused on progressive overload. 🏋️

- Mix of strength, speed, agility, and aerobic conditioning to boost performance across sports. ⚡🏃🏊

Typical weekly schedule:

- Tuesday: Ultimate Frisbee, agility, strength — Nordic Centre (Spring 4:30–6:30pm; Summer 9:30–11:30am) 🏆

- Thursday: Running dynamics, speed, power, strength — Nordic Centre (same times) 🏃

- Sunday: Long run/hike — location TBD; families welcome 🏠

Ready to join? Email [raceteam@fernienordic.com](mailto:raceteam@fernienordic.com) or [info@fernienordic.com](mailto:info@fernienordic.com) to register or ask questions.

## Project Heavy Duty

Congratulations to Asher Donnelly, Emily Filimek, Samantha Janzen, Addison Mostyn, Cash Salekin and Dawson Salekin on the completion of Project Heavy Duty in Cranbrook. These students earned a First Aid certificate, participated in workshops at the College of the Rockies, and learned how to operate a range of heavy equipment. This program gives students the opportunity to learn new skills, find out about trades programs at the post-secondary level and network with local employers. Students who are interested in learning more about these types of opportunities are encouraged to make an appointment with the School Counsellor.

