

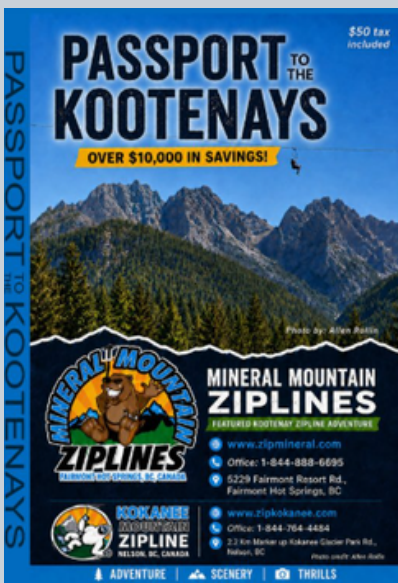
EARLY DISMISSAL WEEK - 1:50pm MONDAY OCTOBER 19TH TO THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND

Students will be dismissed at 1:50pm. We encourage all parents/guardians to schedule a Parent/Teacher interview with their child's teacher. Students that take the bus or go to Boys & Girls Club will remain supervised at school until the regular dismissal time of 2:50pm.

PASSPORT TO THE KOOTENAYS FUNDRAISER

Steeple is selling Passport to the Kootenays Coupon Books as a fundraiser for the school. Order before October 21st. Books are \$50 each. \$7.75 per book sold will go towards the school. The passport to the Kootenays coupon book is a book full of coupons for the Kootenays. Delivery will be in November. Books can be purchased on School Cash Online.

Friends & Family can order by clicking on the following link:
<https://SD5.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/20161/213/False/True>



IMPORTANT DATES:

**MONDAY OCTOBER 19TH-
THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND**
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW
WEEK - EARLY DISMISSAL 1:50PM

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST
DISTRICT HOT LUNCH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND
SPIRIT WEAR DAY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD
NO SCHOOL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH
KTUNAXA LITERACY DAY

MONDAY OCTOBER 26TH
PAC MEETING - LIBRARY 5:30PM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27TH
PHOTO RETAKE DAY

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28TH
DISTRICT HOT LUNCH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29TH
SPIRIT WEAR DAY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30TH
HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY



PICTURE DAY IS

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

After Picture Day, order
on mylifetouch.ca



Photo retakes will be on the morning of Tuesday October 27th. If your child requires a photo retake, please let Mrs. Ney know in the office.
Email: jennifer.ney@sd5.bc.ca

Dear Steeples Families,

After eight wonderful years at Steeples Elementary, I will be transitioning to a new role at KES and KDS as the Indigenous Support Worker.

It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside your children and families over the years. The relationships, conversations, learning, and connections we have shared have been some of the most meaningful experiences of my career. I am incredibly grateful for the trust, kindness, and support that you have shown me throughout my time here.

As I move into this new chapter, I am pleased to share that I will be helping support the transition of two wonderful Indigenous Education Support Workers, Teri and Shannon, who will be joining the Steeples team. I know they will bring their own unique gifts and strengths to the school community.

While change can be difficult, it can also create opportunities for new growth and connections. Both can be true at the same time.

Thank you for allowing me to be a small part of your children's educational journey. The memories I have made at Steeples will always hold a special place in my heart. This is not goodbye, but rather, see you soon.

With gratitude,
Cyndi Andrew (she/her)
"Grama-in-Residence"
Indigenous Support Worker
Steeples Elementary School



Indigenous Education Update

We are Ms. Teri and Ms. Shannon- the new Indigenous Education Support Workers at Steeples Elementary School. We are excited to bring new events/activities for the students to learn and participate. Some of these activities will include cooking, beading, art, peer sessions, local indigenous culture to name a few. Please keep a watch in the school newsletter.

We look forward to a fun school year!



Ms. Teri

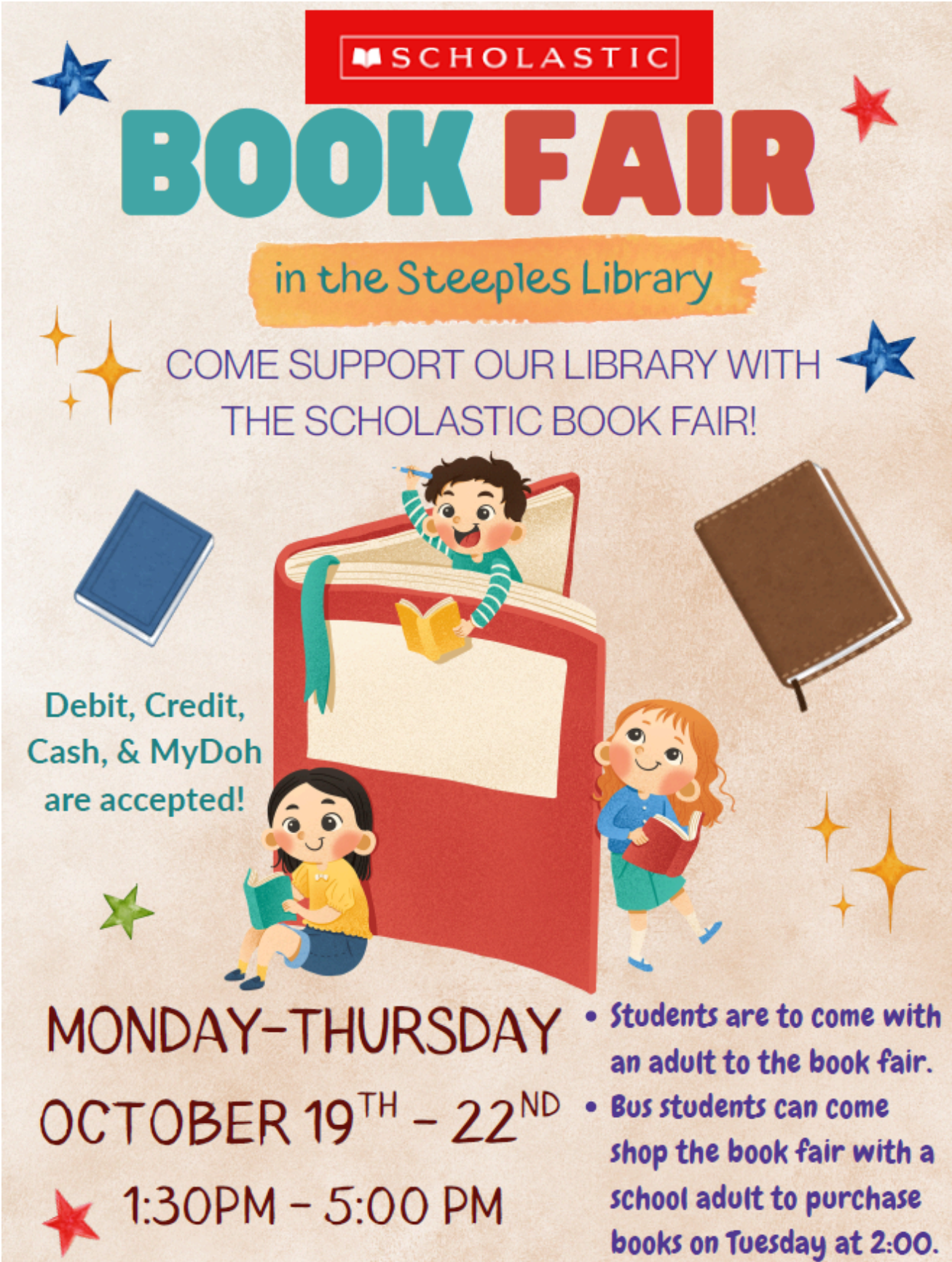


Ms. Shannon

Scholastic Book Fair

We are looking for parents/guardians that would be interested in helping with the Scholastic Book Fair next week. If you are interested in helping, please email Ms. McDowell at:

stephanie.mcdowell@sd5.bc.ca



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

in the Steeples Library

COME SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY WITH
THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Debit, Credit,
Cash, & MyDoh
are accepted!

MONDAY-THURSDAY
OCTOBER 19TH - 22ND
1:30PM - 5:00 PM

- Students are to come with an adult to the book fair.
- Bus students can come shop the book fair with a school adult to purchase books on Tuesday at 2:00.

DISTRICT HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Hello SD5 Parents and Guardians,

We're excited to announce that ordering for the weekly SD5 hot lunch program is ready to go! 🍴 First lunch for your school is Wednesday, October 7th.

We've made some exciting updates to our ordering platform to provide families with a fresh, simple, and easy ordering experience.

 **Important: New Ordering Platform**

As we've moved to our updated platform, all families will need to register and create a new account, even if you have ordered hot lunch in the past.

The registration process is quick and should take approximately 2 minutes to complete. Once your account is set up, you'll be ready to place your Hot Lunch orders!

 To register and place your order, please visit:

<https://sd5.food-for-thought.ca/>

 After registering, you will receive a verification email from admin@food-for-thought.ca. Please check your junk or spam folder, as the verification email may sometimes be filtered there. Be sure to click the verification link in the email to activate your account.

Hot Lunch will be served every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted), and we encourage families to place their orders in advance each week to ensure your child receives a meal.

💰 This is a pay-what-you-can program, so every child can participate regardless of financial circumstances.

We look forward to providing your children with delicious and nutritious meals throughout the school year!

If you have any issues with the online ordering system, please contact Vincent Girimonte at vincent.girimonte@sd5.bc.ca.

Thank you for your support!

Warm regards,
SD5 Hot Lunch Pilot Program

Vincent Girimonte
School Food Coordinator
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
vincent.girimonte@sd5.bc.ca
C: (250) 919-3759

UPCOMING MENU

OCTOBER 21ST

PULLED PORK ON A BUN WITH COLESLAW AND
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE

OCTOBER 28TH

BUTTER CHICKEN WITH RICE AND NAAN BREAD
AND CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE

STEEPLES ELEMENTARY PAC NEWS

NEXT PAC MEETING

 **Monday, October 26th**

 **5:30 PM**

 **Library**

**All Steeples Parents & Guardians
Are Welcome to Attend!**

 **Learn what's happening at our school**

 **Meet other families**

 **Share your ideas and feedback**

We hope to see you there!



Hello!

The Steeples PAC Winter Market is back! ❄️👤

We are excited to be hosting our annual Winter Market on Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 11am–2pm and would love for you to be part of this fun community event!

We are currently looking for:

🌲 Vendors

Share your handmade creations, baked goods, small business products, crafts, and other goodies with our community.

☆Tables are \$30 -click the link or scan the QR code attached. Set up opens 9am

<https://sd5.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/19818/213/False/True>

🎁 Silent Auction Donations

We are also accepting donations from local businesses and community members for our silent auction. Donations are a wonderful way to showcase your business while supporting Steeples students and PAC initiatives.

Whether you'd like to set up a table, donate an auction item, or do both—we would love to have you join us!

Thank you for supporting our school community, we can't wait to see you at the market!

Katrina
250-814-3974
Steeples PAC



STEEPLES ANNUAL
Winter
MARKET

COME SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 21st

Local vendors
Kid vendors
Bake sale
Silent auction
Kids zone
Face painting

STARTS AT 11am-2pm

For more info or questions contact Raylyn @ (250) 421-7070
Scan QR code to reserve a table

Steeples Elementary School
700 24th Ave N

★ ORDER YOUR STEEPLES SPIRIT WEAR ★

Show your Silvertip pride!

Our new spirit wear collection is here for students, families, teachers, and supporters. Choose your favorite style and wear your school pride all season long. Orders can be made at any time, and shipped straight to your home!



<https://steeple.entripyshops.com/>

Many designs to choose from!

Questions? Contact Lauren.Gruggen@sd5.bc.ca

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CRAFTING



Thursday, October 15th
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Cranbrook CBAL Office
19A 9th Avenue South

To register or learn more contact:

Tetiana Sokolenko and Bharath Shaji,
Settlement Workers

✉ cranbrooksettlement@cbal.org

📞 or text 250-581-2112

🌐 cbal.org

Get into the Halloween spirit and join us for a fun and creative pumpkin-crafting session!

Bring your imagination and get ready to decorate your very own Halloween pumpkin with festive designs, spooky faces, and plenty of creativity. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some seasonal fun, meet others, and make something special to take home.

No need to bring anything — all supplies will be provided!



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BRITISH
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WelcomeBC

Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise and the **Tamarack Shopping Centre**

Angel Tree Registration 2026

The Angel Tree Program is a community-based program to assist low-income families in making Christmas special for their children. All requests are numbered and only a number, **not the child's name**, is placed on a tree that is sponsored by the Tamarack Centre. Cranbrook families or individuals then choose an "Angel" from the tree and purchase a gift to help make Christmas a joyous occasion for all. The Cancer Society has volunteered to wrap the gifts and attach the number so the right child gets the gifts. Registration forms will be available at local schools in Cranbrook, as well as the Tamarack Centre or email: cdbermel@shaw.ca for an electronic copy that will need to be printed off and handed in.

Please see that your completed registration form is returned to the **Tamarack Centre Administration Office**. Their office hours are 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday to Friday. **Please slide the form under the door, place it through the mailbox or into the hanging tube on the door.**

Because of the time required for recording, posting and distribution of Angel requests, **registrations must be submitted by Tuesday, November 25th, 2025. Any later forms received after this date will not be accepted.**

*****TEAR OFF THIS PORTION FOR PICK UP*****

Distributions dates will be Friday, December 18th from 4:00p.m. – 7p.m. and Saturday, December 19th from 10:00a.m. – 2p.m. in the space beside Santa Land.

*****You must pick up your gifts during this time only. Any gifts not claimed will be not delivered. Please bring government issued ID with you to verify the correct family.**

ANGEL TREE REGISTRATION FORM 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This year's Angel Tree Program will again be administered by the Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise. If you are interested in registering your child(ren), please fill out the following information and **return it to the Tamarack Centre Administration Office by Thursday, November 26th, 2026**. The office hours are 10:00a.m. to 5p.m. Monday to Friday. **Please slide the form through the mailbox of the Administration Office. The forms will be picked up daily by the Mall Administration.**

Name of Parent: _____

Address: _____

Phone # (that is regularly checked): _____

****Suggestions need to be of a reasonable cost \$30/\$35 **Maximum age is 17 years old**

Child's name _____ Female___ Male___ Age___ Size_____ Gift
suggestions _____ Care

Card Personal Number _____ Birth Date _____

Child's name _____ Female___ Male___ Age___ Size_____ Gift
suggestions _____ Care

Card Personal Health Number _____ Birth Date _____

Child's name _____ Female___ Male___ Age___ Size_____ Gift
suggestions _____

Care Card Personal Health Number _____ Birth Date _____

****Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 26th, 2026****

PLEASE...NO LATE REGISTRATIONS

PICK-UP:

Gifts must be picked up at the Tamarack Shopping Centre in the space beside Santa Lane on **Friday December 18th from 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. and Saturday, December 19th from 10:00a.m. – 2p.m.** Gifts will not be delivered. All gifts are purchased by families or individuals from the Cranbrook area hoping to assist in making Christmas a joyous occasion for all. The Cancer Society wraps all the gifts and numbers them. The volunteer agencies have no control over the choice or value of the gifts purchased. We can only hope the gift brings joy and happiness to your child at Christmas. The Angel Tree program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise, the Cancer Society, the Tamarack Centre and the caring people of Cranbrook.

Did you know that 5% of your Save-On-Foods grocery bill could be donated straight to our school? It's super easy to help out our kids!

All you have to do is

1. Shop at the Cranbrook Save-On-Foods
2. Mention Steeples Elementary at the till
3. 5% of your bill is donated by the store!

How simple is that? Every little bit helps get our kids better equipment and awesome experiences.

Thanks for your support!

Keep Steeples really rocking!



save on foods



Steeples Elementary Facebook Page

Parents and guardians, please join our Steeples Elementary School Facebook page. We will be using this page to share information about the great things happening at Steeples!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2163353540497034>

StrongStart - Cranbrook



StrongStart is Back!

Opening September 16
Come play, learn,
connect & grow
together!



- A free, parent-accompanied play and learning program for children ages 0-5.
- Snacks provided.
- Play-based and learning activities facilitated by a qualified early childhood educator.

Monday-Thursday
9:00-11:30 and 12:15-2:45
Follows school calendar



Steeples Elementary School
250-426-0620
cbal.ngreen@sd5.bc.ca



Play



Connect



Learn

We gratefully acknowledge the financial contribution of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

STEEPLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTACTS:

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Vice Principal - Lauren Gruggen- lauren.gruggen@sd5.bc.ca

School Administrative Assistant - Jennifer Ney - jennifer.ney@sd5.bc.ca

Youth Care Worker - Barb Fode - barbara.fode@sd5.bc.ca

Youth Care Worker - Keith Young - keith.young@sd5.bc.ca

District Elementary Counsellor - Barb Kaufmann - barbara.kaufmann@sd5.bc.ca

Indigenous Education Support Worker - Teri Shatosky - teri.shatosky@sd5.bc.ca

Indigenous Education Support Worker - Shannon Wilson-shannon.wilson@sd5.bc.ca

Student Services

Melissa Flegel - Learning Services Teacher - melissa.flegel@sd5.bc.ca

Sarah Brooks- Learning Services Teacher - sarah.brooks@sd5.bc.ca

