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December 2023 Newsletter

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photos and spectacular art.**



Hello, bonjour, ki?su?k kyukyit Panther families,

December has been a month full of many fabulous experiences and connections!

On Friday December 1st our boys' and girls' Grade 6 volleyball teams had an excellent day of play at the Elk Valley Elementary Schools Tournament in Elkford. Congratulations to our boys' team who placed 2nd and girls' team who placed 1st. We are so proud not only of their skill development thanks to coaches Nimmo and Coultry, but also of their great sportsmanship during the whole season.

Being a school of 560 students has certainly kept us busy being creative with new ways to continue popular school gatherings, and the EIDES Extravaganza – Winter Arts Evening was certainly all of that! We would like to thank so many people for their valuable input, creative ideas, decorating skills and time generously donated to allow over 1,000 family members, neighbours and public enjoy concert performances, art displays, busking and treats throughout the hallways and main gym stage. Thank you to all who attended in person or online as well as all the teachers and students for your amazing artistic efforts.

In close connection to the Extravaganza was our hope to raise funds to purchase a new piano for Ms Pace our music teacher. After busking proceeds and 2 days of Pizza for Pace's Piano we are very excited to announce that approximately \$1300 was raised!! Thanks to all your generous donations, Ms Pace will be buying a new piano ready for the new year :)

These final 2 weeks of school have been non-stop with skating, swimming, big buddy baking at FSS, Christmas treat collaborations, and outside snow adventures. We are also beyond grateful to the community connections so many classes have planned: carolling and card delivery to seniors' homes, as well as toy donations and food drives.

As we wind down the last 3 days of classes for 2023, we'd like to wish you all a very happy, healthy, and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone back Monday January 8th, 2024.

Kindly, salutations, taxis,

Janet Kuijt & Amy Leeden

ÉIDES Admin Team



Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- December 15-22** Report Cards go home (this week-varies by class)
- December 22** Last Day of School before Winter Break
- January 8** First day back from Winter Break
- January 16** Grade four French Immersion Meeting 6PM
- January 16** PAC Meeting 7PM in the library
- January 23** Parent Connect Series- Primary Numeracy Support 7-8pm
- January 26** School Break-NO SCHOOL
- January 30** Parent Connect Series-Intermediate Numeracy Support 7-8pm
- February 2** Professional Development Day-NO SCHOOL

School District 5

2023-2024 Annual School Calendar

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- School Breaks
- Professional Development Days
- Stat Holidays
- Administrative Day
- Second Semester

PAC NEWS



Next PAC meeting is on January 16 @7pm in the library.

The PAC *Growing Smiles* Plant Fundraiser raised more than \$2200. With our plant order, this money goes to supporting all our students, for the extras like field trips and other fun events!

Keep an eye out for the 2024 clothing order coming soon. All your favorite EIDES gear will be available to order in 2024.

Get ready to show your school spirit fashionably!



PACE'S Piano Fundraiser

Because of the incredible generosity of our Panther community Ms. Pace is getting a NEW PIANO.

We raised approx.\$1300 for Ms. Pace and her talented music students towards her new Piano.

The *Pace's Pizza Day Fundraiser* raised almost a thousand dollars. The Grade 6 musicians provided musical entertainment raised \$240 busking!

PAC generously donated another \$100 from the Grade 6 Hot Chocolate Sales!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!



From the Office

A reminder the first morning bell is at 8:50 am -If you're late, PLEASE sign in at the office.

If you're leaving early-PLEASE sign out at the office.

Please let the office know when your child is away, either on the

School Messenger app,

email us at ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca

Or call and leave a message 250-423-4651

Come prepared everyday, DRESS for ALL WEATHER, Fernie is notorious for getting it all!

LOST AND FOUND is overflowing...please come get your things before the break as it will be donated to the Salvation Army if not collected.

Thank you for your donations to our Food Hamper bins. Those too will be donated to the Salvation Army at the end of the week so there is still room to add to them.

Parlez-vous français?

Do you Speak French? Love helping kids? Want to work at the best school ever?

We are looking for a French Teacher Assistant.

Please see the posting on the SD5 website.

If you have questions, please call Janet Kujt-Principal-250-423-4651

Panther Athletics

Running Club for grades 2-6 is going strong. We have had a lot of marathons completed. Congratulations Runners! We run most Monday and Wednesdays at 12:15 Parents are welcome to join. Please wear appropriate running footwear. If it is canceled for inclement weather, we try to post on our school Facebook page as soon as we know.

Volleyball season was a huge success. Our Grade 6 girls won first place at the Elk Valley Tournament and our Grade 6 Boys took home second place! WAY TO GO PANTHERS! The teams were treated to a pizza party to celebrate their great season!

Basketball training will begin in the new year. We will announce practice schedules the first week back. *!!GO PANTHERS!!*





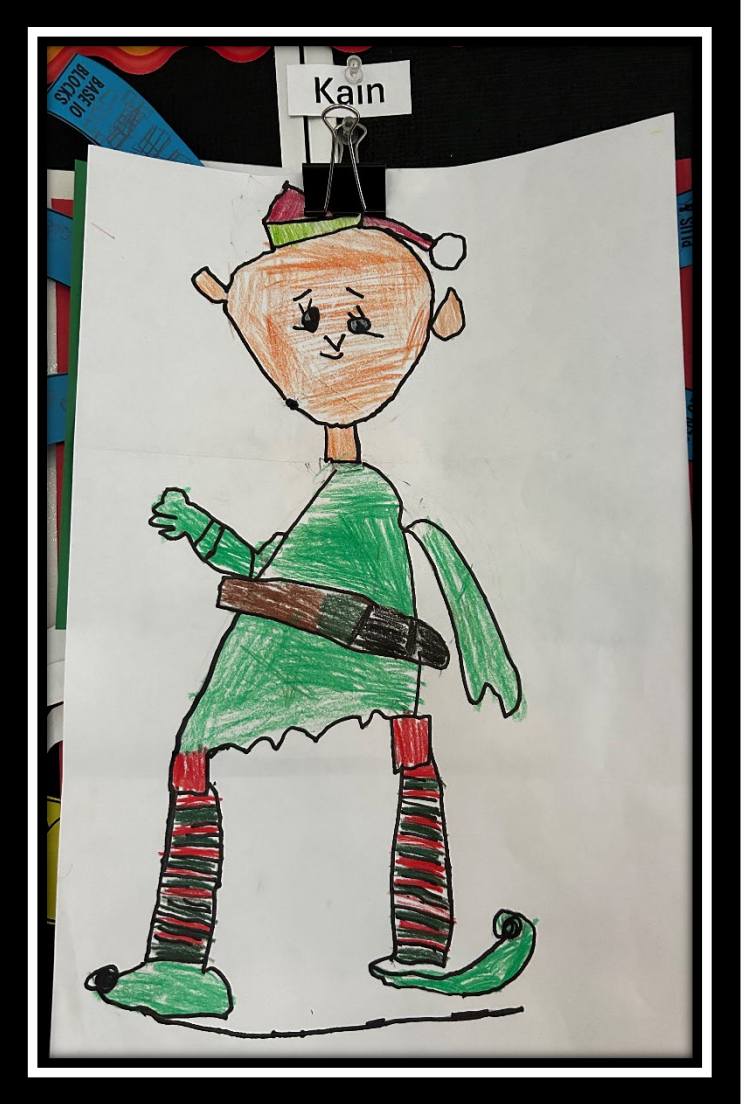
Winter Extravaganza Fun















*Wishing you all the best
For the holidays and a
Wonderful New Year!*

See you January 8, 2024

