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November 2023 Newsletter

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Hello, bonjour, ki?su?k kyukyit Panthers & Parents,

There definitely must be a lot of interesting learning happening - according to the saying "time flies when you're having fun" – as this Thursday already marks the last day of the month and almost the end of Term 1!

We cannot express enough gratitude for the inclusive and thoughtful participation during our two Remembrance Day assemblies. We are grateful for Major Rick Robins from the Fernie Legion Branch sharing interesting artifacts and history about why we are so lucky to celebrate peace. We heard poems in French and English as well as one from a local Ktunaxa poet, and even a newly created piece shared by the grade 6 EIDES student who had just finished it the day before. We learned about indigenous veterans, the history of the poppy and were treated to songs with beautiful messages by several classes who reminded us of the importance of peace. During these important traditions, – we couldn't be more proud or thankful for everyone's collaboration.

Suddenly, we are only 3 ½ weeks away from December break, with lots of exciting events to look forward to:

- Good luck to our Grade 6 teams on Dec 1st @ the Elk Valley Elementary Schools Volleyball Tournament!
- Remember to get a delicious hot chocolate at the Grade 6 Blue Lake Trip Fundraiser downtown on December 2nd.
- We hope to see everyone at our inaugural EIDES Extravaganza & Winter Art Celebration on the evening of Thursday December 7th.
- Pizza Days for Ms Pace's Piano Fundraiser on December 14th & 15th (forms to come!)
- Finally, stay tuned for some Community Connection Campaigns featuring fun activities organized by our Gr 5/6 Leadership Students.

Hu sukitaqkni, merci, & thank you to everyone for all the positive support you provide every day,

Janet Kujit & Amy Leeden
EIDES Admin Team



Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- December 1** Grade 6 Elk Valley Schools-Volleyball Tournament in Elkford
- December 7** ÉIDES Winter Arts Extravaganza
- December 8** Professional Development-No School
- December 14 & 15** Pizza Days for Pace's Piano (forms to come home soon)
- December 15** Report Cards go home
- December 22** Last Day of School before Winter Break
- January 8** First day back from Winter Break

School District 5

2023-2024 Annual School Calendar

October 2023						
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- School Breaks
- Professional Development Days
- Stat Holidays
- Administrative Day
- Second Semester

PAC NEWS

Next PAC meeting is on Dec. 5 @7pm in the library.



The PAC *Growing Smiles* Plant Fundraiser is still expected to arrive Thursday Nov. 30- this will be confirmed closer to the date.

THANK YOU for your orders- PAC raised approximately \$2200 to support all our students!

FUNDRAISER

ECOLE ISABELLA DICKEN SCHOOL
GRADE 6 BLUE LAKE OVERNIGHT CAMP TRIP

HOLIDAY KICK OFF Dec 2, 5-8pm

\$3 HOT CHOCOLATE \$3



In front of Rocky Mtn. Chocolate Factory

bring your Refillable cup *if possible*

DONATED BY:

Rocky MTN Chocolate,
Eldho's Your Independent Grocer
and Gordon Food Services

FROM 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

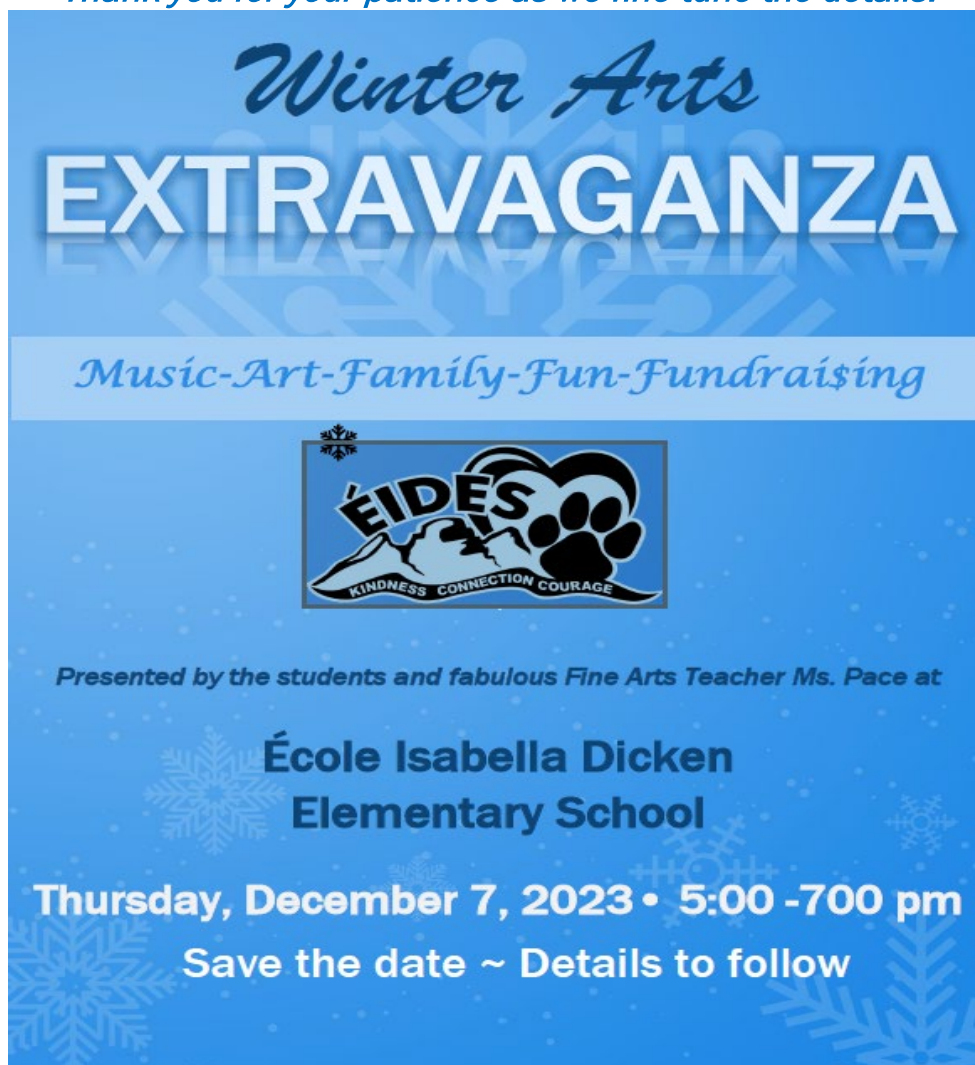
If you're late, PLEASE sign in at the office. If you're leaving early-PLEASE sign out at the office.

Thank you for getting your Student Info Verifications Forms into the office. Please update any changes as they happen to address, contacts etc.

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

Details regarding the Winter Arts Extravaganza will be sent separately in the next day or two.


Thank you for your patience as we fine tune the details!



The poster features a blue background with white snowflake patterns. At the top, the text "Winter Arts" is written in a cursive font, followed by "EXTRAVAGANZA" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, a light blue horizontal band contains the text "Music-Art-Family-Fun-Fundraising" in a cursive font. In the center is a logo for "ÉIDES" featuring a stylized mountain, a paw print, and the words "KINDNESS CONNECTION COURAGE". Below the logo, the text "Presented by the students and fabulous Fine Arts Teacher Ms. Pace at" is written in a cursive font. At the bottom, the school name "École Isabella Dicken Elementary School" is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the date and time "Thursday, December 7, 2023 • 5:00 -700 pm" and the phrase "Save the date ~ Details to follow" in a bold, sans-serif font.

Winter Arts
EXTRAVAGANZA

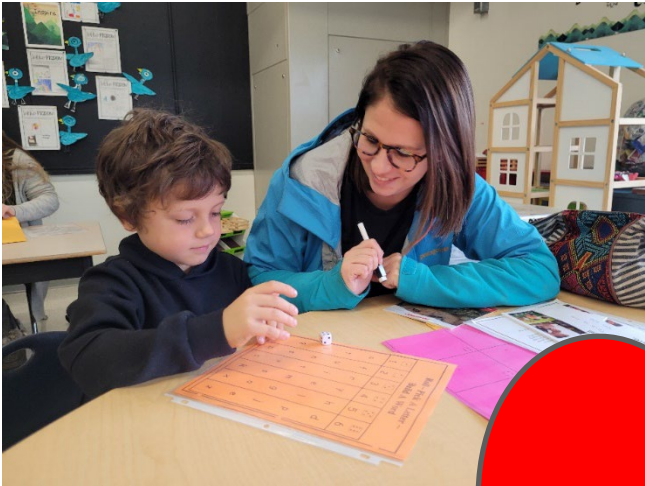
Music-Art-Family-Fun-Fundraising



Presented by the students and fabulous Fine Arts Teacher Ms. Pace at

**École Isabella Dicken
Elementary School**

Thursday, December 7, 2023 • 5:00 -700 pm
Save the date ~ Details to follow



Grade One
Come Read
with Me Day
~CBAL~

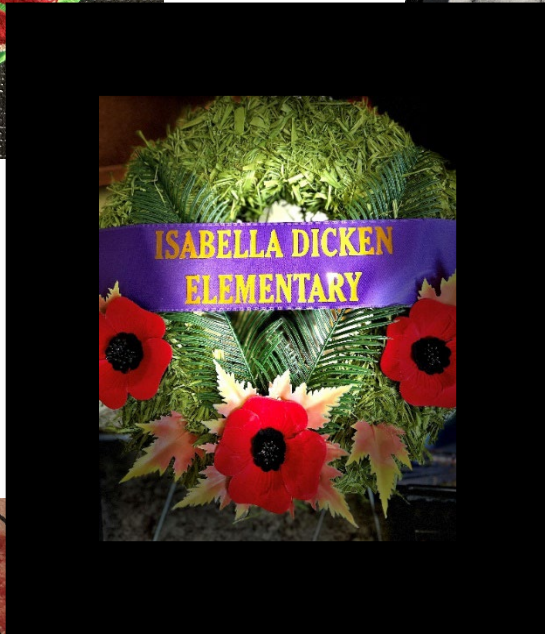
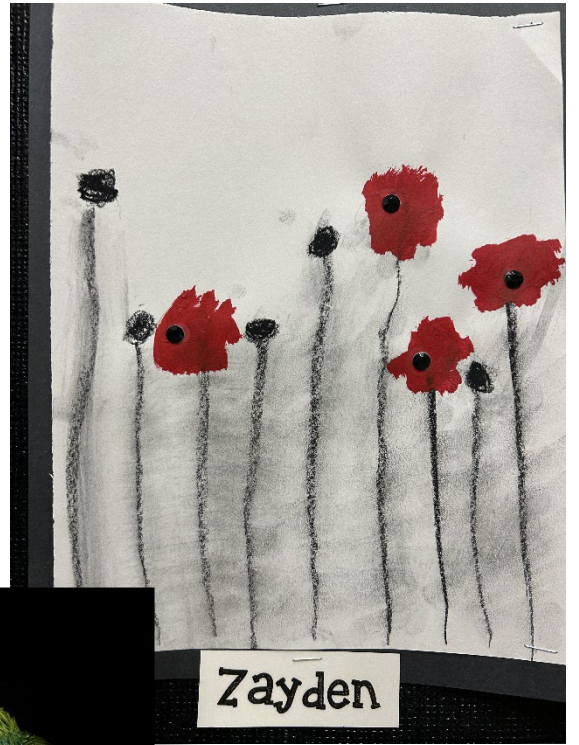


These pictures are worth 1,000 words!

They truly show the impact and importance of your programming to grow a love for and learn about literacy.

Thanks, Chrissy, for bringing this wonderful event to our school!

REMEMBRANCE DAY







ATTENDANCE using the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival APP

Our greatest priority is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school every day.

It is also used to contact parents and guardians when a child is absent (if the absence was not reported in advance). The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents/guardians at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival [toll-free number](#), [website](#) or [mobile app](#), you will NOT receive these notifications. You can also report absences to the school directly by email ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca or calling us directly at 250-423-4651.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these **3 convenient methods**:

-  Using your mobile device, download and install the [SchoolMessenger app](#) from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
-  Use the [SafeArrival website](#). The first time you use the website, select [Sign Up](#) to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
-  Call the toll-free number **1-(833) 566-1225** to report an absence using the automated phone system.
-  Contact your child's school directly to report an absence. **250-423-4651**

The SafeArrival options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, **you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's MyEducation BC account.**

SchoolMessenger SMS- Opt In





**if your number is Canada-based.*

You will receive a text message requesting you to opt into your school or School District 5 text message alert service. This number was provided through your contact information in MyEducation BC.

If you would like to continue receiving messages from your school or district you must reply affirmatively with one of the opt-in key words. Simply reply to the original message (or send a text message to 978338 in Canada) with either the words "opt in" or "subscribe".

If you do not receive a text message, you still can participate in SchoolMessenger SMS(ShortMessageService), known as "text messages" from your cell phone by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 978338. Standard message and data rates may apply.

-  For help information, text HELP, INFO, AIDE to 978338.
-  To opt out at any time, text STOP, END, CANCEL, QUIT, UNSUBSCRIBE, ARRET to 978338.

Participating carriers: Rogers Wireless, MTS, Bell, Sasktel Mobility, Telus Mobility



Jumpstart your career in childhood education

Take the Responsible Adult Course for FREE.

\$0

The YMCA is pleased to announce the Responsible Adult Course is now available to ANYONE in British Columbia for FREE

This comprehensive course provides valuable training and certification for anyone who works or volunteers in child care facilities, schools, before- and after-school care, camps, and other settings where children are present. Although this course is designed to meet the criteria for Child Care Facilities Licensing in the province of British Columbia, anyone working with school-aged children will benefit from this course.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM?



- **BC Child Care Facilities**
Licensing regulations require all persons certified as responsible adults working in licensed child care facilities to be 19 or older.
- **No experience necessary.**
Responsible Adult is a great course to get you started working with children!

WHAT SHOULD PARTICIPANTS EXPECT?



- **Cost: FREE**—for a limited time only
- **Length: 20 Hours**
- Participants receive the knowledge and skills necessary to create a safe and nurturing environment for children.
- Upon successful completion of the course, you'll satisfy the 20 hours of recognized training and will be certified as a Responsible Adult working in Licensed Child Care, as required by the current BC Child Care Licensing Regulations.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE PROGRAM OFFERED?



- **Program Type: Self-Paced Online.**
- This course is developed by YMCA BC and available through YMCA Ignite—a new digital platform jointly launched by YMCA BC and YMCA of Greater Toronto, and generously supported by RBC Future Launch.
- Visit www.gv.ymca.ca/responsible-adult-course to register.

Invest in your future and the future of the children you care for. Enroll in the 20-Hour Responsible Adult Course, offered FREE for a limited time.

Register today at: www.gv.ymca.ca/responsible-adult-course

Fernie Strong Start

Mondays 9 am – 12 pm
Tuesdays 9 am – 12 pm
Wednesdays 12 pm – 3 pm
Thursdays 9 am – 12 pm
Fridays 9 am – 12 pm

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StrongStart is a free early learning drop-in program for children (birth to 5 years old) and their parents or caregivers.

Join us for play time, art, songs, stories, gym time, and snacks. Make new friends and have fun!

Please register at the Isabella Dicken office

Learning
TOGETHER



TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT:

Chrisy Hill, Community Literacy Outreach Coordinator

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☎ or text (250) 946-7257

🌐 www.cbal.org



In partnership with The Ministry of Education and Childcare's *erase* strategy, due to high demand, we are offering an additional "Social Media Awareness" Family Session on December 5th at 6:30pm. This 60 minute session will be held virtually via zoom.

We ask that you please share this with your schools, so they can share with their families.

To register for this session please click on the link below.

[Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities Tickets, Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



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TOGETHER