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## April 2024 Newsletter

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

For our April newsletter, we'd like to begin by sending a big thank you to all the parents, students, and teachers for such an amazing turn out for the Student-Led /Parent Conferences last week. It is always such a wonderful time of connection and sharing of the great learning happening!



Secondly, before we discuss the month of May activities – we'd like to share our gratitude for the many events that went on this past month – from historical solar eclipse projects to Earth Day clean ups, arts & projects on to the incredible EIDES Down Syndrome Celebration assemblies. Also, a big thank you to parents & PAC for a well attended Book Fair and the funds raised at the Bake Sale which are so appreciated.

Next up – MAY! Get ready for an action-packed month of learning and several well-loved traditions coming up (see exact dates in the Calendar section of this newsletter). We are all looking forward to presentations with Nasu?kin Joe Pierre and Professor WOW as well as with other community experts throughout the weeks. Please let us know if you'd like to volunteer for any of our track & field meets (May 24th & June 6th) or other field trips – your support is so valued by students and staff alike.

And finally, families with pre-school children – don't forget to call the school to register for our Ready Set Learn afternoon event May 9th or Kindergarten Orientation on May 29th for students transitioning into Kindergarten this September. Both events provide a lot of great information and connections for children and parents alike.

Thank you, merci beaucoup and suki?qukni everyone!

**Janet Kujit & Amy Leeden**  
**ÉIDES Admin Team**

# Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- April 30** Parent Connect Series-Literacy-7 p.m. multi-purpose room
- April 30 & May 1** Jump Rope for Heart
- May 3** No School- School Break
- May 6** Joe Pierre visit K-6
- May 6** Professor WOW-Bilingual Science/Magic presenter
- May 7** PAC meeting 7p.m. library
- May 10** Kikomun Run @ Kikomun Creek Prov. Park
- May 17** No School- School Break
- May 20-** No School-Victoria Day
- May 22** Bike "Rodeo"
- May 24** EIDES Track Meet
- May 29** Kindergarten Orientation 1:15-2:30 p.m.
- June 4** Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- June 6** Elk Valley Track and Field Meet
- June 7** No School- Pro D
- June 14** No School-School Break
- June 26** Grade 6 Celebration 1-3 p.m.
- June 27** Last Day of School for students 9-11

## **School District 5**

### 2023-2024 Annual School Calendar

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

## From the Office

A reminder the first morning bell is at 8:50 am

If you're late that's okay but PLEASE sign in at the office so we know you're here.

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

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

School Messenger app,

email us at [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca)

Or call and leave a message 250-423-4651

Come prepared everyday, including spare change of clothes, for those wet days

# PAC NEWS

Next PAC meeting is on May 7, 2024,  
@7 p.m. in the Library

**PAC is hosting a yearbook cover contest.  
Please see your teacher or the office for a contest entry form.  
Deadline for submissions is May 15**



**The Book fair and bake sale were a huge success!  
HUGE thanks to all the volunteers and all the  
amazing baking that was donated!  
Because of this our reading log recipients receive a  
lot of new books!**

**With spring, mud, and puddles comes the need for  
additional spare clothes. We could also use any  
donations of pants that your child may have outgrown. We often need a variety of  
sizes, to hand out for spares. We have an abundance of tops. Thank you!**

**Our PAC volunteers who gathered orders for our school clothing order  
estimate delivery to be the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>!!**



## Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart

Our annual Jump rope for Heart is happening on Tuesday April 30 and Wednesday, May 1. Donations will be accepted using the online link until May 10.

<https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/44761>



**PARENT CONNECT Literacy Series is (tonight) April 30 @7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Please register using the link below:**

**Parent Connect - Literacy Session Registration Link**

**Join Erin Jones, District Literacy Support Teacher, as she explores how reading develops in the brain, what is needed to be a proficient reader and how to support both accurate and fluent reading at home. Join us to learn about games and joyful strategies to support your child on their way to becoming a reader.**



## From the Youth Care Room

The Youth Care Team is now offering some social emotional resources for caregivers to borrow from our lending library.

- We have Smart but Scattered by Dawson and Guare
- The Smart but Scattered Guide to Success by Dawson and Guare
- Smart but Scattered Teens by Dawson and Guare
- Lost at School by Dr Ross Greene
- The Explosive Child by Dr. Ross Greene.

Please feel free to contact us Youth Care Workers in room 110 if you would like to borrow one of our books to help support your family.



# Panther Athletics

Training for the annual district Kikomun Cross Country race is going strong. We have 110 runners going to have some fun and compete against Jaffray and Elk Valley Schools on May 10.

**!!! GO PANTHERS!!!**



**Thanks to all the parents, teachers, and volunteers who make all the events happen at our school!**

We look forward to our annual Bike “Roadeo” on May 22. It’s a fun event that we get to see primary students brush up on road rules, show off their skills and have a safety inspection on their bike. We wish to remind all drivers that with the beautiful spring weather adds new bikers to our streets, please drive with extreme caution every day, but it will be especially busy for this day.



**Our intermediate School Track and Field Day is on May 24.**

**EIDES hosts Elk Valley and Jaffray schools on June 6.**

**Looking forward to all the great events, hope to see a lot of personal bests made and lots of fun. Good luck everyone!**







**EIDES celebrated World Down Syndrome Day on Friday, April 26 with some fun and informative assemblies in the gym, lots of socks and chocolate chip cookies for everyone in the school thanks to Kristy McKee and her amazing bakers from Fernie Secondary School!**

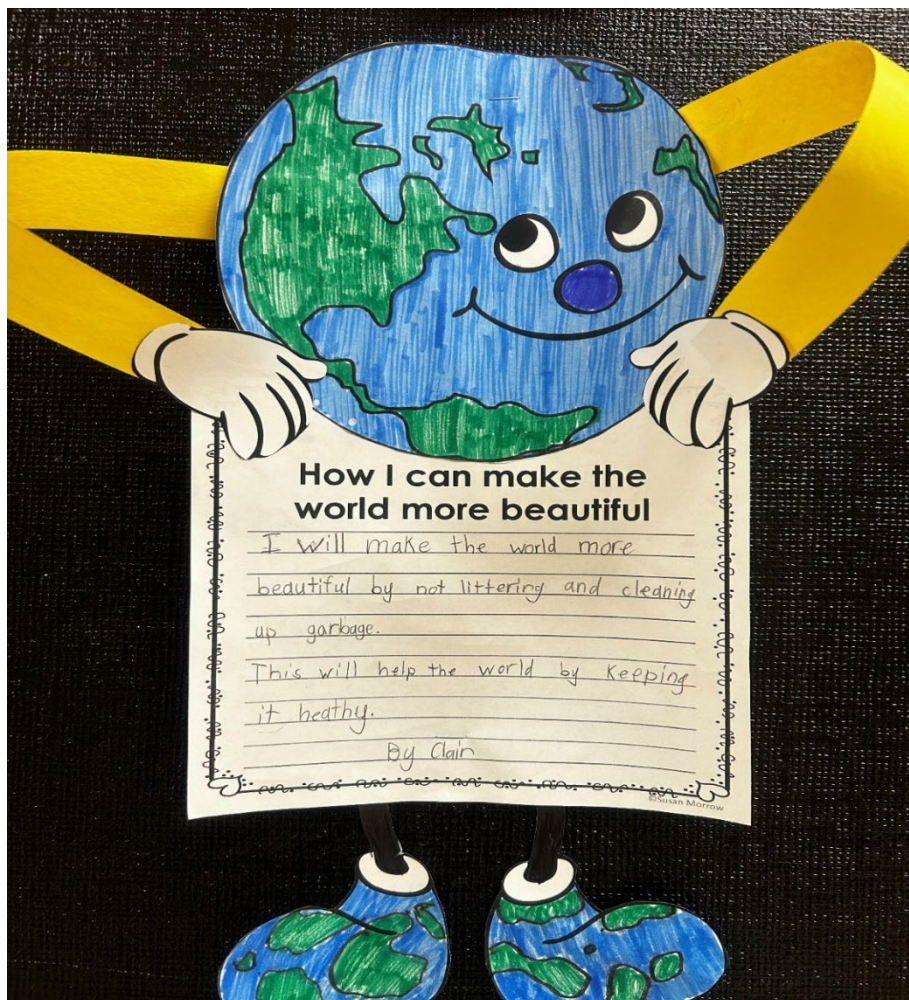






Thanks to our entire school for helping us clean the community!

We celebrated EARTH DAY on April 18, as there was no school on the 22nd. Many bags of garbage were picked up from around our school, towards Maiden Lake, and the Elk River pathways. **THANK YOU!**







SCHOOL DISTRICT 5  
SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

École Isabella Dicken Elementary is excited to announce plans for our 2023 Ready Set Learn! The **Ready Set Learn Bus** will be coming to a stop near you!

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**  
**1:15 pm ~ 2:15 pm**



**Jump on the bus and come to school!**

Please call 250-423-4651 to register your child for Ready Set Learn.

Ready Set Learn is intended for families and their three to five-year-old children. Ready Set Learn is all about fostering positive connections between families, the school system and local community agencies. Families who attend Ready Set Learn take part in play-based activities while learning about early learning programs and services, our school, and our community.



Parents/caregivers with children can meet the bus at the predetermined stops (see below) to ride the school bus to École Isabella Dicken Elementary School. We will do our best to stay on schedule BUT please remember that bus arrival times are estimates!

There will be 2 school buses and you will be picked up at the following locations and times:

<b>12:35 Max Turyk School</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>Ridgemont Park</b>
<b>12:40 Fernie Heritage Library</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>Aquatic Centre</b>
<b>12:45 Arena</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>Annex Playground Park (12<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Ave)</b>

Children will take part in play-based activities while parents learn about early learning programs and services, and our school. At 2:15 the bus departs the school.

For more info: [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca)  
250-423-4651



*Kindergarten Orientation will be Wednesday, May 29*



**We ask that students do not bring gum to school.**

**Our custodians have noticed an increased amount of clean-up from improperly disposed of chewing gum.**

Head lice have been reported in a few classrooms in our school. We appreciate parents letting us know when you have a concern. When it is reported we send a letter out to all families in the class while adhering to strict confidentiality.

While we do take it seriously, it is important to know to stay calm, head lice are a nuisance but do not cause disease. Please confirm that your child has an active case of head lice before starting treatment. Head lice are frequently “diagnosed” when in fact, they aren’t there.

For a step-by-step guide please go to the Interior Health website:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HeadLice/Pages/default.aspx>.

The most up to date information is here.

Health Link BC- <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

If you have any further questions or difficulties, please contact your local Public Health Nurse:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/sites/Partners/SchoolDistricts/Pages/SchoolHealthNurses.aspx>



“Resilience” has become a common word heard around schools and seems to be a big focus for both educators and parents. While we understand the importance of helping our children build emotional strength in the face of adversity, it is sometimes less obvious how to teach those critical skills.

See link for helpful tips!

<https://urstrong.com/8-tips-to-help-children-build-resilience/>

## STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2023/2024 SURVEY IS OPEN UNTIL MAY 3, 2024

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size, and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2024** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 4, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat\\_survey](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-423-4651.

