



Mark your calendar!

Important Dates

- Feb 2: No School
- Feb 9: Report Cards Published
- Feb: 16: No School
- Feb 19: No School (Family Day)
- Feb 21: Last day to withdraw from classes
- Feb 29: Newsletter
- Feb 29: Last day to order school clothing

THE RETURN OF

ROCKARAMA

Calling all shining stars!!
Come support our 2024 grads and ESS student council! There will be a concession, silent auction, and 50/50.

THURSDAY
April 18th, 2024

SHOW STARTS
6:30pm!
Doors open 5:00pm

2 & Under - Free	Adult - \$8
Child (3-5) - \$4	Family - \$20
Student (6-17) - \$6	

Elkford Secondary School Gymnasium

To register contact Nancy Buchan at nancy.buchan@sd5.bc.ca



No student should be absent from the school unless the parent has notified the school of this absence. This includes leaving at lunch. If a student is not going to return after lunch, parents should notify the school of this absence.

You can call the school at **250-865-4674**, use the **SchoolMessenger** app, or email the school at ess.mailing@sd5.bc.ca to report any absence.

Celtic Athletics



The High School Basketball Season has officially come to an end at Elkford Secondary School. This year we had 3 competitive boys teams determined to demonstrate some exceptional basketball skills, show case their dedication, love of the game, sportsmanship, and Celtic Spirit always.

Our Bantam Boys, Junior Boys, and Senior Boys competed in weekly league games and weekend tournaments during the months of December, January and February throughout the East and West Kootenays with our Seniors closing out the season with a third-place finish in the Kootenay Zone Championships Feb 23-24 in Sparwood. We were thrilled to see many supporters in the stands for our home games and tournaments throughout the School District. Shout out to all of our school and community volunteers that helped when we hosted visiting teams for league games and tournaments, ASSISTING us in SCOREING big always.



BASKETBALL



Thank You Coaches!
We had a BALL because of you all!

Clayton Theil - Bantam
Declan Cook - Bantam
Craig Boehmer - Junior
Jaedan Jensen - Junior
Mat Collens - Junior
Devan Sanford - Senior
Garrett Hamilton - Senior

Follow us on Facebook at "ESS ATHLETICS" for information and updates.



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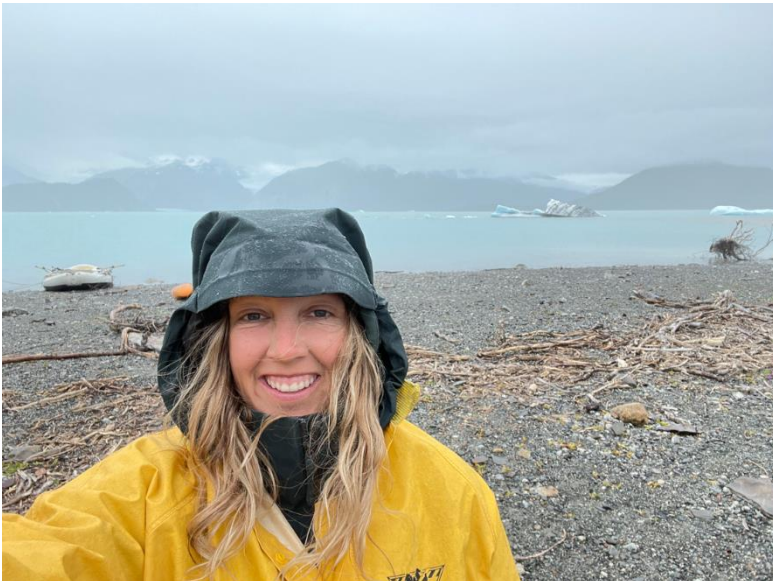


*Vaping or Smoking is Prohibited on **all school property**. If any student requires support with quitting, please see the **School Counselor** for assistance.*

Staff Spotlight

Hello Everyone!

My name is Katie Keast and I have been the School Counsellor at ESS and RMES for the past 5 years. I was born in Ottawa and went to University in Peterborough and Kingston Ontario. I have had many different jobs including teaching English in France, leading kids on canoe trips and working as a Forest Fire Fighter in Timmins Ontario. I moved to Fernie 8 years ago and did my Masters in Counselling Psychology. When I'm not at school I love skiing in the winter and hiking and camping in the summer. I truly love working in Elkford. Your kids are amazing. I hope to meet you all in person one day!



Hey ESS community!

Mr Roszell here! I've been teaching at ESS for 6 years ranging from social studies, IT, Math, and Sciences. I love teaching in Elkford and getting to know the wonderful students we have here. I grew up in Ontario and started my teaching career at outdoor education centers. Then spent two years teaching science in Sweden before making my way to the Elk Valley.

When I'm not at school I like skiing in the winter and biking, camping, and hiking in the summer. I'm grateful for another year at ESS and am excited to see the learning and growth in our students this semester!

PE Class

PE students have been out and about in the community, as well as inside the gym, trying new games and activities. When the weather was good and the snow was plentiful, students practiced their crosscountry skiing around the back field and down the "big hill." Students have also been playing tag and fitness games, trying the new game of Kin Ball and playing Badminton.

Senior PE students hustled and exhibited a real willingness to try, push themselves, and support one another on their Boivin Cabin cross-country ski adventure. I saw students staying back to help and

support one another and motivating their peers to keep grinding. Students saw the beauty of Elkford, glided past creeks and mountains, but also dug deep to climb up the steep sections and then crouched down lower to get more speed down the mountain.

Crosscountry skiing was introduced to the grade 7s this term. For many of the grade 7s, this was their first time on "tennis shoes clipped onto skinny skis" 😊. Students have been working hard to improve their skills, learning to turn, slow down, glide

and stop. Grade 7 students have also been out in the woods, hiking into the mountain learning to build survival fires and connecting to their local

wilderness. Students worked together; problem solved, and all groups built their fire.

For the school recreational adventure, everyone was offered a drastically discounted ski adventure to Fernie Alpine Resort in mid February, over 70 students and two busses went on this epic trip to Fernie Alpine Resort. Students received lessons from wonderful and knowledgeable instructors, and then free-skied/boarded until "the last chair." There were a few injuries on this adventure, and that's where Elkford students jumped into action, finding help, and comforting their injured friends. All students supported one another, represented the school with class and decorum, as well as challenged themselves and had fun.

Great hustle everyone this month, Mr. Gulyas.



Chess Club

Thursdays at
lunch in the
Woods Shop



RISE TO THE SUMMIT

'Celtic Character Award' celebrates the culture of ESS, while supporting students in developing the character it takes to be successful and happy individuals at school and in the world.

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INTEGRITY - c̣makki

STRENGTH - c̣makqa

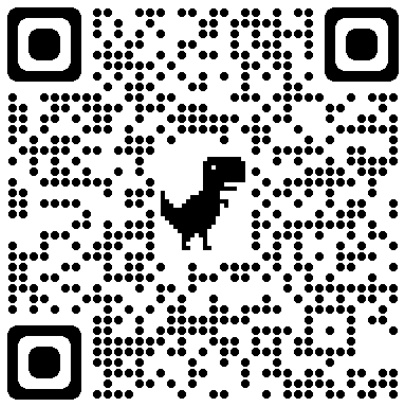
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Made with PosterMyWall.com



Magic: The Gathering Club Mondays @ lunch in rm. 116



Check out our new
Facebook page.

MyEd Family Portal

Report cards are coming soon. Now is a good time to familiarize yourself with the MyEd Family Portal. Since last year our school has done report cards electronically. Thus, cutting our paper waste and reducing the number of students that lose them on the way home. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact us at the office 250-865-4674.

Click here for [Family Portal Information](#). Also check out the quick notes below.

Initial Log In



We recommend to use a **Laptop** or **Desktop Computer** to initialize your account.

Pop Ups should be **enabled** for some features of the site to work properly.

Login to MYEDBC: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>

Family Portal Login ID: **sd5-firstinitiallastname** (all lower case)

1. Enter your **Login ID**
2. Enter your **Password** (Case Sensitive)
3. Click **Log On**

Password Requirements

- Minimum length is 8
- At least one number
- At least one capital and lowercase letter
- At least one symbol that isn't a letter or number
- Can't contain 'password', login name, first name, last name, date of birth, personal id, letters or numbers

1. **Current Password** – enter the temporary password
2. **New Password** – enter the new user created password
3. **Confirm New Password** – enter the new user created password a second time

Passwords are good for 90 days to protect your child's data and you will be prompted to change your password.

Passwords must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Minimum length is 8
- ✓ At least one **number**
- ✓ At least one **capital letter**
- ✓ At least one **lowercase letter**
- ✓ At least one **symbol** that isn't a letter or number
- ✓ Cannot contain login name, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id, or only sequential letters or numbers.

Security Preferences Update


To enable self serve password recovery, please provide the following information

1. Enter your **Primary Email address**. This email address will be used to receive a new password if you forget your password.
2. Choose a **Security Question**
3. Enter your **Security Answer** then confirm your security answer. (Case Sensitive)
4. Click **Submit**

This will allow you to use the '**I forgot my password**' function on the logon page, should you need to reset your password.

Payments


Making payments to the school has never been easier with SchoolCashOnline. Of course, you can still pay the old fashion way at the office with Check or Cash. Please see the directions below, to pay any outstanding school fees.



The banner features a blue header with the text "Welcome to SchoolCashOnline" in white. Below this, the tagline "Fast. Safe. Convenient." is centered. On the left, a smartphone displays a white shield with a blue checkmark and the text: "School Cash Online is designed with financial security at its core. Parents can rest assured knowing that their payments are securely processed." To the right of the phone, the heading "What is School Cash Online?" is followed by a paragraph and a bulleted list of four benefits. Below that, the heading "How to Register" is followed by a paragraph and a three-step numbered list. At the bottom left, the heading "Accepted Payment Methods" is followed by logos for VISA, MasterCard, and eCheck.

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What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online allows parents to easily make online payments for the school fees available to their children.

- ✓ Pay all your student's school fees with the click of a button. Wherever. Whenever.
- ✓ Stay connected and informed of all school activities
- ✓ Never miss out on field trips, school events, yearbooks and more
- ✓ Say hello to smart online forms, and goodbye to cumbersome paper based forms for data submissions

How to Register

Follow these instructions to create your School Cash Online account today.

- 1 Create Your Profile:**
Go to <https://sd5.schoolcashionline.com> and click on "Register".
- 2 Confirm Your Email:**
Check your inbox for the email confirmation and click on the link inside. Sign in with your new login details.
- 3 Add a Student**
Click "Add Student" and fill in the required fields with your child's details.

Accepted Payment Methods

VISA MasterCard eCheck

SchoolMessenger / SafeArrival

How to Report an Absence

SchoolMessenger SafeArrival

To report an absence to the school you may choose any of the following methods:

- call 1-833 566-1225
- Access the website
<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
- download App from Apple or Google Play

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. **Don't forget to wait for confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.**

How to sign up for SMS

School Messenger SMS

Our district utilizes the School Messenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can join by sending a text message of "Yes" or "Y" to **978338**.

Please make sure you are utilizing the cellular number that the school has on record. The cellular phone number for SMS must match the contact information on file.

For more information and detailed instructions visit our support page on the School District Website

<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/studentparent/SchoolMessenger/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

