



Mark your calendar!

Important Dates

- Mar 1: No School
- Mar 12: School Jewelry display at the school
- Mar 13: PAC Meeting
- Mar 11-15: Course selections
- Mar 18 - April 2: Spring Break
- April 18: Rockarama!

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.

Staff Spotlight

name is Andrew Gulyas I have been teaching at Elkford Secondary over (what feels like many years) the past 8 years. Recently, my family and I took a year off in Costa Rica. We traveled around the country helping sloths across the street, riding horses, getting robbed on the beach and surfing 5-7 days a week. We learned a little bit of Spanish, investigated varying eco systems and swam with sharks and zip lined across volcanos. This was a place where my daughters not only learned to surf, but learned jujitsu, galloped on horses through jungles and over beaches. We lived in a place called Tamarindo, where mangos fell from the trees and the white sandy beaches were steps from our home. After our central America adventure, we are happy to be back in Fernie.



I am an avid skier, “newbie” hunter, enthusiastic mountain biker and a lover of our local wilderness. I grew up in Kelowna and graduated from Immaculata High School. I completed three years in the Canadian army, traveled around Canada and the United States sleeping in my car skiing and surfing. My wife and I have lived in Australia, and England while in university. We decided to make Fernie home due to its vibrant mountain culture and epic skiing. I truly love working in Elkford and could not be happier as the PE teacher for Elkford Secondary School. I am excited to be starting the new semester and hope to see all my students outside in the local mountains.



My name is Nancy Buchan. My husband and I moved to Elkford in the summer of 1990 after completing my degree at University of Lethbridge. Having lived in the prairies, it was quite a change to be surrounded by the mountains. I still remember getting a phone call to look out my front window at a moose in our front yard. My first job was teaching grade one at Elkford Elementary School and from there, I taught a variety of grades at Rocky Mountain Elementary, Isabella Dicken and Mountainview Elementary. I finally put down roots at Elkford Secondary in 2007. It has been exciting to teach students of past students and I believe that ESS is a hidden treasure at the ‘beginning’ of the road! I love that our daughters Shelby and Taylor have decided to return to Elkford to pursue their careers. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, camping and golf.

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.



Elkford Secondary - Class of 2024 – Memories For a Lifetime!



We Have School Jackets Too!



Sarah Chloe Jostens

Order Day – Tuesday, March 12th

Time – 11:30 to 12:30

Get your finger sized, ask questions, try on rings, place your order.

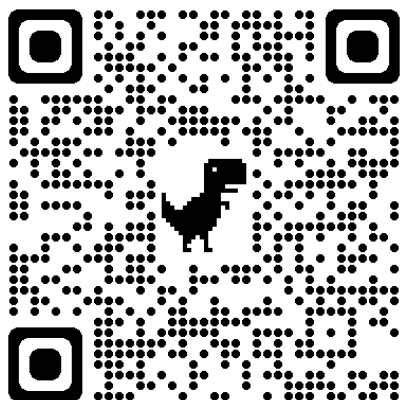
Order Your Jewelry
Before March 14 &
Save \$60.00
with code WB60CAD
(excludes Basic Option (Prings) & Sarah Chloe)

Design Your Jewelry @ www.jostens.com



Interested in Class of 2024 clothing & swag?
Go to www.jostenscanada.com/classof2024 & see them at our display

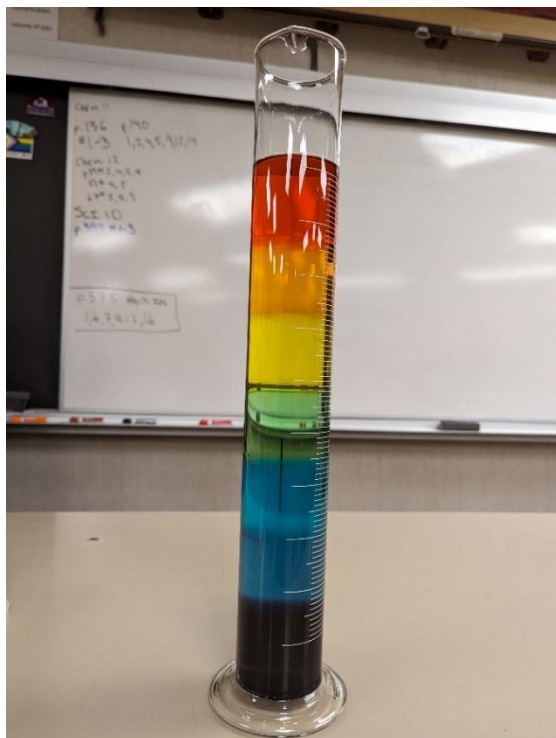
Sean & Denise Kelly – 403.252.1774 - sean.kelly@jostens.com



Check out our new
Facebook page.

Grade 11 chemistry

students practiced creating solutions with different molar concentrations to make this rainbow using different concentrations of sugar water and food coloring.



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.

RESPECT - *haíííxumaííí*

INTEGRITY - *ímakki*

STRENGTH - *ímakqa*

EMPATHY - *hakiíwiíkiíin*



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

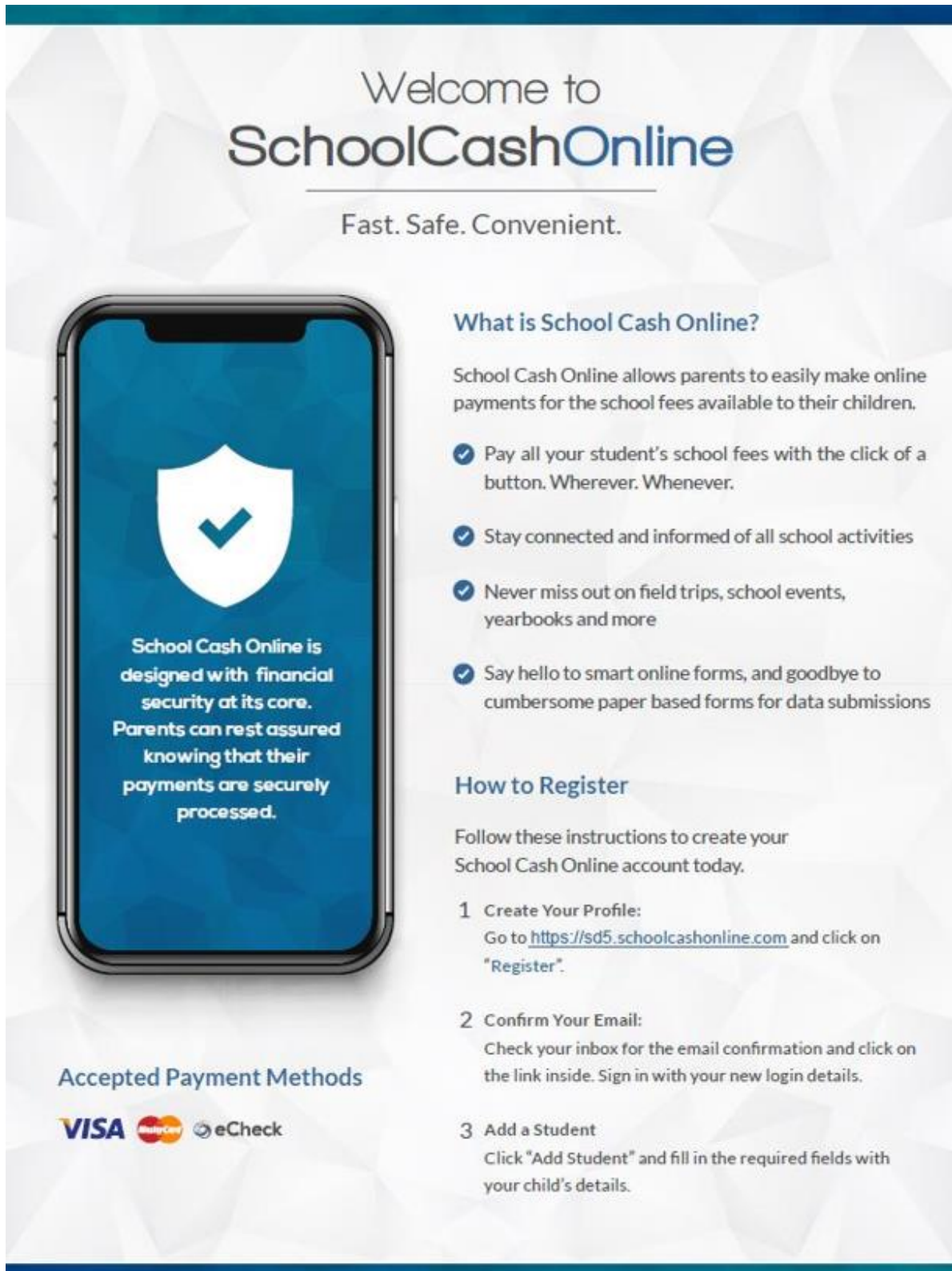
To enable self serve password recovery, please provide the following information

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 and white geometric pattern background. At the top, it says "Welcome to SchoolCashOnline" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, it says "Fast. Safe. Convenient." in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. On the left side, there is a graphic of a smartphone displaying a blue screen with a white shield icon containing a blue checkmark. Below the shield, the text reads: "School Cash Online is designed with financial security at its core. Parents can rest assured knowing that their payments are securely processed." On the right side, there are three sections: "What is School Cash Online?" with a paragraph and a bulleted list of four benefits; "How to Register" with a paragraph and a three-step numbered list; and "Accepted Payment Methods" with 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#/=>

