



APRIL



NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ki?su?k kyukyit! Bonjour! Hello Panther families!

Welcome to April & bienvenue au avril! There has been a lot going on for the start of Term 3 and still 2 more weeks of April events coming. April is Autism Acceptance Month with lots of learning opportunities ahead and remember to look at all the events listed to the right to stay on top of the activities!

Last week, students were treated to Hip Hop dance workshops school-wide with Vancouver Hip Hop dancer - Shyia.

Along with the usual changes arriving with Spring, it seems timely to share the recent staffing updates that were fully confirmed over the last few weeks.

It is amazing to think of all the incredible students, staff, families and learning experiences I have had the honour to be a part of over the past 8 years. I would like to share that I will be retiring at the end of this school year and couldn't be happier to extend a warm welcome back to Nicole Neufeld who will return as Principal for September 2025.

I am beyond grateful for the incredible kindness, wonderful connections and deep courage that have been integral to a vast array of experiences at EIDES and will look forward to continuing at full panther speed for Term 3 with you all.

Thank you, merci beaucoup and sukitq q ukni,
Janet Kuijt
Principal

UPCOMING

April 15 - World Down Syndrome Day & the launch of 21 Days of Celebrating & Learning about Neurodiversity

April 18 - Good Friday No School

April 21 - Easter Monday No School

April 22-25 - Earth Week Events

April 22-25 - Student-Led/Parent-Teacher Conferences & Early Dismissal

April 23 - Outdoor 21-minute Dance-a-thon Celebration (1:30 - 2:00 pm)

April 24 - Pizza Day K-3 (Main Building)

April 25 - Pizza Day 3-6 (Portables & New Section)

April 28 - Non-Instructional Day

May 2 - School Spirit Day

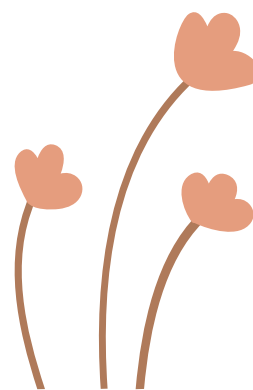
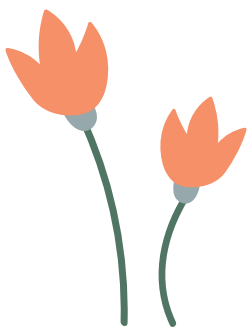
May 8 - Kikomun Run

FROM THE OFFICE

Hello Parents & Guardians!

Just a little reminder that if your child is late for school or departs during school hours, please ensure that they sign in/out at the office.

Thank you



SPRING INTO READING EXTRAVAGANZA

APRIL 7 - 11, 2025

Thanks to Ms. Schacker for organizing our reading week events! Focus on promoting reading and learning! And we also had “Dress as your favourite Story Book Character” day



Autism Acceptance Month

Celebrating the freedom to
be your full, authentic self
because you're wonderful
just the way you are..



SelfLoveRainbow

Autism is just one word,
trying to describe millions
of different stories

@storiesaboutautism





Let's replace stigmatizing words with neurodiversity affirming language...

~~Autism is a disorder marked by deficits in communication and social skills, and the presence of restricted or repetitive behaviors.~~



Autism is (a neurotype) marked by **differences** in communication and social skills and the presence of highly focused **deep interests** and/or repetitive **regulating** behaviors.



Autism Analogy



Autistic adults explain that being Autistic is like having a **different operating system**: Mac vs. Windows or iOS vs Android...one is not better than the other, they are simply different!

Different not less



Mac vs. Windows





School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Celebrating
the great
work our bus
drivers do to
get students
to and from
school safely
every day

16th April 2025





World Down Syndrome Day at ÉIDES

**Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day and kick off 21 days
of learning about and celebrating neurodiversity!**

Wednesday, April 23

1:00-1:30 PM Classroom learning about Down
syndrome

1:30-2:00 PM Outdoor 21-minute Dance-a-thon
Celebration!

Why “21”?

People with Down syndrome have something extra special: three copies of their 21st chromosome instead of two. That’s where the number 21 comes from!

Wearing colourful, mismatched socks has become a powerful symbol of the day- sparking conversations, embracing individuality and showing support for inclusion.

That’s why we’ll celebrate together for 21 minutes - to celebrate uniqueness, community, and all the ways we can shine together.





Welcome to the Domino's Pizza DOUGH (\$) RAISER for Gr 6 Blue Lake!

Enjoy a **LARGE 3 Topping pizza for only \$14.99** with proceeds going towards The Grade 6 Blue Lake 2025 Trip.

Please purchase coupons at <https://www.munchalunch.com/>
Find the fundraiser on the top bar menu
"Domino's Pizza Gr 6"

Physical pizza coupons will be sent home with your child at the end of April. Please note, it is FIRST COME FIRST SERVE as there are a limited amount of coupons.

Orders are set to close April 21, 2025, but may sell out sooner! Coupons must be physically presented upon purchase for discount.

Yes, one can order their pizza online and over the phone using the "GIVE" code, however, the paper coupon MUST be handed over when collecting one's pizza.

Email Questions to eidesvolunteer@gmail.com

Thank you for your support 😊





Grade 6 Blue Lake Trip

Our Grade 6 students are looking forward to their year end Blue Lake trip. As a fundraiser for this opportunity we will be having pizza days in November.

We will continue to use the online platform Munch A Lunch so that people can pay and order online. www.munchalunch.com

Pizza days will be on:

Grades K - 3 (classes in the main building) - Thursday, April 24th

Grades 3 - 6 (classes in the new addition and portables) - Friday, April 25th

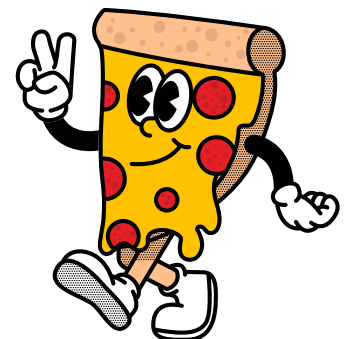
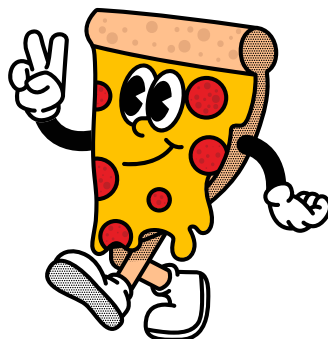
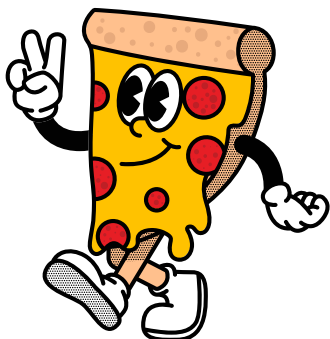
ORDERS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

\$3.50 per slice

www.munchalunch.com

Students may also come to the office to request a paper order form if you would prefer to pay by cash. These forms and payment will need to be returned to the office by Thursday, April 17th.

Thank you





The theme for Earth Day 2025 is **OUR POWER, OUR PLANET**, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.

How? By joining us in Earth Action Day, encouraging all to take action—educate, advocate, and mobilize.





Block Builders

A free LEGO® program for parents or caregivers and their kids in Kindergarten to Grade 2.

- Discover new ways to build and play
- Team up for creative collaborations
- Enjoy yummy snacks

Caregivers are required to be present during the program.

Date: Tuesdays, April 22 – June 10

Time: 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Location: Isabella Dicken Elementary
1301 2 Ave, Fernie

To register or learn more contact:

Chrisy Hill
Community Literacy Outreach Coordinator

- ✉ chill@cbal.org
- ☎ or text 250-946-7257
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Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy

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Family Fun Time for Newcomers

**NEWCOMER
SERVICES
PROGRAM**



Mondays, Apr. 14 – Jun. 10
3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Isabella Dicken Elementary School

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Join us each week for fun activities for you and your school-aged kids!

Are you in Canada on a work permit or as a permanent resident? This program is for you!

Connect with other newcomer families in Fernie, enjoy healthy snacks, get creative with crafts, and have fun with games and activities.

Plus, you'll also learn about CBAL settlement services and other helpful community programs.

FREE fun for families with school-aged children.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Grade 6 Drama students have been practicing weekly for the spring play!

The production for this year is...

“Get out of My Swamp”



Save the date!

Performances will be:

Tuesday, May 13th (during school)

11:00 am - K-3

1:15 pm - 4 - 6

Wednesday, May 14th

6:30 pm



READY, SET, LEARN!
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025
 You are invited to attend from
 10:45 am – 12:00 pm @
 École Isabella Dicken Elementary



**ENGAGE IN ENJOYABLE
PLAY-BASED ACTIVITIES**
 Event for families and their birth-to-five-year-old children. Ready, Set, Learn is all about fostering positive connections between families, the school system and local community agencies.

**FUN, FAMILY ORIENTED
ATMOSPHERE**
 Learn more about early learning programs, and services, École Isabella Elementary School and our local community services!



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MAY 23, 2025**
 Set a daily schedule that includes time for outside play, exercise, and other physical activities. A structured routine helps children develop healthy and active habits.




**2025 KINDERGARTEN
ORIENTATION**
 For children attending Kindergarten in September. Mandatory orientation on Wednesday, May 28 from 1:15 – 2:30 pm




SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NIGHTS



MAY 13 - FERNIE
 (École Isabella Dicken Elementary)
 6:00-7:00 p.m.


MAY 14 - JAFFRAY
 (Jaffray School)
 5:30-6:30 p.m.

MAY 28 - CRANBROOK
 (Mount Baker Secondary)
 6:00-7:00 p.m.

JUNE 3 - SPARWOOD
 (Sparwood Secondary)
 6:00-7:00 p.m.

JUNE 5 - ELKFORD
 (Elkford Secondary)
 6:00-7:00 p.m.


TOPICS
 The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning for the District and the Community
 School Growth Plans
 Strategic Plan

The Community Learning Survey is now open! We value your feedback and invite you to share your thoughts.

The survey will close on April 30 at 4:15 p.m., so don't miss your chance to contribute. Click Community Learning Survey to participate or use the QR Code.

School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) Community Learning Survey



Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday,
May 28th

1:15 - 2:30 pm





SUMMIT SOCCER

CAMPS

At Summit Soccer Camps, participants will keep moving and engaged in warm up games, individual skill development, and team building activities. Many active games will be played throughout the week as the coaches promote the lifelong habit of staying active and healthy.

You can rest easy knowing that the coaches are First Aid certified and have cell phones to make emergency phone calls if necessary.

Head Coach: Findlay Whittick:

- Young leader on and off the field who loves working with kids of all ages
- Recipient of the BC Summer Games Leadership Bursary
- Numerous MVP Whitecaps Academy Awards
- Has been Captain of Whitecaps Academy Team and Columbia Valley Titans Team
- BC Summer and Winter Games Athlete (Soccer and Cross-Country Skiing)
- Winner of Youth Entrepreneur of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce
- MVP for DTSS Senior Soccer Team

The Fernie Summer Summit Soccer Camp will all be held at the Max Turyk fields. The camp will run July 28th-August 1st. The camp for children aged 7-10 will run from 9:00am until 11:30am each day and the camps for the 11-13 year olds will run from 11:30am-2:00pm. Participants should bring soccer cleats, shin pads, a water bottle healthy snacks, layers, and extra socks.

<https://www.summitsoccercamps.com/register/>





**ROCKY
MOUNTAIN**
International Student Program

Homestays Needed

For international students
arriving in September 2025!

**LIMITED
OFFER**

REFER A NEW
HOST FAMILY
AND EARN ~~\$250~~

\$500
REFERRAL BONUS

COMPLETE OUR REFERRAL FORM BY APRIL 30TH



Scan to
learn more:



Why host?

- Global connections
- Cultural enrichment
- Lifelong friendships
- Community support
- Receive \$1400-\$1650/month

SEE ALL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE AT:

rminternational.ca/homestay

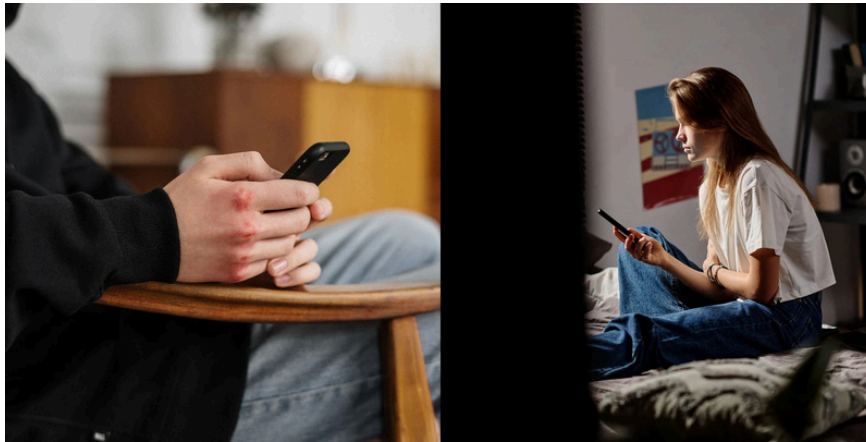
For more information, contact:

Ulli Murtagh Program Coordinator
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(250) 432-5904



Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion

Everyone Welcome!



Upcoming Remote Sessions: April 23, May 21 and June 3

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged ten and up, this session covers the global issue of bullying, as well as cyberbullying within the Canadian context. The presentation highlights warning signs for if someone is experiencing cyberbullying behaviours, and the steps to take if you are a victim of cyberbullying behaviours.

The presentation also explores sextortion, explaining how it occurs, key apps you should be aware of, the role of artificial intelligence in this issue, as well as the necessary steps to take if you are a target of sextortion. We will discuss the role of video games for both cyberbullying and sextortion as well.

By understanding these issues and applying proactive strategies, individuals and families can create safer online and offline environments.

Families will learn:

- What bullying and cyberbullying are and warning signs for if someone is experiencing this
- How to navigate cyberbullying behaviours
- The role of helpful versus hurtful bystanders and the necessity to report things we see or experience
- What sextortion is, how it can happen, and warning signs if someone is a victim of sextortion
- The role of video games and apps in cyberbullying and sextortion
- How to have tailored family conversations about cyberbullying and sextortion
- Important resources for families to utilize to ensure safety both online and offline

To Register, please visit:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-establishing-family-practices-for-safeguarding-against-cyberbullying-and-sextortion>



GOOD
TIMES



friends

Yearbook Cover Contest 2024 - 2025

Calling all Panthers!!! We want your help to design our yearbook cover this year! One entry will be selected from Grades K-3 and one entry from Grades 4-6 to be used for our front cover. Show us your amazing artwork! Here are the rules:

- One entry per student
- Must represent our EIDES school spirit
- ***Must be drawn in the box below***

Deadline for submission: May 2, 2025

Thank you! Tanya Bossio
Yearbook Representative for PAC



Student name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____



USED BOOK SALE

MAY 26 - 29

***If you have any books that you would like to donate, please hold on to them.
Date for collection TBA!***



***Cupcake Party for
the Class with the
most donated
books!!***

