



APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



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

As we welcome the arrival of spring, it's wonderful to see our school community enjoying the change in season. With the warmer weather, we are happy to see more students—and families—choosing to walk, bike, and scooter to school each day. As a reminder, for safety reasons, we ask that **bikes and scooters be walked once students arrive on school grounds and along the sidewalks surrounding the school.** Our entrances and walkways are very busy before and after school, and this helps keep everyone safe.



April is a busy and exciting month at ÉIDES, with many opportunities for students to learn, connect, and celebrate together. We are looking forward to a number of upcoming events, including **PlayB4K sessions, Kindergarten Orientation, Earth Day activities, Jump Rope for Heart,** and a visit from **Science World.** Our **Drama Club** is also preparing for their presentation of ***The Reluctant Dragon***, which will be a highlight for our school community.

As we move further into the spring season, many of our students will also be participating in the **Kikomun Cross Country Run** and preparing for upcoming **Track & Field events.** It's always exciting to see students challenge themselves and celebrate their growth in these activities.

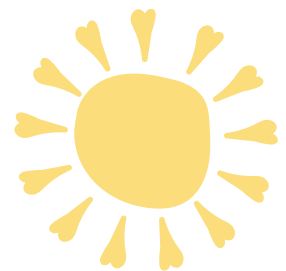


We encourage all parents to attend the upcoming **Online Safety Presentation with Constable Renick on April 16th at 4:00 pm.** As children are spending more time online for learning, communication, and entertainment, it is important for families to stay informed about how to support safe and responsible use of technology. This session will provide helpful information, practical strategies, and an opportunity to ask questions about keeping children safe online. There will be child minding available in the library for those who need this support to attend.

Please note that **early dismissal days will take place from April 21–24,** with students dismissed at **2:05 pm** each day. **Supervision will be available in the gymnasium for bus students only.** We kindly ask that families make arrangements for prompt pick-up at 2:05 pm, as staff will be engaged in parent-teacher and student-led meetings and there will be no supervision on the playground at this time.

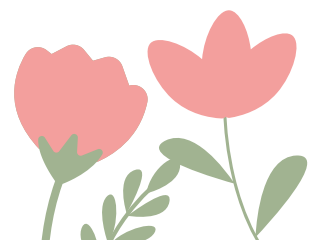
Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, caring, and connected school community. We look forward to a wonderful month of learning and springtime energy at ÉIDES.

Warmly,
Ms. Neufeld & Mrs. Leeden
ÉIDES Admin Team



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 10 | Spring Fling Family Dance | May 14 | Kikomun Cross-Country Race |
| April 14 & 15 | Pizza Days | May 15 | No School |
| April 17 | No School | May 18 | Victoria Day - No School |
| April 21 - 24 | Early Dismissal & Parent Conferences | May 20 | Kindergarten Orientation |
| April 22 | Earth Day | May 22 | ÉIDES Track Meet |
| April 27 | ProD Day - No School | May 29 | ProD Day - No School |
| April 30 | Jump Rope for Heart | June 5 | Elk Valley Track & Field Meet |
| May 1 | Jump Rope for Heart | | |
| May 5 | Science World Presentations | | |
| May 5 | PAC Meeting | | |
| May 12 | "The Reluctant Dragon" - School Performance | | |
| May 13 | "The Reluctant Dragon" - Evening Performance | | |





PLAY

BEFORE



FOR CHILDREN
STARTING
KINDERGARTEN IN
SEPTEMBER 2026!

APRIL 10
MAY 1
MAY 8
MAY 22

·ACTIVITIES MAY BE INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE - DRESS FOR THE
WEATHER

·SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

ÉIDES LIBRARY

Welcoming families to our **ÉIDES**
community.

Families are invited to play, explore, and
connect with our school and staff before
September.

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Online Safety Information Session for Parents

In today's digital world, most children spend time online—whether for learning, connecting with friends, gaming, or exploring their interests. If your child uses the internet in any way, we strongly encourage you to attend this important session.

Join us for an informal and informative discussion with a local RCMP officer to learn how we can work together to keep children safe online.

Topics to be covered:

- How to protect your child from online risks, including exploitation and cyberbullying
- How websites and law enforcement are working together to identify and stop predators
- Practical ways to talk to your child about online safety
- Current high-risk apps, websites, and trends
- What to do if something concerning or harmful happens online

There will also be a question-and-answer period with members of our local RCMP detachment. Please keep questions related to online safety.

Date: April 16, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

Safety Tips



April 21 - 24, 2026

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

(early dismissal week)

Support our Library!

Scholastic Book Fair

If you would like to volunteer,
please call the school at 250.423.4651.

FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE BOOK!

Grade 6 Drama Production



Date: Wednesday, May 13th

Time: 6:30 pm

Admission: By Donation



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Happy Spring!

My name is Cst. Jenn Bragger, an RCMP officer in Fernie, and I'm pleased to be the new liaison officer for Isabella Dicken Elementary School. I'm looking forward to connecting with students, staff and families. Within this role, I'm hoping to contribute a monthly column in the school newsletter. My goal is to share timely safety tips and helpful information to support students throughout the year.

With the arrival of spring, more families are heading outside to enjoy local parks and playgrounds. Parks are a great place for kids to stay active and socialize, but it's important to keep safety in mind.

Here are a few simple reminders to help everyone have a safe and fun time:

- Stay within sight: Younger children should always be supervised. Keep them within view, especially in busy parks.
- Use equipment safely: Encourage children to use playground equipment as intended and to watch for wet or damaged surfaces.
- Bike and scooter safety: Helmets are a must! Remind kids to follow pathways and watch for pedestrians.
- Stranger awareness: Reinforce that children should not go anywhere with someone they don't know, and to check with a trusted adult before leaving the play area.
- Pet safety: Always ask permission before approaching dogs and keep a safe distance from unfamiliar animals.

A little preparation goes a long way in keeping our parks safe and enjoyable for everyone. Have a great April and enjoy the sunshine!

-Cst. Jenn Bragger



DENTAL HEALTH

Tooth be Told: April is Oral Health Month!



April is the perfect time to ‘Spring’ into oral health action and set new goals for our smiles.

“Oral Health for Total Health” is the theme of the month, reminding us by taking good care of our mouth, teeth, and gums supports our overall physical and mental well-being. You can encourage student participation by getting your school involved and by incorporating fun celebration opportunities found below into your curriculum.

Toothbrushing Contest for K to Grade 3 Students

The British Columbia Dental Association (BCDA) promotes school participation and child engagement with a [Brush2Win](#) toothbrushing contest which runs April 1-30, 2026. This month-long contest promotes good dental health habits and challenges children to brush (and floss) twice daily. Schools that register during the contest period will be entered into a draw for one of five \$1,000 prizes. Download a toothbrushing calendar here: [Oral Health Month - BCDA Public Site](#)

National Colouring Contest: Up to Age 13 years

The Canadian Dental Hygienists Association is offering a [National Colouring Contest](#) promoting “Tooth Tips”

- Choose healthy snacks
- Brush 2 minutes, 2 times a day
- Clean between your teeth every day
- Use fluoride toothpaste
- Change your brush every 3 months

Colouring contest submissions are due by May 1st, 2026, with opportunities to win prizes in three age categories.

***Happy Oral Health Month
Brush, Floss and Smile!***



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Join us for CBAL's 2nd Annual 5K Run/Walk and support community literacy programs!

Participate Virtually or In Person

- \$35 - Includes t-shirt (register by April 6)
- \$20 - No t-shirt (register by April 20)
- \$15 - Virtual run (register by April 20)
- \$20 - On event day, no t-shirt
- Free - Children under 12 (register by April 20)

Register online at cbal.org or scan the QR code



For more information contact:
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Used Book Sale Date TBD

Please go through your books and if you have any that you would like to donate, put them aside and we will be collecting them at the end of May!



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