

**DECEMBER  
2025**

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# Upcoming Events

- December 2 • PAC Meeting @ 7 pm
- December 5 • G6 Volleyball Tournament in Elkford
- December 9 • FSS Band Concert @ 7 pm
- December 12 • No School
- December 18 • Old-Fashioned Christmas Caroling Night
- December 19 • Term End Celebration Assemblies:
  - \*9:30 am Moon & Mountain*
  - \*11:30 am Sun & River*
- December 22 • Winter Break
- January 5 • Back to School 2026



**Have a safe & fun winter break!**



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## WINTER SAFETY REMINDERS



As the snow arrives, we want to ensure all students stay safe and enjoy their time outside. Please note the following winter safety guidelines for the playground:

- Metal shovels are not permitted at school. Students are welcome to bring a plastic shovel for snow play.
- Toboggans and snow skates/boards can only be used during class trips and are not allowed during recess or lunch breaks.
- Mini hockey sticks are not allowed at school.
- Students will go outside for recess and lunch except when temperatures reach  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below. Please ensure your child comes to school with warm winter clothing, including a coat, boots, mittens, a hat, and snow pants.

**Thank you for helping us keep all students warm, safe, and ready for winter fun!**



## Help Every Student Feel Included

Not every student can afford extras like pizza lunches, school clothing, or yearbooks. Your donation ensures that all students can join in these fun activities and feel part of our community.

Every dollar goes directly toward purchasing these items for students in need. -- Thank you for your generosity and support!

<https://munchalunch.com/fundraising>

## PAC Meeting

**Tuesday, December 2nd @ 7 pm**

The meeting promises excitement, wonder and even free babysitting!

### **AGENDA:**

1. Adopt the agenda
2. Adopt minutes of November meeting
3. Actions from previous meeting
4. Principal's report - Nicole Neufeld/Amy Leeden
5. Treasurer report/budget - Wendy Anderson
6. Trustee report - Nicole Heckendorf
7. DPAC report - Jill Barclay
8. Discrimination Committee - Felina Arsenault
9. Other business
  - a. Christmas/Spring Plant Fundraiser - Jodi Erbacher
  - b. Tea fundraiser - Stacie Zimmer
  - c. EIDES School Clothing - Seeking volunteer/next steps
  - d. Playground Committee - Playground next steps. Is there interest from the school population to support a committee?
  - e. BIG Used Book Fair!! Carolyn Doyle
10. Adjourn

### **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, January 6th, 2025 @ 7pm**

## Thank you for supporting the Apple Fundraiser!

**Fun Fact:** by supporting the PAC fundraising efforts at ÉIDES each year, money is raised to buy all the children their agendas.



## BIG COMMUNITY USED BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all that volunteered and attended our Fall Book Fair!

PAC "re-homed" over 5,000 books and raised over \$5,000!





# Old-Fashioned Christmas Caroling

*We are excited to invite you and your children to a special, old-fashioned Christmas Caroling Fundraiser event at École Isabella Dicken Elementary School! This festive occasion is not a performance – it's a community celebration where your family will be part of the fun, spreading holiday cheer through song!*

**Date: Thursday, December 18, 2025**

**Time: 7:00pm – 7:45pm**

**Location: École Isabella Dicken School Gymnasium**

## *How it works:*

- Families will join in a joyful caroling session, singing classic holiday songs together!
- Parent attendance is required – Parents/caregivers must attend and supervise their own children, as this is a fun sing-along evening where your presence and involvement is key!
- Tickets are \$2.00 with all proceeds supporting Fernie Food Security Society.
- Details will be sent home with your child(ren) - tickets to be purchased by Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

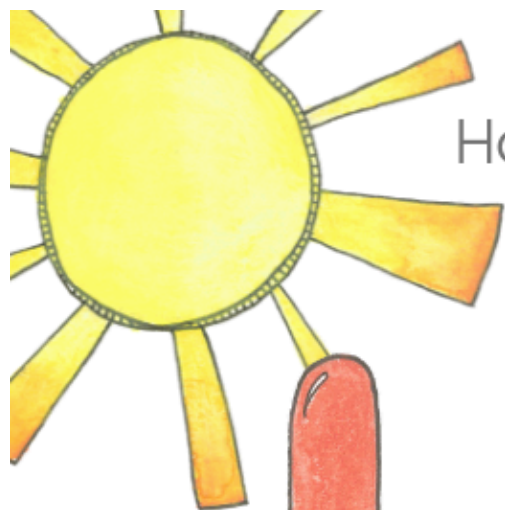
Bring your holiday spirit and come share the magic of the season with our school community. We can't wait to sing carols, make memories, and raise funds for a good cause together!





# How to Dress for the Weather Guide

*Outdoor play is a great way to support healthy growth and development. Opening the doors to outdoor play in all kinds of weather provides children and adults with opportunities to spark their curiosity, leading to wonder, exploration and learning. When children have the right clothing for the season it contributes to them having positive, rich outdoor play experiences that just can't happen indoors. Get outside, be curious, let children lead and have fun!*



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## Supporting Outdoor Play Year Round



[www.getoutsideandplay.ca](http://www.getoutsideandplay.ca)



[www.befitforlife.ca](http://www.befitforlife.ca)



## ÉIDES GIVING TREE

For the month of December we will be accepting new & gently used hats and mitts for our Giving Tree

# FOSTER PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our  
community  
**NEEDS**  
caregivers!



## Have you considered becoming a Foster Parent?

- Can you provide a loving, supportive, and nurturing environment?
- Do you have patience and are you able to mentor a young person?
- Can you open your home and your heart to a child or teen in need?
- Can you work with the child's family and social worker?

If you answered 'yes' we want to hear from you!

Our program will help connect you to a resource social worker in your area to get your application started. While the requirements vary in each community, there is a need for Foster Parents wanting to work with: children and youth with support needs, babies, youth and sibling groups. Scan the QR code or contact:

James Weir - Network Facilitator - (250) 426-6013  
[jweir@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca](mailto:jweir@interiorcommunityservices.bc.ca)



Please stop in and look through our lost & found items - located by the front office. If items are not collected by December 19<sup>th</sup>, they will be donated.