

# École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

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## Principal's Message

At school we are continuing to focus on our growth plan goal of developing Belonging in our school community. Our school house teams "Totem Teams" were created last year to help students make connections at school and to foster their sense of belonging. On February 21<sup>st</sup> our entire school community spent the afternoon in their Totem Teams for Take Me Outside Day. We gathered in the gymnasium first where Ms. Peters shared a Ktunaxa creation legend and we sang our school song. The rest of the afternoon was spent outside in beautiful spring weather working in Totem Teams, making connections and embracing an outdoor classroom. Days like this provide a fantastic reminder of how lucky we are to live where we do and to have such a vibrant school community to learn and work in.



Thank you to all of our parents, staff and students for your patience and understanding as we worked through the flooding problem on our intermediate field. With the circumstances of the event being unpredictable and still not identifiable, it has been a tricky situation to manage. We were very lucky to have guidance and support from Ms. Rock, the Interior Health Environmental Health Officer as we took all precautions to manage any concerns. SD 5 maintenance crews are continuing to investigate and we will continue to monitor the situation and take any steps necessary to continue to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our students.

Report cards will be coming home on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> just before we start our March Break.

Planning for September continues with Kindergarten registrations still being accepted. If you are planning to move and your child will not be at our school next year, please let the office know as soon as possible. This will help us as we plan our classes for next year.

Also in planning for the upcoming school year, our district has completed the process of Principal/Vice Principal transfers. I am excited to share that Ms. Laura-Lee Phillips has been appointed Principal of ÉIDES as of August 1, 2020. I have taken a leave of absence from my position with SD 5 so I can pursue my dream of teaching internationally. ÉIDES has been my home school since my own children started kindergarten here which makes leaving very hard but I will keep in touch with my school family and look forward to hearing about all the wonderful learning that will be happening.

I hope everybody gets just what they need from our two week break whether it's adventure, travel, relaxation in the sun or a snowy ski holiday!

Nicole Neufeld

**100 Day!**  
Kindergarten students celebrated reaching 100 days of school this year!



**Little Riders Program**  
ÉIDES students participated in the Little Riders program sponsored by Ski Canada. Snowboard instructors visited our school to run the program and teach the FUNdamentals of snowboarding to our primary students.

## Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Contest Winners

In November many of our students entered the Remembrance Day poster and writing contests sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion. We were excited to hear that we had many winners this year at the local level and two entries that also won at the East Kootenay Zone level and are now advancing to the provincial level.

Congratulations to the following students:

### Local Junior Level:

Colour Poster:

- 1st Stella Ingram
- 2nd Lucy Staples
- 3rd Matthias Hickerson

### Local Junior Level:

Black & White Poster:

- 1st Jake Johnson
- 2nd Mikaela Garlock
- 3rd Brianna Carlson

### Local Junior Level:

Poem:

- 3rd Bailey Hill

Essay:

- 1st Makenna Peterson

### East Kootenay Zone:

Junior Black & White Poster: 3rd Jake Johnson

Junior Essay:

1st Makenna Peterson



This photo was taken on Crazy Hair Day ©

## Breakfast Club is Looking for VOLUNTEERS!

We have been running a new Breakfast Club program since December and are so thankful for how it has been providing such a positive morning support for our students.

We are now looking for additional volunteers to help out! If you are able to help in the kitchen from 8-9:30 am we will be happy to provide a bit of training and a wonderful atmosphere to volunteer in. If you are able to help out weekly that would be ideal. We will also be happy to put your name down on a calendar if you only have certain dates you can commit to. Please feel free to sign up a friend as we do hope to have 2 extra volunteers per morning to ensure a smooth kitchen volunteer experience.

To sign up or for more info - please contact: Madame Kuijt ([janet.kuijt@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:janet.kuijt@sd5.bc.ca)) or our fabulous Breakfast Club Leader Mrs. W ([teyadora.Woesczak-Macvicar@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:teyadora.Woesczak-Macvicar@sd5.bc.ca))

We are being encouraged by the SD 5 accounting office to get all of our parents onboard with the [School Cash Online system](#). School Cash Online gives our parents the convenience of paying for school related activities/ purchases online while reducing the amount of cash and cheques coming into our schools. Eventually we would like to move to a system where all school related purchases can only be made through School Cash Online. If you haven't registered yet, please take the time to get yourself set up with this system. The registration link is on the homepage of our school website: [Ecole Isabella Dicken Elementary School](#)

### From Our Counsellor, Ms. Polacik

As our students' exposure to technology, apps, and mobile devices increases, so does the need for the adults in their lives to try to educate ourselves about the risks and benefits. It amazes me how much our students know when it comes to technology. It is wonderful to see them navigate computers and iPads with comfort, however, it can be concerning as they often know more than the adults who are trying to support them. Continue or start being curious about your child's on-line knowledge. What do they like to do? How do they spend their time online? Whom do they connect with? What are they good at? Is there anything that makes them nervous or that they wished they could talk to you about?

- A great website for parents is: <https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/>
- On this site there was a blog post about Tik Toc which is popular with tweens/teens that may be of interest to some parents:

[https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/blog\\_201911\\_quick\\_guide\\_tiktok](https://protectkidsonline.ca/app/en/blog_201911_quick_guide_tiktok)



### Student Learning Survey 2019/2020

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

The Student Learning Survey will be administered to **students in grades four, their parents, and all school staff**. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed from our school website: [EIDES](#). Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and the *Direct* access section of the log in page by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The school will be open during the evenings of March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:15- 6:30 pm for parents who would like to participate but do not have access to a computer. For parents who do not wish to use school computers, local public library computers may be another option.

The e-survey site will be open early in the new year until April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-423-4651

## Wizard of Oz

Drama club students are busy building sets and rehearsing their lines for their spring performance of The Wizard of Oz. We are looking forward to show night: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be for sale at the door for \$2.00.



## Guest Speaker: Michael Bortolotto

Thanks to support from our Parent Advisory Council, we are looking forward to hosting Michael Bortolotto at ÉIDES again on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Bortolotto is a professional speaker who lives with Cerebral Palsy. Mr. Bortolotto is a positive rebel who has been inspiring, motivating and educating people of all ages for twenty-two years. He addresses hot topics such as bullying, creating an inclusive society for everyone and persuades his audiences to believe anything is possible. We have two presentations planned and are inviting parents to attend. I hope you can make it!

Presentations: Grades 4-6 Why Do You Need Social Inclusion. 9:15-10:15 am

Grades K- 3 The Truth About Apples and Pineapples. 10:45 am- 11:15 am

For more information you please visit: <http://www.positiverebel.ca/>

## Dates To Remember

### March

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

PAC Meeting

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

SD 5 Elk Valley Schools' Basketball tournament (Sparwood)

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Wizard Of Oz Drama Club Production 6:00pm

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Written Report Cards go home

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

End of Term Assembly

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

No School Friday

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

No School: March Break

### April

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Michael Bortolotto Presentations

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Art Starts Presentations: Raven

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

PAC Meeting 7 pm in the library

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Spring Fling Family Dance

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Easter Stat Holiday: No School

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Easter Stat Holiday: No School

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Professional Development Day: No School

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