



Principal's Message - Mike Kelly

As we near spring, it is a great time to remind all students of the graduation requirements. At KDS we focus on two main graduation paths, the BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and the BC Adult Graduation Diploma.

The start of the journal... K - 9, according to the BC School Act students should be enrolled in:

Required areas of learning in an educational program

Each school year, a board must offer to all students in kindergarten to grade 9 an educational program that meets the learning outcomes set out in the applicable educational program guide in the following areas of learning:

- (a) English Language Arts or, in the case of French immersion and francophone students, French Language Arts
- (b) Mathematics
- (c) Science
- (d) Social Studies
- (e) Physical and Health Education
- (f) Arts Education
- (g) Career Education, and
- (h) Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies

Second language instruction

Each school year, a board must offer to all students in grades 5 to 8 an educational program that meets all the learning outcomes set out in the applicable educational program guide, specified in the Educational Program Guide Order, in the following subjects:

- where an educational program is offered in the English language, a language other than English

Next, we move to grade 10, where students are required credits to graduate:

The BC Certificate of Graduation, or Dogwood Diploma, is awarded to students who successfully complete the provincial graduation requirements. To graduate, students require at least 80 credits total. Of these 80 credits:

52 credits are required from the following:

- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits).
- Science 10 (4 credits), and a Science 11 or 12 (4 credits).
- Social Studies 10 (4 credits), and a Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits).
- A Math 10 (4 credits), and a Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits).
- A Language Arts 10, 11, and a required 12 course (4 credits required at each Grade, 12 credits total).
- An Arts Education 10, 11, or 12 and/or Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits total).
- Career-Life Education (4 credits), and Career-Life Connections (4 credits).
- Indigenous-focused (4 credits) **NEW!!**

-At least 28 credits must be elective course credits.

-At least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Language Arts 12 course and the Career-Life Connections course.

In addition, students must also complete three Provincial Graduation Assessments:

- Grade 10 Literacy Assessment.
- Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment.
- Grade 12 Literacy Assessment.

Kootenay Discovery School also serves adult students and below are the requirements for an Adult Graduation Diploma:

Students who are 18 years of age or older have the choice of pursuing graduation through a Dogwood Diploma or an Adult Dogwood Diploma. Students must be 18 or older to enter the Adult Graduation Program and become an "adult student." To receive the Adult Dogwood, adult students must complete a minimum of three courses after they have entered the Adult Graduation Program. Courses can be taken through the B.C. school system or as part of Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs at post-secondary institutions.

To graduate with an Adult Dogwood, students must have:

- A required Language Arts 12 course (4 credits).
- A Math 11 or 12 course (4 credits); and
- At least three additional Grade 12 electives, or a Grade 11 Social Studies course and two additional Grade 12 electives (4 credits each). BAA, FNA, IDS, and Locally Developed courses do not meet this requirement.

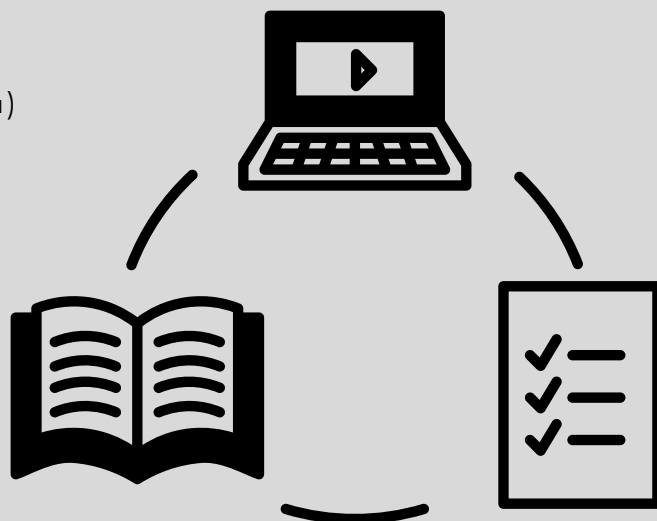
Students on the Adult Graduation Program are eligible to receive graduation credit at the Grade 12 level for both Career Life Education and Career Life Connections. These courses should be reported using the course codes CLE 12 for Career Life Education and CLCG12 for Career Life Connections; both course codes are restricted for use only on the Adult Graduation Program.

Courses and credits can be counted from the B.C. school system and post-secondary systems provided they have met the criteria for equivalency.

Adult students may also get credit recognition for current or past work skills or competencies or for post-secondary courses they have completed.

Adult students are not required to complete the Graduation Numeracy or Literacy Assessments. It is important to do your homework and ensure you are taking the right courses. If you are a full-time KDS student and you have any questions, please contact one of our school counsellors (cross enrolled students can check in with their primary school counsellors):

- Lindsay Knight - Fernie (lindsay.knight@sd5.bc.ca)
- Brittany Loberg - Cranbrook (brittany.loberg@sd5.bc.ca)



Finding the stories of the wild



**KDS Fernie
Kindergarten
to Grade 3
students had
a great
adventure with
Wildsight!**



**Winter Wonder programs
are winter ecology field
studies that take primary
classes outside to learn
something new. Students
discover the awe of
winter, how plants and
animals adapt to it, and
why it is so important for
our local ecosystems in
the Columbia Basin.**



**The program is tailored
for students in
Kindergarten to Grade 3,
and meets B.C. Ministry
of Education Science 'Big
Ideas' and curricular
learning competencies for
each grade level.**



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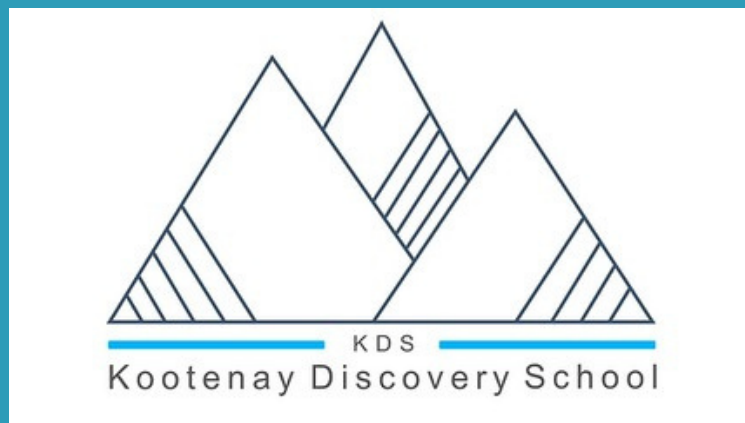
FUN IN THE SUN AND SNOW! GRADE 7 - 9 FERNIE STUDENTS



Kootenay Discovery School OPEN HOUSE

March 5th from 4-5pm

1301 2nd ave Fernie - Portable #223

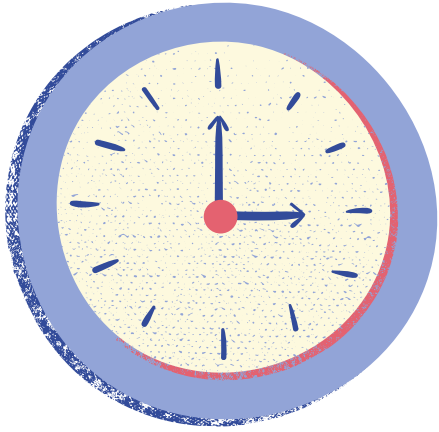


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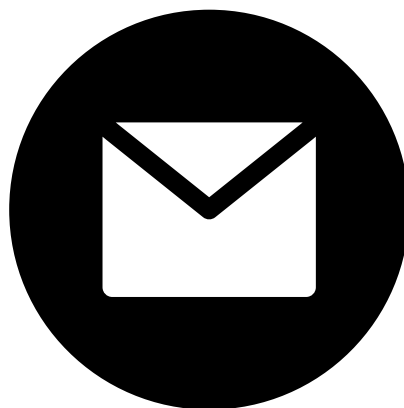
Exciting News
**The Fernie Campus is now open
3 nights a week until 7 pm!!**

**Ms. Paula Evoy on Tuesdays & Thursdays
Ms. Deirdre Bailey on Wednesdays**

EMAIL ISSUES FROM MYEDUCATION BC

We have verified email sent from MyEducation BC are expedited in a timely manner. Delays experienced with receiving the emails is primarily due to third-party email vendors grey-listing, or even sometimes blacklisting, bulk emails generated from a single source. ie, the email service provider is screening the emails before sending them to the final destination. This typically occurs with Hotmail, Outlook.com, Yahoo, and Gmail.

School District 5 is working with Alphabet and Microsoft to resolve email issues for Gmail, Hotmail and Outlook, but they have not been able to provide an ETR. Please advise users to follow-up with their email service providers if they continue to experience these delays. Please note, we have not been able to connect at a corporate level, with Yahoo!.”



Get ready, it's KDS Calendar time!

March 1 - School Break

March 18 - 28 - Spring Break

March 29 - Good Friday Stat Holiday

April 1 - Easter Monday Stat Holiday

April 17 - Provincial Assessment Day (KDS Cranbrook)

April 18 - Provincial Assessment Day (KDS Fernie)

April 19 - School Break

April 22 - Professional Development Day - No School

May 17 - School Break

May 20 - Victoria Day Stat Holiday

June 7 - Professional Development Day - No school

June 14 - School Break

June 27 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Just a reminder that if you attend our K-9 program, it is still winter out there so please dress according to weather conditions for your outdoor adventures!

Feedback

We are in the process of defining our vision and mission at Kootenay Discovery School.

We need your feedback on existing programs, as well as your hopes and dreams for the future of distance and blended learning in SD5!

[Click here](#) to share your insight!

THINK IT,
WANT IT,
GET IT



GRAPHIC NOVELS AND MANGA

HANG OUT



**HANG OUT WITH
FRIENDS**

EAT SNACKS

**LEARN TO DRAW
COOL
CHARACTERS**

**TALK ABOUT
YOUR FAVOURITE
BOOKS AND
SHOWS!**

**MARCH
1ST**

**3:30-
5:00**

**AGES
13+**

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THE
LIBRARY**



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