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## Principal's Message

Happy New Year to all of our students and families. December flew by and I missed sending out a newsletter so I have included highlights from December in this newsletter. Our biggest event in December was our Christmas concerts at FSS. Of course these concerts were well attended and I think you would agree with me that our students did a fantastic job of spreading the Christmas spirit and performing for our families, friends and members of the community. Thank you to everybody for purchasing tickets to attend a concert, it allowed us to give a \$1000 donation to the Salvation Army and to put some funds into our Fine Arts program.



Over the last couple of months we have welcomed several new staff members to our team: Gareth Barlow (PE/ Library), Stephanie Drolet (5/6 French Immersion), Reagan Etue (grade 4) Teyadora Woeszczak-Macvicar, (Youth Care Worker), Andrea Reed (Education Assistant) Liz Martin, Carol Roberts, and Haley Ewing (Noon Hour Supervisors) and Randy Langille and Joanne Durham (Custodians). We also said good bye to Mrs. Taron and good bye for now and best wishes as Ms. Leedan, Mrs. Nault and Mrs. Barras began their leaves. We look forward to their return.

January is one of my favorite months as a Principal because this is when we start to see our students feeling confident in their school routines and making huge strides in their learning. I also love the excitement of planning for the next school year, which actually begins now! Most of this planning is happening in the office as we start to look at numbers for next year and prepare for 2020-21 budget sessions that happen in the middle of February.

The first steps to planning for next year involve gathering our Kindergarten and grade 4 French Immersion/English registrations. We will be starting our Kindergarten Registration Blitz on February 4<sup>th</sup> with the goal of getting all of our 2020-21 Kindergarten students registered before February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage any 2020-21 Kindergarten families that you know of to make registering a priority! We will also be hosting an information session for parents of grade 3 students and asking them to confirm if their child would like to be in French Immersion or the English stream for grade four and onwards.

Please remember we are here to help so if you have any questions or concerns please contact us with a phone call, make an appointment to meet or send an email.

Nicole Neufeld

## Looking back at December



Our students absolutely shone at the **Christmas Concerts** in December.



### **Candy Canes for Angel Flights**

Mrs Conlin's grade 5/6 class sold Candy Grams to raise money for Angel Flights. Todd Weselake (pilot) and Val Lanthier from Angel Flights ([www.angelflightek.ca](http://www.angelflightek.ca)) stopped in at ÉIDES to hear about the fundraising project. They were very touched and appreciative to receive the \$1000 funds raised.

### **Adventuring Outside**

Mme. Nault, Mme. Drolet and their grade 5/6 students ventured out on to the Fernie trails system for an afternoon of snowshoeing and winter walking (we didn't have as much snow back then!) Their visit included a stop at the Mountain High Adventure Center Yurt for some hot chocolate and a warm up by the fire pit.





### Avalanche Awareness

Educators from Avalanche Canada visited ÉIDES and delivered their winter safety and avalanche awareness program to our intermediate (& Mrs. Temrick's) classes. The students were all given a chance to put their skills to use with avalanche transceivers.



### Grinch Day

in Mrs Green's Room!

### Talent Show

Grade 4 students in Mme. Heath's classrooms shared their many talents during their classroom talent show.



### Baking with High School Buddies

Kindergarten students from Ms. Finch and Ms. Degagne's class ventured over to FSS to do some baking with their high school cooking class buddies.



## Volleyball Teams

On December 4th, the ÉIDES grade 6 volleyball teams travelled to Elkford to participate in the Elk Valley Schools Volleyball Tournament. The athletes had a short season to learn and refine their skills but had a fabulous day of volleyball. We congratulate all of the athletes on their participation, dedication, and sportsmanship at the tournament.

Thank you to Mrs. Hickerson and Mrs. Gutzman for coaching the boys' team and to Mrs. Gadd, Mrs. Dvorak and Mrs. Johansson for coaching the girls.



## Who Am I

Patiently, I wait for this time of year.  
I take a deep breath as I come out of my warm cozy bed.  
Then I stand up tall.  
As someone walks in I shiver as a chilly draft breezes in.  
Waiting for my elegant shimmery new clothes I am excited.  
Feeling nervous you might crash into me.  
I stand tall and proud with my beautiful star hat.  
I have a wonderful time.  
I reach my colourful arms at you.  
I yell at you to take a peek.  
On that special morning I wait anxious to see your reactions.  
Sad to go back to bed at the end.  
Till next year I will shine even brighter.

### Grade 6 Personification Poems

Poems from Mrs. Jones' writers, inviting their readers to infer.

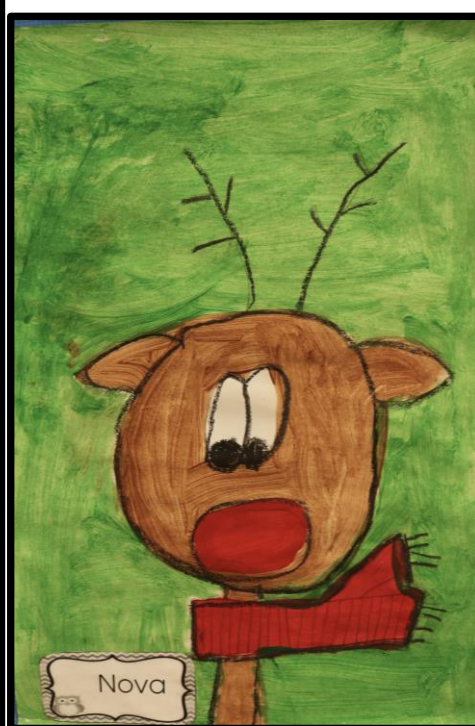
Embarrassed I patiently wait for my outfit  
I whisper teasing your pallet  
Horrified, I see you leave my panicked family out as  
a snack  
Feeling spiffy, you show of my fancy new attire  
Anxiously I smile hiding my fear of Christmas  
I feel alone sorrowfully mourning my family  
My gingery perfume fills your house with cheer  
The last I hear is Ho Ho Ho as I'm quickly gulped  
down

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### Fabulous Artwork

In December our students adorned the school bulletin boards with fabulous artwork. Here are a just a few examples of the wonderful artwork produced by our students.

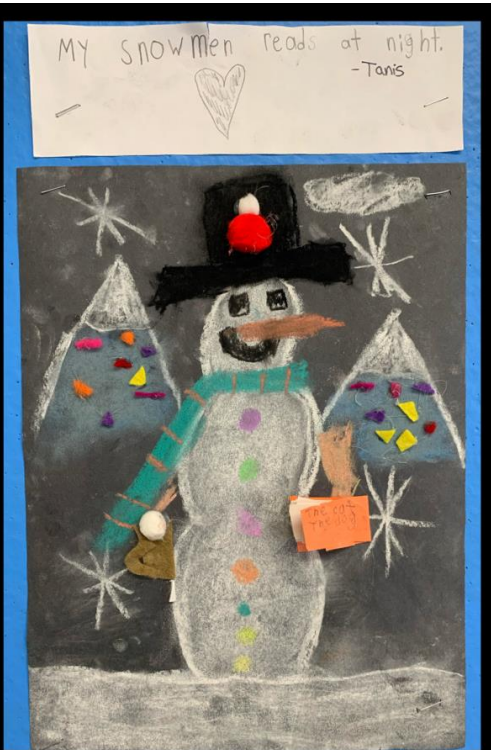




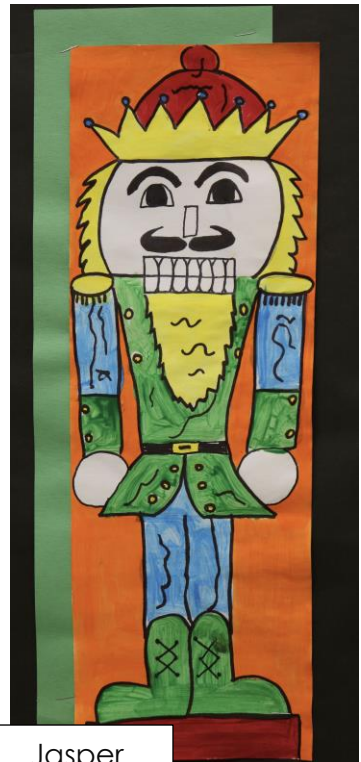
Haven



My snowman plays hockey at night. -Thomas



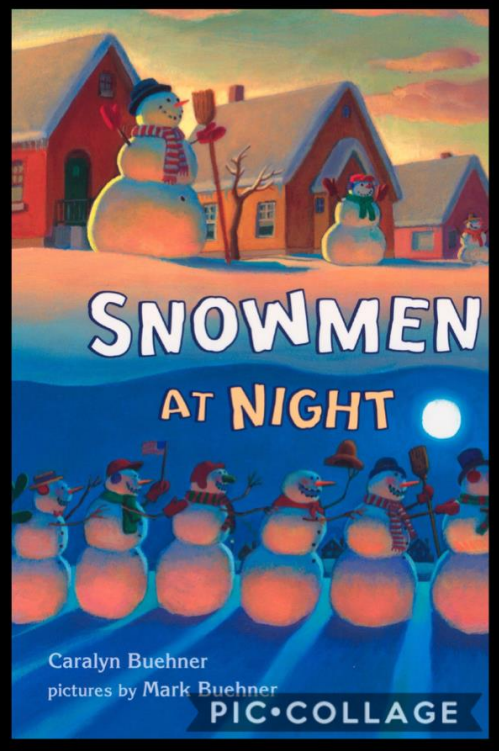
My snowman reads at night. -Tanis



Jasper



My snowman writes at night. -Emma



Caralyn Buehner pictures by Mark Buehner PIC·COLLAGE



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## Clubs and Activities

Thanks to staff and parent volunteers we have a busy schedule of extra-curricular activities happening over the next couple of months!

TIME	lundi	TUESDAY	mercredi	Thursday
8:15-8:55		gr 6 girls Basketball (gym)	gr 5 Volleyball (gym)	gr 5 Basketball (gym)
12:15-1:05	Running Club gr 2-6 (gym)		Running Club gr 2-6 (gym)	
12:30-1:05		Art Club gr 3 (room 113)	Drumming with Ms. Pace (music room) gr 1-3 Jan 22-Feb 5 gr 4-6 Feb 12-26	Glee Club gr 2-6 (gym)
3:10-4:15 pm	Cross Country Ski Club gr 2-6 (gym & outside)	Drama Club gr 4-6 (gym)	gr 6 Girls' Basketball (gym)	gr 6 Girls' Basketball (gym)
5:00-6:30 pm	gr 6 Boys' Basketball (gym)		gr 6 Boys' Basketball (gym)	Robotics Club gr 1-6 (library) *starting Jan28th*

## Block Builders Program hosted by CBAL for Kindergarten & Grade 1

# Block Builders

**Wednesdays,  
3:15 to 4:15 pm**  
(Begins January 22)

**In the EIDES  
Library**

FREE parent/child after-school program for Kindergarten & grade 1 students.

Explore, learn, and have fun with LEGO®

Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Limited spaces. Sign up now.

Contact Chryis Hill:  
[Chill@cbal.org](mailto:Chill@cbal.org) (250) 946-7257



*Learning together*



Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy





## Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club with Ms. Woeszczak-Macvicar, our Youth Care Worker, is up and running. Breakfast club provides a soft start when arriving at school and a welcoming atmosphere for students to connect with one another while enjoying a nutritious breakfast. Please email Ms. W at [teyadora.woeszczak@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:teyadora.woeszczak@sd5.bc.ca) if you would like some more information about breakfast club.

**EIDES FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**  
**MISSING LINK**  
**JAN 30, 2020 6-8PM**  
**EIDES SCHOOL GYM**

ADMISSION: \$5  
 TICKET PRICES INCLUDE: MOVIE,  
 POPCORN AND JUICE.



THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE GRADE 6 YEAR END TRIP TO BLUE LAKE  
 TICKET ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME JANUARY 23RD.  
 PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE OR CUP WITH LID AND A BLANKET TO SIT  
 ON FOR THE MOVIE NIGHT.

**BUY YOUR TICKET BY JAN 23RD TO BE ENTERED IN FOR PRIZES**

**K-3 STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**Dates To Remember**

**January 2020**

Thursday, Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Maple Man Presentations for French Classes (Core & Immersion)
Thursday, Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pizza Day gr 4-6 (portables)
Friday, Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Day K- 3 /4
Thursday, Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Missing Link</b> Movie Night at EIDES! (grade 6 fundraiser)
Friday, Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	No School: Professional Development Day

**February**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Early Dismissal Days (2:05 pm)
Tuesday, Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3 Parent Meeting re: grade 4 enrollment (French or English)
Tuesday, Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting 7 pm
Friday, Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	No School Friday
Monday, Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day Stat Holiday: No School
Thursday, Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Day (gr 4-6)
Friday, Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Day (k- 3 /4)

**March**

Thursday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	SD 5 Elk Valley Schools' Basketball tournament (Sparwood)
Thursday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Written Report Cards go home
Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	No School Friday
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	No School: March Break



As per Section 3.1 of the *Student Registration, Enrolment and Placement Regulations*, the following information regarding new student registrations must be provided to parents as directed by the *Notification of Policy* below, prior to January 15, 2020.

### **New Student Registration**

**Beginning on the first school day of February, in any given year, registration and enrolment application forms shall only be accepted by the catchment area school commencing on the first school day in February. Each application will be date and time stamped. All such applications will be dealt with on a first-come, first serve basis at each of the priority levels as stated below. The Board may establish enrolment dates for different grades, educational programs, or categories of applicants.** A birth certificate or other legally acceptable document, along with proof of B.C. residency (i.e. mortgage statement, rental agreement, utility bill) must be provided at the time of registration. The child will not be registered until such documentation is made available.

### **Determination of Available Space and Facilities**

Section 74.1 of the *School Act* establishes priorities for enrolment to apply if the Board determines space and facilities are available in a school.

*Space and facilities are available in a school for the purposes of Section 74.1(6) and (7) of the School Act if there is excess capacity, taking into account both physical and instructional resources, after reasonable enrolment projections have been made to allow for accommodation of students returning from prior years, students enrolling in the District programs, students incoming from designated feeder schools, and children enrolling in kindergarten who live in the catchment area for the school.*

The Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her Designate, the decision-making power as to whether space and facilities are available in individual schools and educational programs in the School District for the purposes of Section 74.1(6) and (7) of the *School Act*.

### **Priorities**

If it is determined that space and facilities are available in a school, a person whose application was received by the Board by the date established under these Regulations, is entitled to enrol in that educational program in the following descending order of priority:

1. A catchment area student who, in the previous school year, attended the school at which the educational program is made available;
2. A catchment area student whose sibling attends the school;
3. A catchment area student;

### **If Catchment Area School does not have available Space and Facilities**

If the catchment area school does not have space for a student, the catchment school will assist the family in finding the appropriate space at a neighbouring school within the community. The family will be considered out of catchment at that neighbouring school and will be on a waitlist for placement at the catchment school ahead of other outside catchment students. If a family in this circumstance prefers to stay at the neighbouring school, their written request to the Board Office by the last school day in February, will be considered a first priority.