

January 2022



## École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1301 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/Pages/default.aspx>

T: 250-423-4651

### Principal's Message

Happy New Year! We would like to welcome everyone back from the winter break and hope that you were able to enjoy the time to relax and participate in activities with your family.

School District 5 Southeast Kootenay welcomes all children born between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017, and encourages parents to register their children at their catchment area school for September 2022 Kindergarten entry. School District 5 Southeast Kootenay provides a warm, caring learning environment for all students. We offer our Kindergarten students a developmentally appropriate program along with access to computer technology, a Fine Arts program, and student services support. For more information about Kindergarten, please visit our school website.

Thank you for being part of our school team and your understanding as we navigate through the pandemic. Thank you for wearing masks, hand-washing, and daily health checks! Please continue the online Daily K-12 Health Check or use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.

We are limiting visitors to the school to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being (e.g., teacher candidates, immunizers, meal program volunteers, etc.). Visitors must complete a daily health check before entering the school.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or good news to share. We value your input and always appreciate hearing from you. If parents wish an interview with a teacher, counsellor, or administrator, please phone, and request that the school arrange a convenient time.

As always, we appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Laura-Lee Phillips & Janet Kuijt  
Admin Team





## IMPORTANT NOTES FROM OUR OFFICE

### ABSENCES

**The SchoolMessenger app is up and running.** If you know your child will be absent or late from school, please use the app. You may also call the office at 250-423-4651 or email [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca) **before 9:00 am.** Your help with this will save our secretaries a lot of time as they make a call home for every unreported absence to ensure the child is safe. **If you haven't downloaded the app please read the information provided in this newsletter.** Thank you.

### VISITORS

**For safety reasons we ask that all visitors sign in at the main entrance off 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. While in the building masks are mandatory.** Thank you.



### MASK MANDATE

**All K -12 staff, visitors, and Kindergarten – Grade 12 students are required to wear masks - indoors and on buses.** Thank you.



### COURTESY BUS RIDERS

Due to a bus overloading situation, **we are no longer able to allow courtesy bus riders** to be transported on school buses from ÉIDES. Safety for our students is our utmost concern and an accurate passenger list is essential. Only students registered with the bus department will be allowed to ride our buses. If you have any questions, you can call the bus department at: 250-423-5885 EXT 223.

### VERIFICATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

We are asking families to **update any changes** to their contact information (emails, phone numbers, emergency contacts, address etc.) as soon as applicable. Please email any updates to [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca)

### ÉIDES IS A "PEANUT & NUT FREE" SCHOOL

**PLEASE DO NOT** send ANY product to school that contains peanuts or nuts. ÉIDES has several children and staff who have a severe life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts and nuts, which can cause a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes.

### MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child has a medical condition that requires special attention (i.e. life threatening allergy or carries an epi pen) PLEASE ensure that you inform us. We have a Medical Alert policy and planning forms for parents to sign in order to help us provide any necessary care.



**TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Morning drop off and after school pick up times are very busy and continue to create safety concerns. Please help us keep everybody safe by helping with the following:

- Remind your child to use the crosswalk properly and to look both ways before crossing.
- **Please do not stop or block crosswalks with your car.**
- **Please do not block driveways with your car.**
- We ask that you **DO NOT** bring your dog onto the playground.
- Bikes and scooters need to be walked through the playground, on sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Remind your child of bicycle safety rules especially for riding on the streets.
- The staff parking lot is for STAFF only; please do not use it as a drop off spot.
- Please do not linger in drop off/pick up zones during peak times.
- Please respect the no stopping and handicap parking zones.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street is a bus zone **DO NOT** use it for drop off or pick up.
- Please **NO U-Turns** in School Zones
- Please **DO NOT IDLE** cars while parked in front of the portables



**Change of Seasons**

Now that the winter weather is here, it's a good time to remind students to dress appropriately for the weather as we still embrace the outdoors for mornings, recess and lunch throughout the fall and winter. It is our policy to stay outdoors unless the temperature is -20° Celsius or colder. Rainy days and snow days don't stop us from going outside, so please make sure your child is prepared for all weather. Of course, monsoon rains and the wind chill factor will be taken into consideration and keeping students indoors will be at the discretion of the Principal. When cold weather persists for several days, we do allow the children to stay in, but will send them out for 15-20 minutes only, just so they get a little fresh air and exercise. We find that students become very restless if they stay in too often. Please send a spare set of clothing if you think it will be needed.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

SD5 Annual School Calendar:

<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/About/calendar/Pages/default.aspx>

ÉIDES School Calendar on Website: <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/Pages/default.aspx>

**January**

Thursday, January 27  
Friday, January 31

Great Big Buddy Read - CBAL  
Reading Logs Collected

**February**

Tuesday, February 1  
Tuesday, February 1  
Friday, February 4  
Monday, February 14  
Friday, February 18  
Monday, February 21

Kindergarten Registration Opens  
Virtual PAC Meeting  
Grade6 Popcorn Fundraiser order due  
Reading Logs Collected  
Pro-D Day, No School  
Stat Holiday

**March**

Monday, March 14 – 25  
Monday, March 28  
Monday, March 28

Spring Break  
First Day back after Spring Break  
Reading Logs Collected





École Isabella Dicken Elementary School



## Our KINDERGARTEN Registration Blitz for the 2022-23 school year begins February 1st!

To help with planning for next year, we encourage all parents  
to register their child for KINDERGARTEN between  
February 1st and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Where:** Office at École Isabella Dicken Elementary School  
1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Fernie

**Please Bring:** Proof of your child's age (birth certificate)  
Proof of your residency (drivers' license, utility bill etc.)  
Your child's BC Care Card



**Who:** Is your child born in 2017? Children who will  
be five years old on or before December 31, 2022  
are invited to join our learning community in  
Kindergarten for September 2022.



**École Isabella Dicken Elementary School**  
**Daily Bell Schedule**

Please come as close to the bell as possible. Thank you.

8:20 - 8:50 Morning Supervision #1  
 8:40 - 8:50 Morning Supervision #2  
 8:50 Welcome Bell / Students Enter  
 8:55 Classes in Session

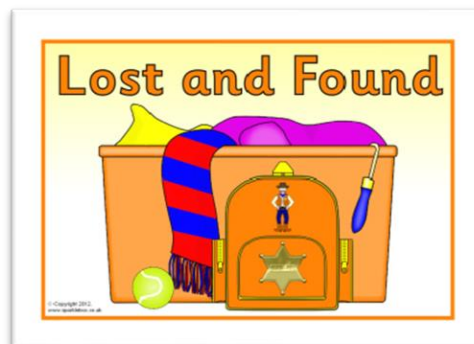
<b>Recess</b>	
10:15-10:30	Kindergarten & Gr. 1 on the primary playground Grade 5 – 6 on the intermediate playground
10:30-10:45	Grade 1/2 – 2 on the primary playground Grade 3 – primary or intermediate Grade 3/4 -4/5 on the intermediate playground

<b>12:15-1:05</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
<b>Lunch</b>	K-1 & 1/2	12:15-12:40 12:40-1:05	Outside primary playground Lunch
	2-3	12:15-12:40 12:40-1:05	Lunch Outside primary playground <i>3s allowed on intermediate</i>
	3/4-4/5	12:15-12:40 12:40-1:05	Lunch Outside intermediate playground
	Gr 5 – 6	12:15-12:40 12:40-1:05	Outside Lunch

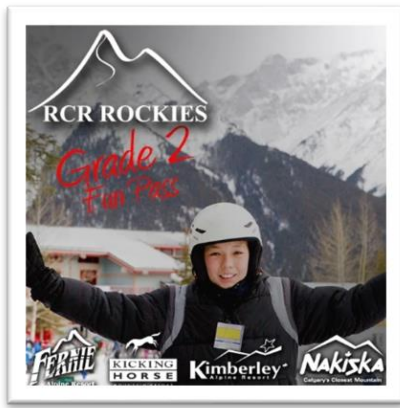
1:00 pm Welcome Bell  
 1:05-3:05 Classes in Session

**End of Day Dismissal times:**

2:55 for families A – L  
 3:00 for families M – Z  
 3:05 for bus students



Parents, if your child is missing something the lost and found is on the wall by the gym doors. Please have them check when going into the gym.  
 Thank you.



### [Grade 2 Fun Pass – Resorts of the Canadian Rockies](#)

The Grade 2 Fun Pass allows unlimited access to all four RCR resorts including Fernie Alpine Resort, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Kimberley Alpine Resort and Nakiska Ski Area. Proof of age/enrollment in grade 2 required at time of pass pick up. Child must be enrolled in a Canadian school.

[skircr.com](http://skircr.com)



Canadian Ski Council  
PO Box 773  
Beeton, ON L0G 1A0

November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The most wonderful time of the year is here – the Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass!

Now in its 25th year, the SnowPass is your family's passport to adventure for only \$29.99 + tax! This is the most affordable way to start, or keep, kids sliding on snow. The Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass allows your child(ren) two visits at **every** participating ski area across Canada.

The Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass is a not-for-profit program provided by the Canadian Ski Council and the Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic, and Western Ski Area Associations. It provides every Canadian student in grades 4 or 5 the opportunity to ski and snowboard affordably through the winter!

#### **SnowPass Specifics:**

- Each SnowPass is valid the day ski areas open for the season and can be used twice at every participating ski area – 100+ ski areas and counting!
- Parents/Guardians can apply for a SnowPass on behalf of their child in grade 4 or 5 at [www.snowpass.ca](http://www.snowpass.ca) Proof of age and grade are required.
- New this year: the Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass is completely digital. No physical pass will be issued.
- This fully digital product provides online access to book ski days in advance, upon approval of an application.
- For family members not in Grade 4 or 5 that are interested in sliding on snow, explore other affordable introductory programs at <https://goskiinggosnowboarding.ca/>

Skiing and snowboarding are excellent activities that keep kids active throughout the winter.

For more information and to apply for a Grade 4 & 5 SnowPass, visit [www.snowpass.ca](http://www.snowpass.ca)

Feel free to email us at [help@skicanada.org](mailto:help@skicanada.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Pinchbeck'.

Paul Pinchbeck  
President and CEO  
Canadian Ski Council



**2021-2022 Basketball Season**

Come and learn new skills and the rules of the game! Come ready to play with athletic gear, indoor sneakers and a water bottle.

**Grade 4 and 5 Girls** Tuesdays  
**TIME - 8:00 – 8:45 am**

**Grade 4 Boys** Thursdays  
**TIME - 8:00-8:45 am**

**Grade 5 Boys** Wednesdays  
**TIME - 8:00-8:45 am**

**Grade 6 Girls** Mondays and Wednesdays  
**TIME – 3:05 – 4:30 pm**

**Grade 6 Boys** Tuesdays and Thursdays  
**TIME – 3:05 – 4:30 pm**



**Terry Fox**



*This year, Isabella Dicken Elementary came together to raise an incredible \$8,783.30 for cancer research for our Terry Fox School Run. The Terry Fox Foundation is so grateful for our commitment and dedication. It is wonderful to see that Terry continues to inspire millions of students across the country. If you have not donated and would still like to contribute, our school donation link is still open at <http://www.terryfox.ca/IsabellaDickenElementary> #TryLikeTerry*

**RUNNING CLUB**

Happy New Year Panthers

We have enjoyed several weeks of winter running. Please remember an extra pair of socks, runners (no boots) and mitts and toque for chilly days. Parents, please check the school's Facebook page for last minute cancelations.

Thanks for all your support.



The Running Club Team

**Strong Start**



In-person programming is on hold at this time, but we are offering Zoom Storytime on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10:00am. If you have younger children and would like to join for interactive songs and stories, please email [jodie.parker@sd5.c.ca](mailto:jodie.parker@sd5.c.ca)







**SCHOOL DISTRICT 5**  
S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

# School District 5 Introduces SchoolMessenger

Continuing to foster and enhance ethical communication between the School District and all learners, students, staff, parents and community in a timely and inclusive manner.

School District 5(Southeast Kootenay) is launching SchoolMessenger for communication with parents. SchoolMessenger is a communication platform that allows our schools and district to send out mass communications to parents/guardians using multiple methods simultaneously. The SafeArrival system provides parents with a faster and easier way of reporting absences.

The benefits of SchoolMessenger include:

-  Parents can choose how to be notified (email, phone call, text message)
-  Absences are easier to report at **1-(833) 566-1225**, on the app or website)
-  More timely notification in an emergency
-  Schools can respond faster when a student is unexpectedly absent and may be missing

## SchoolMessenger Communicate



**SchoolMessenger Communicate** is an automated notification system used to send out general announcements.



**As a parent/guardian, you can decide how you want to receive announcements (email, phone call, and/or text message).**

There is nothing you need to do to receive announcements from the school. You can customize how you receive what kind (General, Emergency, or Attendance) announcements. For example, you may only want to receive general announcements (upcoming events, newsletters, etc.) via email, but you might want attendance info to come as a text message so that you see it right away.

You can set up your Smartphone or Android phone app or website account right away to make sure you are ready when we launch SchoolMessenger Communicate and SafeArrival:

-  Using your mobile device, download and install the [School Messenger app](#) from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
-  Use the [Safe Arrival website](#). The first time you use the website, select [Sign Up](#) to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.



**Please get in touch with your child's school if your contact information (email or phone number) has recently changed so SchoolMessenger has the most current information on file.**



## SchoolMessenger SafeArrival





One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) is introducing a new, more efficient student absence

reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unreported student absences.

It is also used to contact parents and guardians when a child is absent (if the absence was not reported in advance). The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents/guardians at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival [toll-free number](#), [website](#) or [mobile app](#), you will NOT receive these notifications.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these **3 convenient methods**:

-  Using your mobile device, download and install the [SchoolMessenger app](#) from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
-  Use the [SafeArrival website](#). The first time you use the website, select [Sign Up](#) to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
-  Call the toll-free number **1-(833) 566-1225** to report an absence using the automated phone system.
-  Contact your child's school directly to report an absence.

The SafeArrival options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, **you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's MyEducation BC account.**

## SchoolMessenger SMS

### Opt In





*\*if your number is Canada-based.*

You will receive a text message requesting you to opt into your school or School District 5 text message alert service. This number was provided through your contact information in MyEducation BC.

If you would like to continue receiving messages from your school or district you must reply affirmatively with one of the opt-in key words. Simply reply to the original message (or send a text message to 978338 in Canada) with either the words "opt in" or "subscribe".

If you do not receive a text message, you still can participate in SchoolMessenger SMS (Short Message Service), known as "text messages" from your cell phone by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 978338. Standard message and data rates may apply.

-  For help information, text HELP, INFO, AIDE to 978338.
-  To opt out at any time, text STOP, END, CANCEL, QUIT, UNSUBSCRIBE, ARRET to 978338.

**Participating carriers:** Rogers Wireless, MTS, Bell, Sasktel Mobility, Telus Mobility

Yours truly,

**School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay)**

Jennifer Roberts  
District Principal



School District 5 Southeast Kootenay – Back to School 2021-2022

Safety is our Priority	Guidelines
<p>Students and staff can safely participate in full-time, in-class instruction in accordance with current public guidelines for schools. All members of our School District 5 Southeast Kootenay (SD5) community have a shared responsibility to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19, or any other communicable disease. A detailed <a href="#">Communicable Disease Plan</a> is part of SD5's commitment to promote the health and safety of all employees, students, and visitors by providing information that can be used to prevent the contraction and spread of communicable diseases, and to guide appropriate responses.</p> <p>Our plans are based on current guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control (<a href="#">BCCDC</a>).</p>	<p><b>To Continue:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All K -12 staff, visitors, and Kindergarten -12 students required to wear masks - indoors and on buses</li> <li><b>Daily health check - K-12 Health Check App, Self-Assessment Tool, or BCCDC's "When to get Tested"</b></li> <li>Don't come to school when sick - seek guidance</li> <li>Daily attendance management</li> <li>Daily cleaning &amp; disinfecting - 1x/day</li> <li>Hand hygiene &amp; respiratory etiquette - be diligent!</li> <li>Ventilation &amp; air exchange</li> <li>Case &amp; contact management - directed by public health</li> <li>Health and safety orientation - for staff &amp; students</li> </ul> <p><b>New:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccinations - the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19. Available for ages 12 and older</li> <li>Full operation of all school spaces - gyms, libraries, washrooms, water fountains etc.</li> <li>Extra-curricular activities &amp; sports - resume</li> <li>Regional health measures - as needed</li> <li>Gathering &amp; events - resume in alignment with PHO orders</li> <li>Visitors are welcome - following safety guidelines; appointments encouraged</li> </ul> <p><b>No longer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cohorts/Learning Groups</li> <li>Physical Distancing of 2m</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supportive Environments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the health and well-being of students, staff and families continues to be our top priority.</li> <li>Addressing pandemic impacts on student learning and well-being, with a focus on the "whole child" including literacy, numeracy, social-emotional <u>development</u> and mental health.</li> <li>Providing inclusive and compassionate learning environments through trauma-informed practices.</li> <li>Implementing strategies to routinely support students to practice personal prevention measures.</li> </ul>	

*All members of the SD5 community are expected to follow the SD5 Communicable Disease Plan in conjunction with the BCCDC Public Health Guidelines for K-12 Schools, and the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings. All employees are expected to read, know and organize their work in accordance with these guidelines.*

<b>DAILY HEALTH CHECK</b>	
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Difficulty breathing Loss of sense of smell or taste	<p><b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b>                      Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea	<p><b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b>                      Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p><b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b>                      Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<p><b>If yes:</b>                      Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the <a href="#">fully vaccinated traveller exemption</a>.</p> <p>Students, staff and other adults who are not <a href="#">fully vaccinated</a> and have travelled outside of Canada <b>CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival</b>, as part of <a href="#">federal requirements</a>.</p>
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<p><b>If yes:</b>                      Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.</p>

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.

**School District 5**

**2021-2022 Amended Annual School Calendar**

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- School Breaks
- Professional Development Days
- Stat Holidays
- Administrative Day
- Second Semester Starts



Rigamajig Basic Builder is a large-scale, loose parts wooden building kit that inspires STEM/STEAM learning, innovation, creativity, and problem-solving skills through collaborative hands-on, and open-ended play



# Jr. Journalists

Thursdays (Jan. 20 – Mar. 10)  
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Fernie – CBAL Learning Place  
(402-Highway #3)  
Sparwood – Public Library  
(110 Pine Ave)

**Afterschool program for grade 4-6 students**  
Learn what it takes to make a newspaper.

Write articles and editorials, conduct interviews, take pictures, learn about editing and layout.

Have an article published in The Free Press

To register, [chill@cbal.org](mailto:chill@cbal.org) or call 250-946-7257

*Learning*  
TOGETHER



TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT:

Chrisy Hill, Community Literacy Coordinator

✉ [chill@cbal.org](mailto:chill@cbal.org)

☎ 250-946-7257

🌐 [www.cbal.org](http://www.cbal.org)

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Family Literacy Week

## Family Literacy Week Photo Contest

**Let's Connect!**



Family Literacy Week is January 23-30, 2022.  
The theme is "Let's Connect! Care • Play • Listen"

Enter our #FLW2022 Photo Contest!  
There is a class prize and a prize for individuals.

**Here's what to do:**

- Take a photo using a "Let's Connect" theme
- Submit your photo to [contest@decoda.ca](mailto:contest@decoda.ca) or post on social media
- Use hashtags: #Connect4Literacy #FLW2022


**Contest Deadline:**

January 30, 2022

Decoda.ca

📞 604 681 4199 | 📧 [info@decoda.ca](mailto:info@decoda.ca) | 📍 Suite 980-1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2K8



 **School District 5**

**2023-2024 Annual School Calendar**

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April 2024						
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28	29	30				

May 2024						
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2024						
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-  School Breaks
-  Professional Development Days
-  Stat Holidays
-  Administrative Day
-  Second Semester

## Local School Calendar (School District No.5, Southeast Kootenay)

From the School Act, sections 87.01 and 87.02 and the new  
School Calendar Regulation

Days in Session	180
Days of Instruction	173
Non-Instructional Professional Development Days	6
Administrative Day	1
First Day of School	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Friday, September 29, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
Remembrance Day	Friday, November 10, 2023
Christmas vacation period	Friday, December 25, 2023 - Friday, January 5, 2024
Schools reopen after Christmas vacation	Tuesday, January 8, 2024
First day of second semester	Monday, January 29, 2024
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Spring vacation period	Monday, March 18, 2024 to Thursday, March 28, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last day of school for students	Thursday, June 27, 2024
Administrative Day	Friday, June 28, 2024
Minimum Hours of instruction (Kindergarten)	853 hrs
Minimum Hours of instruction (Elementary)	878 hrs
Minimum Hours of instruction (Secondary)	952 hrs
Minimum Hours of instruction per day (Elementary)	5 hrs 5 min
Minimum Hours of instruction per day (Secondary)	5 hrs 31 min

Professional Development Days	Who Attends	School Breaks	
		Semester 1	Semester 2
September 22 – District Day – Indigenous	For all contractual employees		
October 20 – Provincial Specialist Teachers' Association	Youth Care Worker mini conference Clerical Pro-D Day	November 24	February 16
December 8 - School Based	Teacher led CUPE staff on approval of the principal	December 25- January 5	March 1
February 2 – School Based	Education Assistant mini-conference Clerical Pro-D Day	January 26	April 19
April 22 – Regional Specialist Teachers' Association	Teacher led CUPE staff on approval of the principal		May 3, May 17
June 7 – School Based	CUPE staff on approval of the principal		June 14