

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

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Principal's Message

What a year! Learning took on a whole new meaning this year as students around the world adjusted to school during the COVID-19 pandemic. When in school learning was cancelled after March 12th, none of us knew what to expect. We were presented with an incredibly difficult task of supporting our learners with remote learning and then on to a hybrid model where only some of our students and staff came in to the school. It has been a time of learning in ways we never imagined and our students, staff and parents rocked it!

To our parents, I want to thank you for your support and encouragement over these past few months. Many of you were helping your children while working from home or while taking care of younger children. I know this has been a challenge for you and we are all so thankful for your help. I need to take a moment to recognize our teaching and support staff. From the very first day of remote learning, they have exceeded any expectation that I may have had. They have been incredibly resourceful and resilient as they supported their students with hybrid and remote learning from their own homes with their own families to care for. Their hard work and determination to stay connected with their students reflects how dedicated they are to their students and their profession. And finally, our students – what can we say about them! They were handed the challenge of being suddenly shifted from attending school to learning at home and being away from friends, sports, clubs and their usual school environment. I am so proud of our students for rising to the challenge and showing us how resilient, flexible and capable they are of learning in new ways. For many of them, they took on a new role as they led with patience and understanding while the adults muddled their way through new technology!

I cannot express my appreciation enough for the students, staff, parents and the community at large for all you have done to make this school a place where we all belong, are connected and engaged with our learning.

I Will Miss You!

ÉIDES has been my school family since my own children started kindergarten here almost 20 years ago. I have been a parent, teacher and an administrator at this incredible school and although I am leaving to pursue a dream, I leave with a heavy heart.

If all goes as planned, I will be teaching at a school in Egypt, a challenge I'm looking forward to. I will miss you all and will look forward to hearing regular updates from school and hope to cross paths with many of you in the future on the trails or in town.

I am very confident you are being left in good hands with Ms. Kuijt our Vice Principal and with Ms. Laura-Lee Phillips as the new Principal of ÉIDES.

Farewell and Congratulations!

After 25 years of service with SD No 5, (12 at ÉIDES) Mrs. Templin is setting her sights on a well-deserved retirement. Although we are really excited for Mrs. Templin to enter this next stage of her life, Mrs. Templin's retirement will be felt as an immense loss for the entire community at École Isabella Dicken Elementary School where she has been the "real boss" for the last 12 years. I'd like to thank Mrs. Templin for all the ways she has touched so many lives, especially mine, as a secretary, friend and colleague. We genuinely wish you all the best in your retirement!



Congratulations to Mrs. Dykhuizen who has recently been appointed the school secretary position (for Sept 2020). We are excited to have her take on this important role in our school.

Congratulations to Mrs. Conlin who has accepted a Vice Principal position for next year at Frank J. Mitchell Elementary School in Sparwood. Although she is leaving our school, we are excited for her and know she will make a positive impact at FJMES.

We are excited to welcome Mr. Hanson and Ms. Elliott returning as continuing teachers at ÉIDES. However we are sad to say good-bye to Mrs. Lennox, Mrs. Etue, Ms. Drolet, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Barlow from our teaching staff but hope we will be lucky enough to have them join our staff again in the future.

Dear Grade 6 Students

We are proud of each and every one of you for your hard work, responsible and kind behaviours, and leadership during your years at ÉIDES. I know this hasn't been the end of the year that you looked forward to when you started grade 6 in September. Life has thrown you a curve ball and you have learned how to adapt, make due and move on! This is the unexpected learning that will serve you well, beyond COVID-19 and your school years. We have missed you incredibly but know you have many exciting times ahead of you at FSS. Remember we are just across the field and we look forward to you stopping in for a visit from time to time. To the parents who are moving on to the FSS community: we will miss you also.

We don't know exactly what school is going to look like for next year but I can promise that we will continue to do our best to support our community of learners, no matter what form it may take. Please keep checking your emails and monitoring our website as we get close to September for updates on what school will look like.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer break, you all deserve it!
In the words of Dr. Henry: Be kind, be calm and be safe,

Ms. Neufeld

Report Card Pick Up

Students who attend in school learning this week will be given their report cards on their last day of attendance. All remaining report cards will be available for pick up outside the office on Thursday June 25th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm and then from 8:30 am- 3:30 pm on Friday June 26th. We are asking families to please come down during one of these times to pick up report cards.

Please remember to practice physical distancing when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you and having the chance to wave good bye and wish you a fabulous summer break.

Pick Up Location for Report Cards



From The Office

If you know your family is moving or your children will not be attending ÉIDES next year, please contact the office at 250-423-4651 or ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca ASAP as this helps us with our planning for the upcoming school year.

School Supply Lists

Supply lists for the 2020-21 school year will be coming home with your child's report card. Parents have the option of ordering supplies from [School Start](#). We provide all the supply lists to School Start which makes it a quick and easy shopping experience for you! This is also a fundraiser for our Parent Advisory Committee.



Dates To Remember

June

Wednesday, June 24 th	11:00 am Zoom Year End Assembly
Thursday, June 25 th	11 am dismissal (for students attending)
Thursday, June 25 th	1:00 pm-4:00pm Report Card pick up (outside main office)
	9:30 am Grade 6 Celebration Zoom
Friday, June 26 th	9:00 am – 3:00pm Report Card pick up (bins outside main office doors)

September

Monday, Sept 7 th	Labour Day, No School
Tuesday, Sept 8 th	First Day of School. Students attend 8:55-11:00 am (gr 1-6)
Wednesday, Sept 9 th	Regular Day of School, 8:55 am – 3:05 pm

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>