

Panthers Newsletter

JUNE 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ki?su?k kyukyit! Bonjour! Hello Panther families!

Although the count-down is on...what a wonderful first week to our final month for the 2024-2025 school year! Thanks to the big participation for Bike to School Week and although we haven't completed our stats yet – we are appreciative of the commitments to reduce our environmental impacts through biking as much as everyone has this week.

Equally exciting were the incredible efforts of EIDES Track & Field athletes yesterday on June 5th as the collaborative commitment resulted in our team winning both overall girls and boys awards at the meet as well as winning the Overall School Track Award. With over 30 events among 3 grade levels and 4 schools – we would like to send a big Panther Roar out to all athletes, coaches, volunteers and organizers for a big successful day not only for achievements, but also incredible sportsmanship through the entire day!

As this year speeds to its end, please remember there remains so many opportunities for you to join one of the activities as a volunteer. It is truly a special month where the more the merrier! We are always so grateful for your support.

With three weeks remaining, it is equally a time for reflection and gratitude for the contributions and learning together we've all experienced throughout the 2024-2025 school year! We'd like to recognize the continual collaborations of our staff supporting all of our students as well as our appreciation for YOU - our parents and family members - for your involvement in supporting learning and growth in our school as well as at home.

We are beyond grateful and look forward to seeing you around the school during this last month.

Thank you, merci beaucoup and sukilqukni everyone! Janet Kuijt & Amy Leeden, Admin Team



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 31 - June 6 - Go by Bike Week

June 5 – Elk Valley District Track Meet

June 10 - FSS Band Concert - EIDES

Gym @ 2:15 pm

June 11 - Ready, Set, Learn

June 13 - No School Day

June 16 - Grade 6 FSS Transition Day

June 18 - 20 - Grade 6 Blue Lake Trip

June 25 - Grade 6 Celebration

June 26 - Year End Assembly:

9:00 - 9:45 am - Sun & Moom

10:00 - 10:45 am - Mountain & River





Student Work







My Catalog Po	em
Teachers	
People who case.	
Who teach,	
Who learn,	
Who love,	
Who try to help,	
Who work hard,	
Who are nice to be around,	
They are amazing people!	
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Grade 6 Band Concert



Thank you to Ms. Bassett for a great year of Band Classes!



District Track & Field Day



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH





On Thursday, May 29th, we held our Volunteer Luncheon to show our appreciation to all our fantastic volunteers!



We are grateful for all that you do! EIDES Staff & Students





BIG USED BOOK COLLECTION CUPCAKE PARTY WINNERS!





Ms. Murray - Grade 2 Mrs. Sutherland - Grade 2



Ms. Bird - Grade 4



Congratulations on your big book drive wins.
Thanks to all students for bringing in so
many great books!

Spring GoByBike Week is officially rolling!

From May 31st to June 6th, we're encouraging everyone across British Columbia to choose two wheels instead of four—whether it's for your commute, errands, exercise, or just for fun.

Every ride counts. Every rider matters.



Cycling Education

Register for FREE Online Cycling Education Courses to get ready for GoByBike Weeks StreetWise Cycling Online helps beginner riders [adult and youth ages 12+] gain the knowledge and skills needed to start thei...









Learn2Ride Online

Learn2Ride Online is a FREE web-based course that helps youth ages 9-12 years learn about basic cycling safety. With in-school learning changing in the last few years, Learn2Ride Online helps youth and their...

❤ GoByBike BC / May 2, 2022



StreetWise Cycling Online

StreetWise Cycling Online helps beginner riders [adult and youth ages 12+] gain the knowledge and skills needed to start their cycling journeys with confidence.





YOU'RE INVITED TO:

READY, SET, LEARN FERNIE

INTENDED FOR FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN,
BIRTH TO FIVE-YEARS-OLD. THIS EVENT PROVIDES A FUN,
FAMILY-ORIENTED ATMOSPHERE WITH THE INTENT OF
SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S TRANSITIONS INTO SCHOOL.

TAKE PART IN PLAY-BASED ACTIVITIES WHILE LEARNING ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY YOUR LOCAL EARLY LEARNING PARTNERS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AND HAVE SOME FUN!

There will be music, treats, bubble machine,

activity stations, and more!

WHERE: École Isabella Dicken

Elementary School - Primary Playground

(1301 - 2nd Ave)

DATE: June 11, 2025

TIME: 10:45 - 12:00



REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE
AND RECEIVE A CHILD'S GIFT BAG WHEN YOU ATTEND.



SCHOOL BUS ON SITE!





Grade 7 and New Parent/Guardian Information Night

we will be holding an information night for parents/guardians of next year's grade 7 students as well as any other new families. We will cover topics such as grade 7 courses, how our timetable works, services and supports available at FSS and extracurricular activities. School tours will be available and we will have time for a question - answer session.

NEW DATE UNE 11, 2025

Fernie Seconday School

Traynor Hall 6:00pm 250-423-4471

StrongStart - Fernie





- A free, parent-accompanied play and learning program for children ages 0-5.
- Snacks provided.
- Play-based and learning activities facilitated by a qualified early childhood educator.

Monday-Friday 9:00-12:00

Follows school calendar





Ecole Isabella Dicken Elementary School

250-423-4651 cbal.chawkins@sd5.bc.ca







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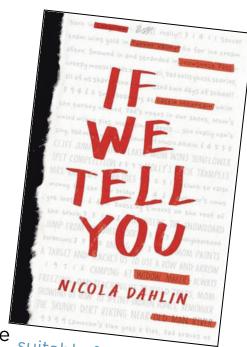
Learn



young adult Author Event

WITH Nicola Dahlin

A mystery where identical twins race to discover the truth about their parents. And, in the process, they learn a lot about the unbreakable bond they share.



suitable for ages 12-16

Monday, June 16, 2025

Polar Peek Books

6:30-8:00pm 592-2nd Ave, Fernie, BC









Fishing Accessible to All

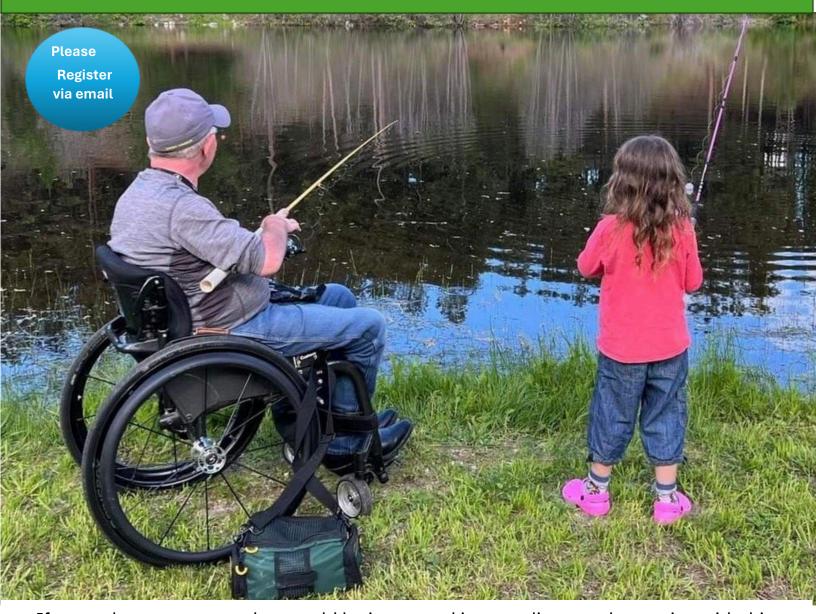
Sat. June 21, 2025 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Hosted by the BCWF Fishing Forever Program

Held at the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, Hatchery at 4522 Ferwick Road Wardner, B.C.

Fishing Forever allows individuals with diverse abilities to experience a day of catch and release fishing, all the fishing equipment will be provided.

Participants and Volunteers will also be given lunch. There will be opportunities to help set up and take down equipment and assist participants in baiting hooks, casting, and landing fish.



If you or know someone that would be interested in attending or volunteering with this event, please register via email; fishingforever@bcwf.bc.ca



Free Sibshops Facilitator Training!

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
12-4 PM
LLKS HALL, 471 1ST AVE, FERNIE
SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED

Sibshops are fun, supportive workshops for siblings — not the children with disabilities, but their brothers and sisters, who often face unique challenges.

Come learn about their experience and how you can help. Perfect for educators, youth leaders, parents & community members.



Become a Sibshops Facilitator

Sibshops are fun, high-energy workshops designed just for kids aged 8–13 who have a sibling with disabilities.

These kids aren't the ones with the diagnosis — but they carry big emotions, extra responsibilities, and complicated family dynamics that most people overlook.

Sibshops give them a chance to:

Share stories with others who "get it"

Play games, do crafts, and laugh together

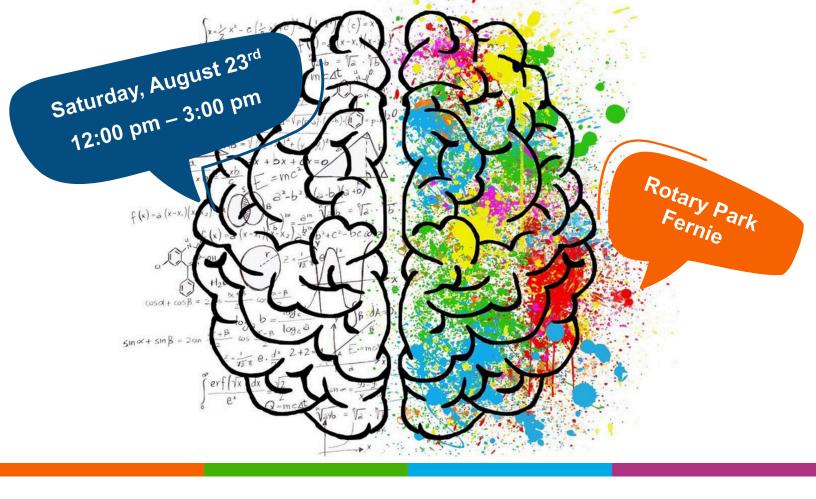
Build friendships and feel less alone

Why Facilitators Matter

Facilitators help create this safe, fun space for siblings. You don't need to be a sibling yourself — just someone who cares about kids and wants to show up for the ones who often stay in the background.

After this one-day training, facilitators help run: 4 Sibshop sessions during the school year, each session runs for 4 weeks, just 1 hour per week

Perfect for educators, parents, youth leaders, older students, and anyone who wants to make a difference in a child's life.



Celebrate Neurodiversity!

There are many ways of thinking, learning, and being—and we're celebrating this with a free community BBQ!

Everyone is welcome—neurodivergent kids, teens, and adults, along with friends, family, and allies.

Come meet new people, learn about local resources, enjoy games and activities, and grab a hotdog, snacks, and a drink!

To learn more contact:

Chrisy Hill

Community Literacy Outreach Coordinator



chill@cbal.org



or text 250-946-7257



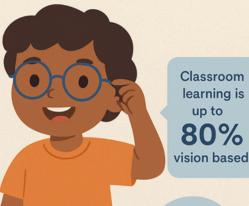
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IMPORTANCE OF EYE EXAMINATIONS IN CHILDREN

prior to going to school





PROBLEMS

Identify issues such as nearsightedness or lazy eye



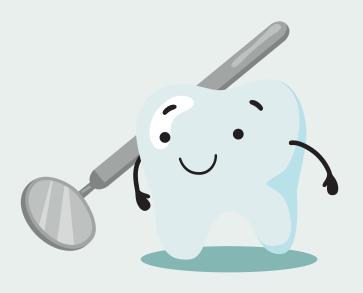
ENSURE LEARNING READINESS

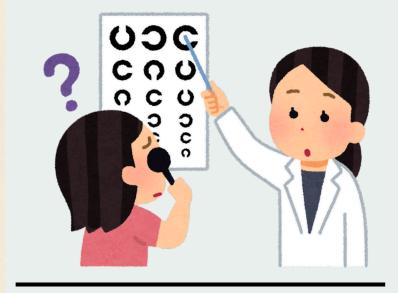
Good vision is crucial for developing skills like reading



PREVENT FUTURE ISSUES

Early exams can stop minor issues from getting worse





Health Tips for

Happy Teeth

Ages 3+

Oral care can be a fun part of your daily routine! Help your child to develop strong oral hygiene habits by brushing, flossing and visiting the dentist together.



Brush twice a day for 2 minutes using a pea-sized amount of fluoridated toothpaste.



Clean between the teeth daily using floss, or an interdental brush.



Visit a dentist to receive regular check-ups.

Why is fluoride toothpaste important?

Fluoride helps decrease the risk of developing cavities by strengthening teeth. Always supervise the amount of toothpaste used.

Did you know?

Children need help cleaning their teeth until their fine motor skills develop, usually around age 8.

What about power toothbrushes?

Power brushes provide great cleaning action when placed correctly on each tooth.





Do you know when to replace a toothbrush?

- · Every 3-4 months
- When bristles are frayed
- · After being sick

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School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) 2025-2026 Annual School Calendar

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School Breaks



Stat Holidays



Professional Development Day

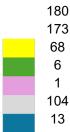


Administrative Day

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

Days in Session Days of Instruction **School Breaks** Non-Instructional Professional Development Administrative Day Weekend Stat Holidays First Day of School National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Thanksgiving Day Remembrance Day Christmas vacation period Schools reopen after Christmas vacation First day of second semester Family Day Spring vacation period Schools reopen after spring vacation Good Friday **Easter Monday** Victoria Day Last day of school for students

Administrative Day



September 2, 2025 September 30, 2025 October 13, 2025 November 11, 2025 December 23, 2025 -January 3, 2026 January 5, 2026 January 27, 2026 February 16, 2026 March 16-27, 2026 March 30, 2026 April 3, 2026 April 6, 2026 May 18, 2026 June 25, 2026 June 26, 2026

Have a great



See you in September