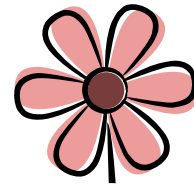




Panther Newsletter

June 2026



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

As another school year comes to a close, we would like to thank our students, staff, parents, and volunteers whose support, encouragement, and partnership help make École Isabella Dicken Elementary such a special place to learn, grow, and belong.

Next week, we look forward to gathering together one more time for our Year-End Assembly on June 23rd and then honouring our grade 6 students at the Grade 6 Celebration on June 24th. These special events bring us together to celebrate the end of another successful school year and to reflect on the learning, growth, and friendships that have shaped our year.

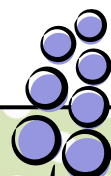
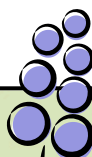
To our Grade 6 students, congratulations on all you have accomplished during your time at ÉIDES. We wish you every success as you begin the next chapter of your educational journey at Fernie Secondary School.

To the parents who are moving on to the FSS community, thank you for your partnership and support over the years. You have played an important role in helping make ÉIDES the caring and connected school community it is today, and you will be missed.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our families for allowing us the privilege of working with your children. They inspire us every day with their curiosity, creativity, perseverance, and kindness.

On behalf of all the staff at ÉIDES, we wish you a wonderful summer filled with rest, adventure, and time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Thank you, merci beaucoup and sukiᑕᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦᑦ,
Nicole Neufeld & Amy Leeden – Admin Team



Upcoming Events

June 23 Year End Celebration Assembly @ 9:30 am
(Students & Staff)

June 24 Grade 6 Celebration (Parents invited)
1:00 – 3:00 pm

June 25 School in session from 9:00 – 11:00 am

September 8 First day of school from 9:00 – 11:00 am



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.

2026/27 School Supply Lists 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.

See you on September 8th.
Have a great summer!





ÉIDES grade 6 students and their little buddies joined in place-based learning and connections with each other, nature and Joe Pierre, Indigenous Education Coordinator, for traditional Ktunaxa storytelling.



Mara Nelson, a member of the Ktunaxa Nation and a dedicated language revitalization advocate, joined our Grade 1 students on a nature walk to share *ʔa:kxamis ǵapi qapsin* (“All Living Things”), the Ktunaxa Ethnobotany handbook.

Mara also visited ÉIDES for an engaging and interactive learning experience, where she introduced her soon-to-be published book, *ʔupɣiʔt* (“to count”). This exciting new book, written by Mara Nelson and illustrated by her 12-year-old cousin, Aubrey Mercer, will soon be released to the public.

During her time at our school, Mara introduced students to foundational Ktunaxa words and sounds through collaborative activities and a fun game of *ʔuki*.

Sookenia Singers joined by Traditional dancer, Jingle dancers, fancy dancer from ʔaḡam Frist Nation shared with École Isabella Diken Elementary, and Fernie Secondary School a special cultural performance and presentation.

These talented artists bring the powerful rhythms of traditional Ktunaxa drumming, and the vibrant energy of Ktunaxa dancing and singing to share their rich heritage, stories and connections to the land.



We at École Isabells Dicken Elementary School and Fernie Secondary School are grateful to have had the Sookenia Singers gather with us all to bring awareness for National Indigenous History month and National Indigenous Peoples day.

**Congratulations to our amazing
Kikomun runners!**



Overall 1st place finish!!



Running Club stats for 2025/26

Total Runners: 246

Total Marathons: 97

Total 100 km Runners: 31

Total km: 10,245

Kikomun Runners: 93

First Overall for School

First Overall for Boys

First Overall for Girls

What a fantastic year! The Running Club Coaches



Elk Valley Schools District Track & Field Results 2026



Overall Track & Field Champions

1. École Isabella Dicken
2. Jaffray Elementary
3. Rocky Mountain Elementary
4. Frank J Mitchell Elementary
5. Kootenay Discovery School

Overall Elk Valley Elementary Schools

- School Aggregate - Jaffray Elementary
Boys Aggregate - École Isabella Dicken
Girls Aggregate - Jaffray Elementary

Boys Track & Field Champions

1. École Isabella Dicken
2. Jaffray Elementary
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4. Frank J Mitchell Elementary
5. Kootenay Discovery School

Girls Track & Field Champions

1. École Isabella Dicken
2. Jaffray Elementary
3. Rocky Mountain Elementary
4. Frank J Mitchell Elementary
5. Kootenay Discovery School



Starting Grade 7 can feel exciting... and also overwhelming....

BASECAMP

A Summer Transition Group for
Neurodivergent Youth Entering
Grade 7

Basecamp is a supportive 4-week summer group designed to help neurodivergent youth build confidence, connection, emotional regulation skills, and practical tools before returning to school.

SCAN ME FOR MORE INFO AND TO
REGISTER



Only 8 spots available!

Tuesdays @ 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Dates: Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026



Friendships



Navigation



Organization



Self-advocacy



Movement

Snacks Included.

Group Facilitators: Sam Usher & Karen Walker | Caledonia Counselling
Registration: hello@caledoniacounselling.ca | Fernie, BC | Phone 250-278-8817
Fee: \$700

KIDS

COMMUNITY READINESS PROGRAM

A summer program for neurodivergent children focused on **connection**, **confidence**, and **everyday skills**—through play, routines, and community experiences.



EVERY CHILD
BELONGS.
EVERY MOMENT
COUNTS.



AGES 4–6
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Explore, play, learn
and grow together.



AGES 7–10
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Build skills, confidence,
and independence.



TUESDAY • THURSDAY • FRIDAY
IN THE COMMUNITY • OUTDOORS • CONNECTION • PLAY



PROGRAM INVESTMENT



\$75 per session
Choose 1–3 days per week



**\$75 one-time
registration fee**
(includes materials
& program t-shirt)



WE FOCUS ON:



Emotional
Regulation



Independence
& Routines



Social Skills &
Friendships



Outdoor Play &
Movement



Community
Participation



Confidence &
Self-Esteem



SPACES ARE LIMITED.
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!



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KOOTENAY INCLUSIVITY AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (KIDS)



The Ride & Roast Kids Bike Rodeo is a free event for kids aged 2 to 14.

Up to 100 kids can take part, with 25 participants starting every 30 minutes from 12 pm to 2 pm. Riders will meet at the Kids' Tent, where the fun begins with bike decorating and a Plinko board game.

From there, kids will take part in a skill-development session before heading into a rodeo adventure on an age-appropriate trail. The ride will include a mini skills course and scavenger hunt. Parents are required to accompany their children on the trail portion.

The adventure wraps up with a treat from Happy Cow. Funding from the event will help send a local child to camp through the Ghostriders Adventure Camp Foundation.

Kids Bike Rodeo Registration is FREE! Deadline to register is June 26th or until spots are filled.

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