

LEARNING TOGETHER

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LEARNING TOGETHER IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY)



There are so many wonderful events happening across the District as we celebrate the holiday season.

From Winter Extravaganzas to school concerts, I hope that everyone has the opportunity to take in some of the festivities.



As the holiday season approaches, we recognize that this can be a stressful time for many individuals. Whether you are a valued member of our school district staff or part of our extended school family, we want you to know that support is available.

The District understands the challenges that may arise during this time of year, and we encourage you to reach out if you need assistance or support. As we all look forward to a much needed break, our commitment to the well-being of our community extends beyond the school bell.

May everyone and their families have a joyful and peaceful holiday season, but please do not hesitate to connect if you require resources or assistance.

For students and families, please reach out to your school principal. For district staff, please reach out to your union representative and human resources.

You may also email me directly (viveka.johnson@sd5.bc.ca) if support is required during the break when schools and offices are closed.

Viveka Johnson,
Superintendent



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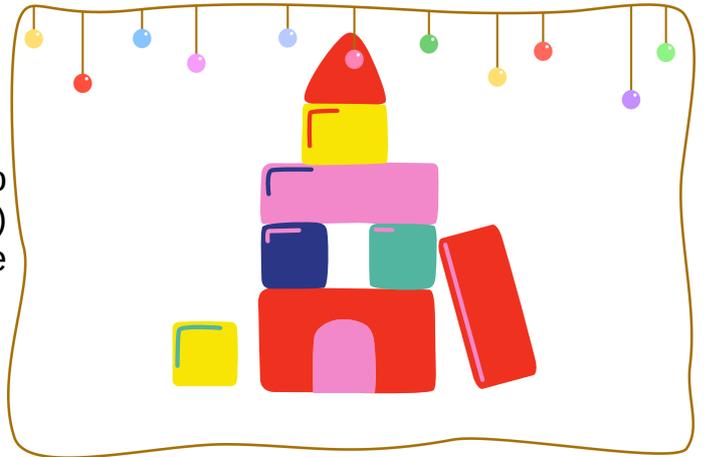
Early Learning and Child Care



Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions (SEY2KT)

The Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions group (SEY2KT) met their goal of spreading positive messaging about the StrongStart program.

The tree-lighting in Sparwood was amazing.



TIS THE SEASON AROUND THE DISTRICT



Highlands Elementary performed "Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas". It was a phenomenal production! Thank you to Principal Wasylowich and Vice Principal Thompson for the outstanding supporting roles!



Pinewood Elementary's Christmas Concert was based on the book "The Wishing Tree". It was a fantastic show and a shout out goes to Ms. Benson, staff, and students for a wonderful night.



Rocky Mountain Elementary held their Winter concert on December 14. Students did an amazing job under the direction of Fine Arts Teacher Mrs. Vanderschee.



TIS THE SEASON AROUND THE DISTRICT



Isabella Dicken Elementary hosted its Annual Elf Week from December 11-15. There were many activities including designing wrapping paper in the Gift Wrapping Workshop, measuring in the Bakery Workshop, and testing in the Toy Workshop. Students created holiday cards for the seniors and practiced singing holiday songs. Friday, December 15, was the official Elf Day. Local firefighters collected all of the donated toys and students walked to Trinity Lodge where they sang holiday tunes and gave cards to the seniors. Elf Week is all about being inclusive and giving back to the community - a truly "Elf"tastic tradition!



The Outdoor Education class from Sparwood Secondary explored the Grave Lake area to learn about winter survival skills. They built shelters and fires and used snow to learn about water purification. Students also had a lesson on using avalanche transceivers.



Rocky Mountain Elementary and Elkford Secondary enjoyed team building with Ms. Wurmlinger and Ms. Tsao (RMES) and Ms. Buchan and Mr. Sanford (ESS).



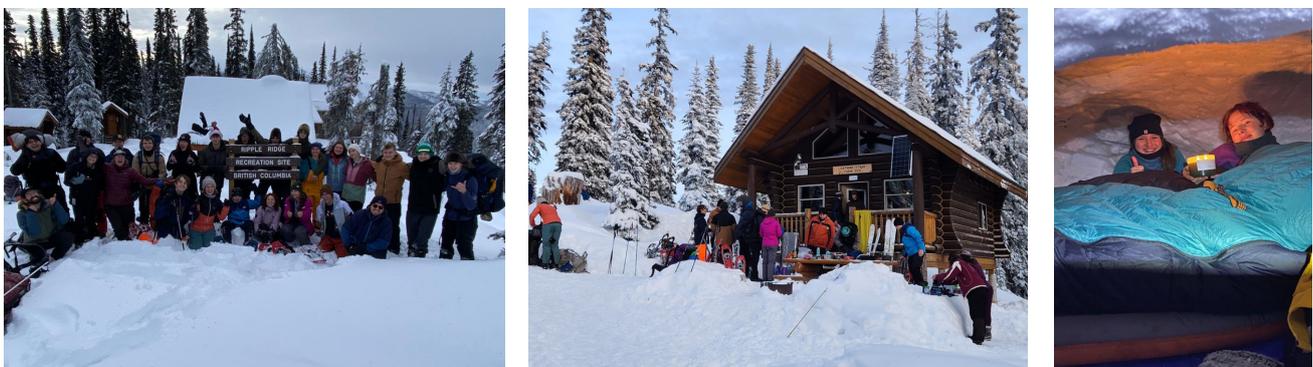
TIS THE SEASON AROUND THE DISTRICT



So much to be grateful for at Sparwood Secondary. The electives department continues to shine. Ktunaxa wildlife tapestries (left); wood work projects (middle); and skating (right).



Isabella Dicken Elementary is grateful for a school-wide pizza fundraiser in support of Jan Nabb who is running solo across Canada to raise funds for Children Fighting Cancer (left); teamwork in grade 4/5 physical education (middle); and food chain dioramas in grade 3 (right).



Mount Baker Secondary students in the Environmental Awareness Program (EAP) 11 and 12 accepted a generous donation of seven sets of avalanche gear from Cranbrook's High Country Sports. The equipment has already been put to use during the winter camp at Kootenay Pass (pictured above).



A picture says a thousand words...



DRAFT CALENDAR 2024-2025

School District No. 5 2024-2025 Annual School Calendar



July 2024							August 2024							September 2024						
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October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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January 2025							February 2025							March 2025						
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April 2025							May 2025							June 2025						
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- School Breaks
- Professional Development Day
- Stat Holidays
- Administrative Day
- Second semester

The **DRAFT** annual school calendar for 2024-2025 is posted to the District website.

Comments and suggestions will be accepted in writing to jane.nixon@sd5.bc.ca on or before **January 12, 2024**.

The information will be collected and taken to the Board of Education of School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) for consideration.

