

# NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2026

## Principal's Message

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

March Break is just around the corner, and when we return to school in April we will have only three action-packed months left before the end of the school year. The spring months always bring a great deal of excitement as students and staff look forward to many learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

In the coming months we will be hosting our Ready, Set, Learn event and a Kindergarten Information Night for families joining our school community next year. At the same time, parents and students are busy preparing for our upcoming Drama Production of *The Reluctant Dragon* and the Spring Family Dance, two events that always bring our school community together in fun and creative ways.

Spring also means the start of our outdoor athletics season. Our Running Club will soon begin training for the Kikomun Cross Country Race, and before long we will move into Track and Field season. Students will have the opportunity to participate in our school track meet, and ÉIDES will once again host the SD5 Elk Valley Schools Track Meet. In addition, teachers and students are looking forward to upcoming field trips, outdoor learning experiences, and inquiry and place-based learning opportunities as the weather warms and our learning spaces expand beyond the classroom.

Planning for September also continues behind the scenes. Kindergarten registrations are still being accepted, and we encourage families to register as soon as possible. If you know that your child will not be returning to ÉIDES next year, please let the office know as soon as you can, as this information helps us plan classes and staffing for the upcoming school year.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for the smiling students, dedicated staff, and supportive families who make École Isabella Dicken Elementary such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Thank you, merci beaucoup and suki?á á ukni,

Ms. Neufeld & Mrs. Leeden

ÉIDES Admin Team



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 13	Learning Updates	April 30	Jump Rope for Heart
March 16 - 27	March Break - No School	May 1	Jump Rope for Heart
April 3	Good Friday - No School	May 5	Science World Presentations
April 6	Easter Monday - No School	May 5	PAC Meeting
April 7	PAC Meeting	May 12	<i>"The Reluctant Dragon"</i> - School Performance
April 7 & 8	Jess Dance Presents - Hip Hop with Shiya	May 13	<i>"The Reluctant Dragon"</i> - Evening Performance
April 10	Spring Fling Family Dance	May 14	Kikomun Cross-Country Race
April 14 & 15	Pizza Days	May 15	No School
April 17	No School	May 18	Victoria Day - No School
April 21 - 24	Early Dismissal & Parent Conferences	May 22	ÉIDES Track Meet
April 27	ProD Day - No School	May 29	ProD Day - No School

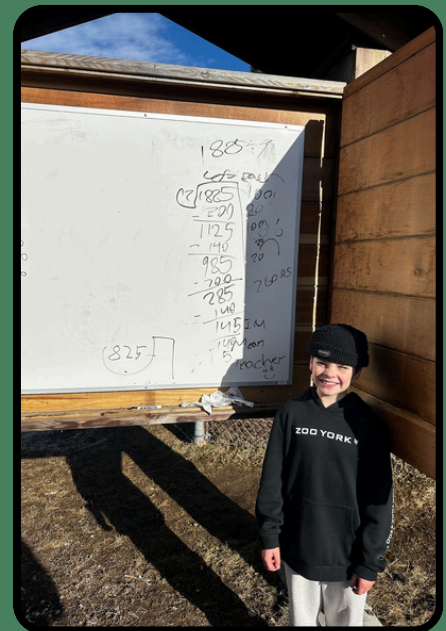
# Embers and Education

A single glowing ember grew into a full day of outdoor learning as classes gathered to prepare, cook, and enjoy bannock over an open fire. It was a rare spring-like February day that our teachers and students embraced wholeheartedly.



As the Indigenous Support Worker, I was grateful to help facilitate this experience and share the Bannock-making process with students. What began as a simple cooking activity soon opened the door to learning in Math, French, and hands-on crafts within our outdoor classroom. It was truly and unforgettable day.

~ Lara Gawryluk ~



Experiential learning and Bannock making around the fire combined with outdoor math, what a great day!



# ÉIDES had the privilege of having Missy D perform for our Grade 4 FI and Grades 5 & 6 Students on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>



Missy D is a bilingual female emcee, deeply influenced by the sounds of her roots and iconic artists like Missy Elliott, Ms. Lauryn Hill, MC Solaar, 2Pac, Diam's, India.Arie, J Dilla, and J. Cole... Now based in Vancouver, BC, she is making waves in her community as a bilingual/francophone artist and a member of Laydy Jams. This femcee has performed at renowned events such as SXSW, NXNE, Juno Fest, Vancouver Jazz Festival, and Rifflandia, Festival du Voyageur and many more.

Missy D has shared the stage with notable acts like Maestro Fresh Wes, Jully Black, Nomadic Massive, Sons Of Kemet, Mr. Eazi, The Sorority, Snotty Nose Rez Kids, Anderson Paak., K'naan and Shaggy to name a few. With her live band or a DJ by her side, she delivers an unforgettable experience and dynamic stage presence blending diverse soulful instrumentals and heartfelt lyrics that resonate with audiences of all ages, leaving them with that je ne sais quoi, some say it's a little French lesson, some good music, and a full heart.



**KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION**  
IS OPEN

Children born January 1 to December 31, 2021

- ✓ Register at your catchment area school
- ✓ Online registration also available
- ✓ StrongStart students automatically enrolled\*
- ✓ Proof of birth and BC residency required

\*VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION [WWW.SD5.BC.CA](http://WWW.SD5.BC.CA)



REMINDER! Last day to pick up items from our Lost & Found is FRIDAY, MARCH 13th.



*Items left will be donated to the Salvation Army.*



# PLAY BEFORE



FOR CHILDREN  
STARTING  
KINDERGARTEN IN  
SEPTEMBER 2026!

APRIL 10  
MAY 1  
MAY 8  
MAY 22

·ACTIVITIES MAY BE INSIDE AND  
OUTSIDE - DRESS FOR THE  
WEATHER

·SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

ÉIDES LIBRARY

Welcoming families to our **ÉIDES**  
community.

Families are invited to play, explore, and  
connect with our school and staff before  
September.

For more information contact  
[laura-lee.phillips@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:laura-lee.phillips@sd5.bc.ca)  
250-423-4651 ÉIDES





## Yearbook Cover Contest 2025-2026

Calling all Panthers!!!

We want your help to design our yearbook cover this year! One entry will be selected from Grades K-3 and one entry from Grades 4-6 to be used for our front cover. Show us your amazing artwork!

Here are the rules:

- One entry per student
- Must represent our EIDES school spirit
- Must be drawn in the box below

Deadline for submission: April 2, 2026

Thank you!

Tanya Bossio

Yearbook representative for PAC

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



## ÉIDES Grade 6 Blue Lake Camp Prize Raffle - Draw Date February 26 at 12:00 pm

The Grade 6 students would like to thank everyone for supporting their raffle  
and we raised over \$17,000!

***Congratulations to all the winners!!***

### **WestJet Airlines**

One Round Trip Flight for two Guests to any  
regularly scheduled and marketed  
WestJet destination

Estimated Potential Retail Value is \$4,240

**WINNER: BIENVENIDA LOGRONIO**

### **Darren Ungaro**

Music Equipment  
(Electric base guitar amp, speaker)  
Value \$800

**WINNER: CAROL BERGER**

### **Nicole Neufeld**

Townie Bike  
Value \$650

**WINNER: TANYA KERKHOVEN**

### **Rockies Law**

Gift Card towards will services  
Value \$500

**WINNER: JORDE GOETHALS**

### **Made It, Coal Town, Polar Peek Books,**

#### **Megan Hausler**

Cozy Bundle  
Hand Made Mittens, Hinza Tote,  
Hat and Socks, Print  
Value \$260

**WINNER: MIKE WEIR**

### **Wloka Farms, Fernie Horticultural Supply**

Fruit Stand Gift Card, Plants Gift Card  
Value \$225

**WINNER: NANCI MARTEL**

### **Fernie Ghostriders**

Adult Season's Pass, Student/Senior  
Season's Pass & Signed Jersey  
Value \$980

**WINNER: JANE FRASER**

### **Darren Ungaro**

Music Equipment  
(2 x Electric kid's guitars, amp, speaker)  
Value \$800

**WINNER: CHELSEA BREEZE-KENT**

### **Island Lake Lodge, Ski Base**

Merch Bundles and Gift Cards  
Value \$600

**WINNER: JILL TANAKA**

### **Thunder Meadows, Spa 901, Fernie Pharmacy**

Health and Wellness Bundle  
(massages and sports nutritional bundle)  
Value \$445

**WINNER: STEPHEN TREBBLE**

### **Nykayla Green**

Mountain Medallion Necklace  
by Element Jewelry Co.  
Value \$240

**WINNER: JANELLE PARK**

### **Big Bang Bagels, The Brickhouse, Save On Foods**

Dining and Food Bunde  
Value \$175

**WINNER: ANGIE KRASNEY**

### **Elk River Guiding Company**

2 x Yeti SuperLarge Tumblers  
Value \$100

**WINNER: ASHLEY POCHARA**

# FAMILY SPRING FLING DANCE

GRADE 6 BLUE LAKE FUNDRAISER

Families, Siblings and ÉIDES Students are Welcome

Photobooth, Lollipop fundraiser,

Popcorn, Juice Boxes

\$2 each: bring cash and coins

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th @ 6:00-8:00 PM

ÉIDES Gymnasium

Parents, Siblings and Family welcome



TICKETS \$5 EACH. PURCHASE THROUGH MUNCH-A-LUNCH

# HELP US WITH THE DANCE

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/9040E4  
8AFA922AAFA7-62584892-SPRING](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E48AFA922AAFA7-62584892-SPRING)

Grade 6 Volunteers Needed

Popcorn Makers, Set Up, Candy Booth Sales, Front Entry Welcome, Photobooth Helper and Tear Down help needed from our Grade 6 Campers.

Various Time Slots to sign up.



FRIDAY, APRIL 10th @ 6:00-8:00 PM



## ÉIDES Spirit Wear Clothing – Extras available:

🐾 Nine (9) Black Toques @ \$18.00 each

🐾 Black & White T-Shirts @ \$25.00 each

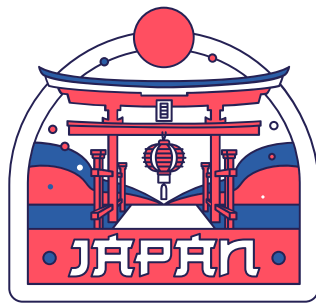
- One (1) Ladies S
- One (1) Ladies L

🐾 Black & Rainbow T-shirts @ \$25.00 each

- One (1) Ladies Size S
- Two (2) Ladies Size M
- Two (2) Youth Size M
- Two (2) Youth Size L

Available in the school office  
CASH ONLY PLEASE





We are thrilled to have an opportunity to welcome a Japanese cultural ambassador from Tokyo.

Our Japanese teaching assistant will introduce the culture, customs and language of Japan to our students and support our school community.

### **The Opportunity**

- International Internship Programs (IIP) is a Tokyo-based international exchange organization that has placed Asian interns in leading schools across Canada and the U.S for more than 30 years. To date, more than 6,000 schools have hosted a Japanese teaching assistant, enriching their students' lives.
- Cross-Cultural Exchange: The program provides our students with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand cross-cultural experience, one that sparks a stronger connection with other countries and the world around us.
- Our Japanese teaching assistant will volunteer her time and expertise and enable our students to learn about ways of life different from their own. I have attached his wonderful profile.
- Timing: She will arrive in May, travel during the summer and return to us in the fall to complete the program through next March.

### **Host Family**

- In order to bring this wonderful opportunity to our school community, we need to identify one or more host families who would enjoy hosting our Japanese cultural ambassador. (More than one family may host.)
- Hosting creates a rich, memorable opportunity to experience cultural exchange within your home, learn about Japanese traditions, and make a lifelong friend in Japan.
- Our Japanese teaching assistant will contribute \$800/month to her host family

If you are interested in learning more or have any questions, please contact:

Ken Balick

International Internship Program

Phone: 973.838.3833

**FYSA SOCCER**  
**SPRING 2026 SCHEDULE**  
**Weekly Schedule**

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***Mondays and Wednesdays***

U8 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

U12 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

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***Tuesdays and Thursdays***

U10 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

U13-U15

Rocky Mountain League

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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***Tuesdays and Thursdays***  
***GIRLS ONLY***

U8 - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

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***Saturdays***

U4 - 10:15am - 11:00am

U6 - 10:00am - 11:00am

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**DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE TO COME...**

**REGISTER**

at

**[Ferniesoccer.com](http://Ferniesoccer.com)**



# 🏈 FLAG FOOTBALL! 🏈

Play NFL Flag Football this spring in the Kootenay Football League! Early bird registration rates for teams across the Kootenays is available until March 31st. Learn a great game, have fun, and compete with your friends this spring!

Fernie practice days and times will be planned around existing sports schedules.

[More info & registration](#)



Rocky Mountain Rams Football

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More info & registration at:

A promotional graphic for the Kootenay Football League. It features a central shield-shaped logo with a mountain range and a football, with the letters 'KFL' below it. The background shows a group of young football players in action. Text is arranged around the logo: 'CASTLEGAR', 'CRESTON', 'NELSON', and 'TRAIL' on the left; 'CRANBROOK', 'FERNIE', 'INVERMERE', 'GOLDEN', 'KIMBERLEY', and 'SPARWOOD' on the right. At the bottom, it says 'KOOTENAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE' and 'EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION UNTIL MARCH 31'. An information icon is in the top right corner.

# FERNIE MINOR BASEBALL



TBALL \$60  
COACH PITCH \$75  
MINORS \$85  
MAJORS \$85  
TEENS \$85

**CO-ED**

**PRACTICE TIMES @FERNIEMINORBASEBALL**

Fernie Minor Baseball is excited to announce that registration for our 2026 Spring Season is Open until March 31st!

Each division will have two teams, with rosters capped at 15 players per team. Once a division reaches capacity, any additional players who register will be placed on a waitlist, so we encourage families to register early to secure a spot.

👉 Register here:

<https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/52392>