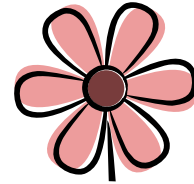




# Panther Newsletter

May 2025



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

May has arrived with a calendar FULL of a lot of learning, and special events... and what better way to begin our newsletter than with a lot of gratitude for all the delicious lunch items parents provided for the PAC organized Staff Appreciation on May 1st!

We'd like to continue our gratitude sending a BIG PANTHER ROAR to all the runners and coaches who attended the Kikomun Race on May 8th and together won the Top Girls' Team trophy as well as the Overall Kikomun Race School Award for 2025!

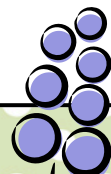
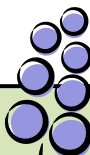
May and June are also a time of transition where we begin to welcome our next group of Panthers at the Kindergarten Orientation on May 28th as well as include activities for our grade 6s to create connections for students and families for their move to the high school in the fall.

Please check out many other events coming up in May in the IMPORTANT DATES. We look forward to seeing you at some of these activities or equally join the organizers as part of the volunteer team to help the event by contacting us at the school!

And finally, a big reminder to the many people who help us on so many days & in so many ways - to join us at our EIDES Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 29th. Your endless support & positive energies are a big part of the wonderful culture that is created here!

Thank you, merci beaucoup and suki?ukni,

Janet Kuijt & Amy Leeden – EIDES Admin Team





## IMPORTANT DATES:

- **TONIGHT! May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**
  - SD5 Fernie Community Enhancement Meeting – EIDES Multi-Purpose Room
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Earth Rangers K-3
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Get Out of My Swamp @ 6:30pm Public Performance
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Bike Rodeo (K-Gr 2) @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - PAC Plant Fundraiser pick up
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> - EIDES Track & Field Meet (Gr 3-6)
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Orientation from 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- June 5<sup>th</sup> - Elk Valley Track & Field Meet
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Ready, Set, Learn (Pre-school age event) @ 10:45 am



Ecole Isabella Dicken Elementary is a fast growing multi-cultural school and as we welcome new families to Fernie and EIDES, we would like to include other languages that are spoken in your home.

We currently have “Kindness, Connection and Courage” in English, French and Ktunaxa for our 3 school core values. If you would like to send us these words translated into your language, please send to [christine.sweet@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:christine.sweet@sd5.bc.ca)







# READY, SET, LEARN!

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

You are invited to attend from  
10:45 am – 12:00 pm @  
École Isabella Dicken Elementary



### ENGAGE IN ENJOYABLE PLAY-BASED ACTIVITIES

Event for families and their birth-to-five-year-old children. Ready, Set, Learn is all about fostering positive connections between families, the school system and local community agencies.

### FUN, FAMILY ORIENTED ATMOSPHERE

Learn more about early learning programs, and services, École Isabella Elementary School and our local community services!



### REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 23, 2025

Set a daily schedule that includes time for outside play, exercise, and other physical activities. A structured routine helps children develop healthy and active habits.




### 2025 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

For children attending Kindergarten in September. Mandatory orientation on Wednesday, May 28 from 1:15 – 2:30 pm




## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY)

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NIGHTS



**MAY 13 - FERNIE**  
(École Isabella Dicken Elementary)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

**MAY 14 - JAFFRAY**  
(Jaffray School)  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

**MAY 28 - CRANBROOK**  
(Mount Baker Secondary)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

**JUNE 3 - SPARWOOD**  
(Sparwood Secondary)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.



**JUNE 5 - ELKFORD**  
(Elkford Secondary)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

### TOPICS

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning for the District and the Community

School Growth Plans


Strategic Plan

The Community Learning Survey is now open! We value your feedback and invite you to share your thoughts.

The survey will close on April 30 at 4:15 p.m., so don't miss your chance to contribute. Click Community Learning Survey to participate or use the QR Code.

School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) Community Learning Survey



## Kindergarten Orientation

### Wednesday, May 28th

### 1:15 - 2:30 pm





# Overall 1<sup>st</sup> place finish!!



# Congratulations to our amazing Kikomun runners!





Grade 6 Drama students have been practicing weekly for the spring play!

The production for this year is...

*“Get out of My Swamp”*



***TOMORROW NIGHT!***

**Wednesday, May 14th**

**6:30 pm**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm – Entry by donation**

**Seating is on a first come, first serve basis**





# ***BIG USED BOOK COLLECTION MAY 26 - 29***

***If you have any books that you would like  
to donate, please hold on to them for us!***



***Cupcake Party for  
the Class with the  
most donated  
books!!***





# GOBYBIKEWEEK *for* SCHOOLS

MAY 31 TO JUNE 6

SPRING 2025



HELP YOUR SCHOOL  
**WIN**

Two BC schools will  
WIN \$1,000  
to support active  
transportation!



**REGISTER  
TODAY!**



**GoByBikeBC**  
BIKE IT. YOU'LL LOVE IT.







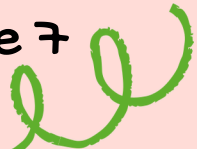


# Welcome



## 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.

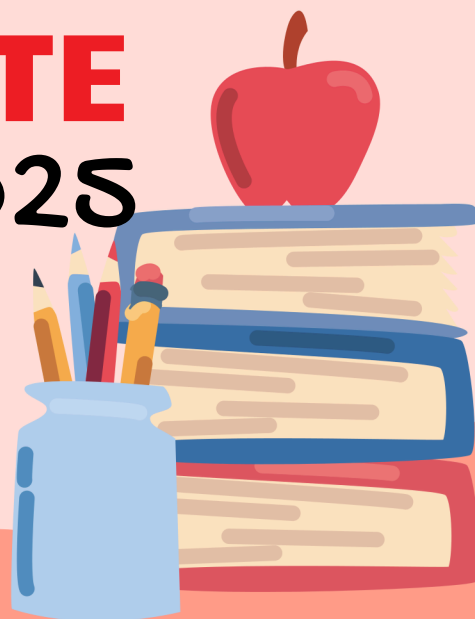


### **NEW DATE** **JUNE 4, 2025**

**Fernie Secondary School**

Traynor Hall 6:00pm

250-423-4471







# 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.

Please  
Register  
via email



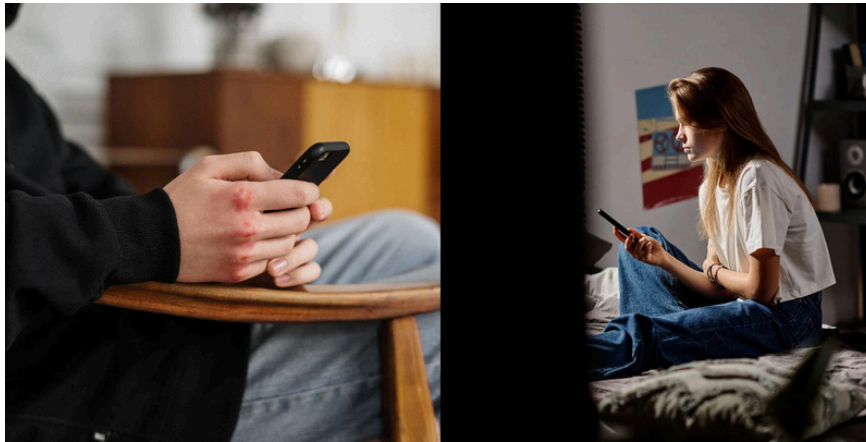
If you or know someone that would be interested in attending or volunteering with this event, [please register via email](mailto:fishingforever@bcwf.bc.ca); [fishingforever@bcwf.bc.ca](mailto:fishingforever@bcwf.bc.ca)





# Establishing Family Practices for Safeguarding Against Cyberbullying and Sextortion

## Everyone Welcome!



### Upcoming Remote Sessions: May 21 and June 3

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged ten and up, this session covers the global issue of bullying, as well as cyberbullying within the Canadian context. The presentation highlights warning signs for if someone is experiencing cyberbullying behaviours, and the steps to take if you are a victim of cyberbullying behaviours.

The presentation also explores sextortion, explaining how it occurs, key apps you should be aware of, the role of artificial intelligence in this issue, as well as the necessary steps to take if you are a target of sextortion. We will discuss the role of video games for both cyberbullying and sextortion as well.

By understanding these issues and applying proactive strategies, individuals and families can create safer online and offline environments.

### Families will learn:

- What bullying and cyberbullying are and warning signs for if someone is experiencing this
- How to navigate cyberbullying behaviours
- The role of helpful versus hurtful bystanders and the necessity to report things we see or experience
- What sextortion is, how it can happen, and warning signs if someone is a victim of sextortion
- The role of video games and apps in cyberbullying and sextortion
- How to have tailored family conversations about cyberbullying and sextortion
- Important resources for families to utilize to ensure safety both online and offline

### To Register, please visit:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-establishing-family-practices-for-safeguarding-against-cyberbullying-and-sextortion>

