

May/June 2023

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1301 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

250-423-4651



We are coming to the end of another school year, and we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all the parents who volunteered their time and effort in supporting our school. We are extremely grateful for all the ways in which you have contributed to our academic and extracurricular activities, be it during school hours or after school. Your valuable support has enabled us to create safe and engaging environments for student learning and growth, and we know that these efforts have not gone unnoticed by the students, staff, and the entire school community.

With June upon us, our school has much to celebrate, especially when it comes to our students' embodiment of our core values of kindness, connection, and courage.

We have seen our students demonstrate extraordinary kindness and empathy towards their classmates, staff, and community. From offering compliments, being a friend, helping to organize games, helping with kindergarten orientation, lunch supervision, and other leadership opportunities, these are how our students live up to our core value of kindness. Through various activities, some of which include big buddies, and project-based activities with other classes, we have encouraged a culture of connection in our school. It helps us foster a sense of belonging and togetherness. Our students have done an excellent job of demonstrating kindness and connection every day. In addition, students are continually developing the courage to pursue their goals regardless of fears and uncertainties. Through classroom discussions, project presentations, field trips, and sports, we have encouraged our students never to forget that with determination and resilience, anything is possible.

We are proud of our students' accomplishments, and we are grateful for all your support throughout the year. As always feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Laura-Lee Phillips & Janet Kuijt

Admin Team



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2022-23



June 2023						
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Dates to Remember

June - 2023

- Friday, June 2 No School-Pro D
- Tuesday, June 6 PAC Meeting
- Friday, June 9 District Track Meet @ EIDES & FSS
- Mon-Wed June 12-14 Grade 6 Blue Lake Camp
- Friday, June 16 No School-School Break
- Tuesday, June 27 Year End Assembly
- Wednesday, June 28 Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
- Thursday, June 29 Last Day of School-Students dismissed at 11:00
- Friday, June 30 Administration Day-No classes

September - 2023

- Tuesday, Sept. 5 First day back after summer holidays!

Our 2022/2023 ÉIDES Yearbooks are now on sale!

Click the link below to order and information on how to pay through e-transfer. Don't miss out on this year's amazing memories!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1VJfNfDm10aq_KDxMJnZHb9L4Aam-BDqziB0E2TlzVv8/edit (Right click on the link and hit 'open hyperlink')

Order deadline is Friday, June 9th at 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please email Tanya Bossio at tebossio@gmail.com.



News from the EIDES Marathon Running Club

**The Kikomun Cross Country District Run was exciting,
we took over 100 runners to the run.
Race-day was May 12, our school placed **FIRST OVERALL****



***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RUNNERS!
WE ARE SO PROUD!***

We had exceptional times for these top 3 finishers in their events:

**Senior Girls-3rd Lyric Podrasky
Junior Girls- 1st Olive Park
Junior Boys- 1st Aiden Aasen
Novice Boys- 2nd Gus Semchuck
Pre-Novice Boys-3rd Ben Gillespie**

This year (so far-but we are still running!) we had 116 marathons and 30 runners got more 100KM's. What an incredible crew. We love seeing how many parents come out to run with the students and special thanks to all the teachers that run, tally km's, cheer, and organize the events!

**Keep up the great running
Panthers!**









Track and Field Day for Grades 3-6 was May 26...what a fun day! Many special thanks to all our volunteers that help make the day a huge success. Qualifying athletes will be representing our school at the District Track Meet on June 9. We are hosting this all day event here at our School and Fernie Secondary School.

Come cheer on our amazing athletes!

Go Panthers!





Spectacular art
from the primary
wing





We all want what is best for all our students. Setting them up for a successful day includes a healthy breakfast, lunch, snacks, and water to drink.

Please do not send your children to school with energy or hydration drinks, Starbucks, or similar beverages.

Some concerns have been raised that many said drinks are marketed to youth and contain harmful amounts of caffeine.

We appreciate your help with this.



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SCHOOLS

To all of our volunteers in the Panther's Pantry, we give you so many thanks for all your time, energy, and work that you're doing for the school!

Our breakfast carts and hot breakfasts helped so many students get a great start to the day.

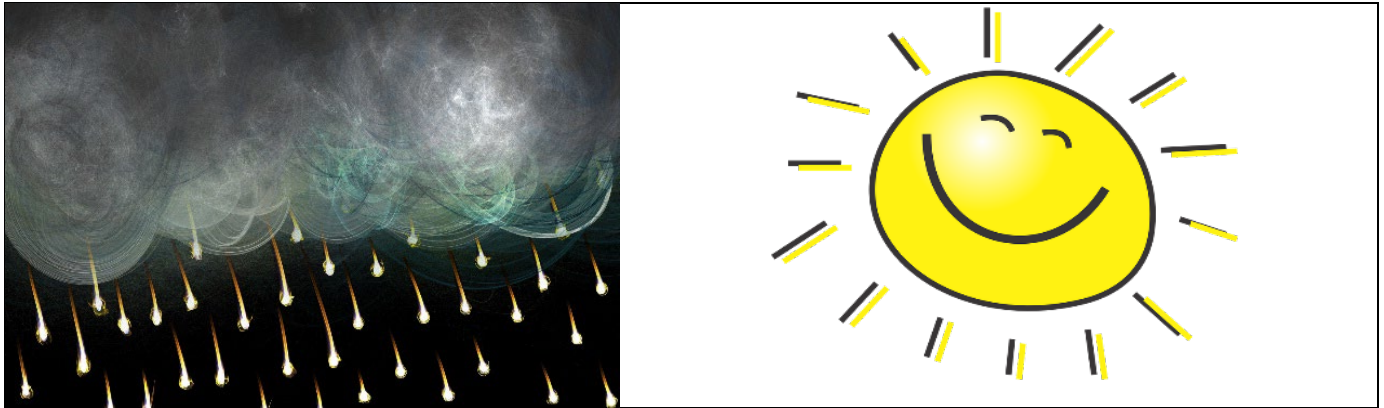
Thank you so much!

We REALLY appreciate your help and couldn't do it without you!
As always big thanks from your EIDES Family in the Panther's Den!



JUNE IS HERE!!!

It's a good time to remind students to be prepared for all weather as we still embrace the outdoors for mornings, recess and lunch throughout the spring. June sees a lot of classes going outside to make the best of the incredible weather, but rainy days also don't stop us from going outside, so please make sure your child has rain and waterproof boots. Of course, monsoon rains will be taken into consideration and keeping students indoors will be



at the discretion of the principal.

In Fernie we have every type of weather event in June, please ensure your child/ren are dressed appropriately. We are seeing a lot of sun! Don't forget hats and sunscreen!

Reminders From the Office

ABSENCES

If you know your child will be absent or late from school, please use the School-Messenger app to report, you may also call the office at 250-423-4651 and leave a message or email ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca (preferably before 9:00 am). Your help with this will save our secretaries a lot of time as a call goes home for every unreported absence to ensure the child is safe.

PLEASE have your child sign in/out at the office when you arrive late or leave early.

(Even when you've used the School Messenger app to report it)

Also, a gentle reminder not to drive or park in the new bus loop off second avenue or the staff parking lot. It's such a busy place and believe us we know how limited parking is.... our priority is keeping our kiddos safe.

Thanks for your attention to these items.

COURTESY BUS RIDERS

Due to a bus overloading situation, we are not able to allow courtesy bus riders to be transported on school buses from ÉIDES. Safety for our students is our utmost concern and an accurate passenger list is essential. Only students registered with the bus department will be allowed to ride our buses. If you have any questions, you can call the bus department at:250-423-5885 EXT 1.



So much gratitude for all the volunteers who came in to tally the minutes turned into hours our students spent reading! It has been another successful year with many books given out!

THANK YOU!

Hope you have a wonderful summer full of lots of books and fun!

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Daily Bell Schedule

8:20 - 8:50 am	Morning Supervision #1
8:50 am	Welcome Bell / Students Enter
8:55 am	Classes in Session

Recess

10:15 - 10:30 am	Kindergarten & Gr. 1 on the primary playground Grade 5 – 6 on the intermediate playground
10:30 - 10:45 am	Grade 1/2 – 2 on the primary playground Grade 3 – primary or intermediate Grade 3/4 -4/5 on the intermediate playground

12:15 - 1:05 pm	Lunch
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Lunch Schedule

Gr K- 1 and 1/2	12:15-12:40 pm	Outside primary playground
	12:40-1:05 pm	Lunch
Gr 2 - 3	12:15-12:40 pm	Lunch
	12:40-1:05 pm	Outside primary playground 3s allowed on intermediate
Gr 3/4 and 4/5	12:15-12:40 pm	Lunch
	12:40-1:05 pm	Outside intermediate playground
Gr 5 - 6	12:15-12:40 pm	Outside
	12:40-1:05 pm	Lunch

1:00 pm	Welcome Bell
1:05 - 3:05 pm	Classes in Session



Our school is proud to be a URStrong school. This is a curriculum taught through all the grades that aims to empower kids with relational skills. We know that friendships are important to our students and that this part of their life can be tricky. URStrong uses language to help students understand what is normal in a friendship as well as how to gauge if their friendship is healthy or unhealthy, an important measure when deciding who to spend time with.

There is an emphasis to move away from the term 'bully' or 'bullied' (a very serious concern) which can often be misused by kids and parents. Bullying is defined by repeated, aggressive, targeted mean-on-purpose behaviour with a real or perceived power imbalance. Many of the behaviours we see at the elementary age are students with self-regulation challenges, mean-on-purpose behaviour, or uncomfortable/hurt feelings that occur in the friendship. Through the program kids are taught conflict resolution (expressing emotions, perspectives, and putting out a friendship fire) and how to stand up when others are mean-on-purpose (quick comeback).

Your child may have had these lessons this year or in the past, however, as a parent we encourage you to know the language to help coach your child with friendships. The parent subscription is free and you are able to do the lessons at home with your child(ren). Here is the link: <https://urstrong.com/parents/>







SchoolMessenger SafeArrival

One of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely to school every day. To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay) is introducing a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unreported student absences.

It is also used to contact parents and guardians when a child is absent (if the absence was not reported in advance). The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents/guardians at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival [toll-free number](#), [website](#) or [mobile app](#), you will NOT receive these notifications.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these **3 convenient methods**:

-  Using your mobile device, download and install the [SchoolMessenger app](#) from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
-  Use the [SafeArrival website](#). The first time you use the website, select [Sign Up](#) to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
-  Call the toll-free number **1-(833) 566-1225** to report an absence using the automated phone system.
-  Contact your child's school directly to report an absence.

The SafeArrival options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time up to a maximum of 10 consecutive days. It is important to note that when setting up your account, **you must register using the email address and phone number associated with your child's MyEducation BC account.**

SchoolMessenger SMS

Opt In





**if your number is Canada-based.*

You will receive a text message requesting you to opt into your school or School District 5 text message alert service. This number was provided through your contact information in MyEducation BC.

If you would like to continue receiving messages from your school or district you must reply affirmatively with one of the opt-in key words. Simply reply to the original message (or send a text message to 978338 in Canada) with either the words "opt in" or "subscribe".

If you do not receive a text message, you still can participate in SchoolMessenger SMS(Short MessageService), known as "text messages" from your cell phone by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 978338. Standard message and data rates may apply.

-  For help information, text HELP, INFO, AIDE to 978338.
-  To opt out at any time, text STOP, END, CANCEL, QUIT, UNSUBSCRIBE, ARRET to 978338.

Participating carriers: Rogers Wireless, MTS, Bell, Sasktel Mobility, Telus Mobility



"A safe place to truly belong is vital to every child. Providing that as families heal and hopefully reunite is the most rewarding part of being a foster caregiver to a child who needs it."

MEGHAN, FOSTER CAREGIVER

If becoming a foster caregiver has been on your mind, please reach out to Halina Wloka at 250-423-9718.



Welcome an international student

Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) welcomes **14 to 18 year olds** from around the world for **5 or 10 month** stays.



**NEW HOST FAMILIES NEEDED NOW FOR
September
2023**

More information
Please contact your local Homestay Coordinator, Sophia Yang:
sophia.yang@sd6.bc.ca
(250) 423-1760

NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2023
FERNIE HOST FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE
\$1,400
PER STUDENT, PER MONTH

 www.rminternational.ca/homestay