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May/June 2024 Newsletter

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Hello, bonjour, ki?su?k kyukyit Panther families,

June has arrived full excitement along with many wonderful activities planned to enjoy the last month of school. It's a great time to help on a class field trip as a parent supervisor or join us at our some of our upcoming assemblies and events:

- Elk Valley Elementary School Track & Field Meet – June 6, from 9-2:30 pm
- Drumming Circle Assembly – June 11 @ 11am in the Amphitheatre
- Rainbow Project Assembly – June 12 @ 11:30 am in the Amphitheatre
- Grade 6 Celebration (for Gr 6 families) – June 26 1-2 pm in our gym
- Final School Day/ Year End Assemblies – June 27 9 am or 10 am

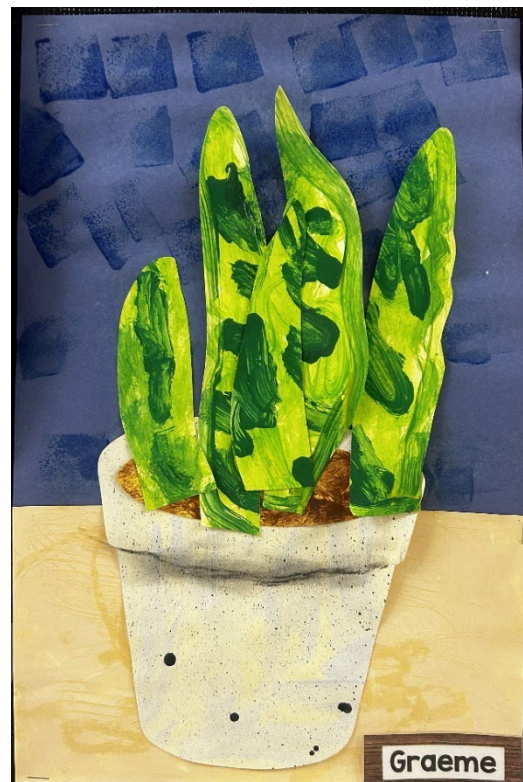
With three weeks remaining, it is equally a time for reflection and gratitude for the contributions and learning together we've all experienced throughout the 2023-2024 school year! We'd like to recognize the continual collaborations of our staff supporting all of our students as well as our appreciation for YOU - our parents and family members - for your involvement to support learning and growth in our school as well as at home.

We are beyond grateful and look forward to seeing around the school during this last month.

Thank you, merci beaucoup and sukita?ukni everyone!

Janet Kuijt & Amy Leeden

ÉIDES Admin Team








Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- June 6 Elk Valley District Track and Field Meet
- June 7 No School- Professional Development Day
- June 11 Drumming Circle Assembly @ 11:00 am Amphitheatre
- June 12 Rainbow Assembly 11:30 am Amphitheatre
- June 12 Grade 5/6 Band concert at FSS 7 pm
- June 14 No School-School Break
- June 19-26 Grade 6's at Blue Lake Camp
- June 26 Grade 6 Celebration 1-3 pm
- June 27 Year End Assembly
- June 27 Report Cards go home
- June 27 Last Day of School for students 9am -11am
- September 3 First Day Back from Summer Holidays 9am - 11am

School District 5

2023-2024 Annual School Calendar

April 2024							May 2024							June 2024						
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-  School Breaks
-  Professional Development Days
-  Stat Holidays
-  Administrative Day
-  Second Semester

From the Office

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Please stop by to look at the Lost and Found Wall- it is overflowing. All items will be donated to charity at the end of the month!

School Supply lists for the upcoming year are available on www.SchoolStart.ca

A printed copy will go home with your report card



We're Hiring!!

Please see the SD5 website for job opportunities or stop by the office and talk to Janet Kuijt regarding the on-call positions within our school.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

MISSION COMPOSTABLE

Mme Heath, Mrs. McLean and Ms. Barras, their grade 6 and grade 2 students had an amazing year composting

This year *alone* we saved a least 1500 litres of fruit & veggie scraps from going to the landfill.

That's also a savings in garbage bags and garbage truck loads!

This is our eighth year at ÉIDES composting. We continue to learn together; the program grows and gets better every year. For a number of years, our compost has been given to the EcoGarden providing nutrients to local garden beds.



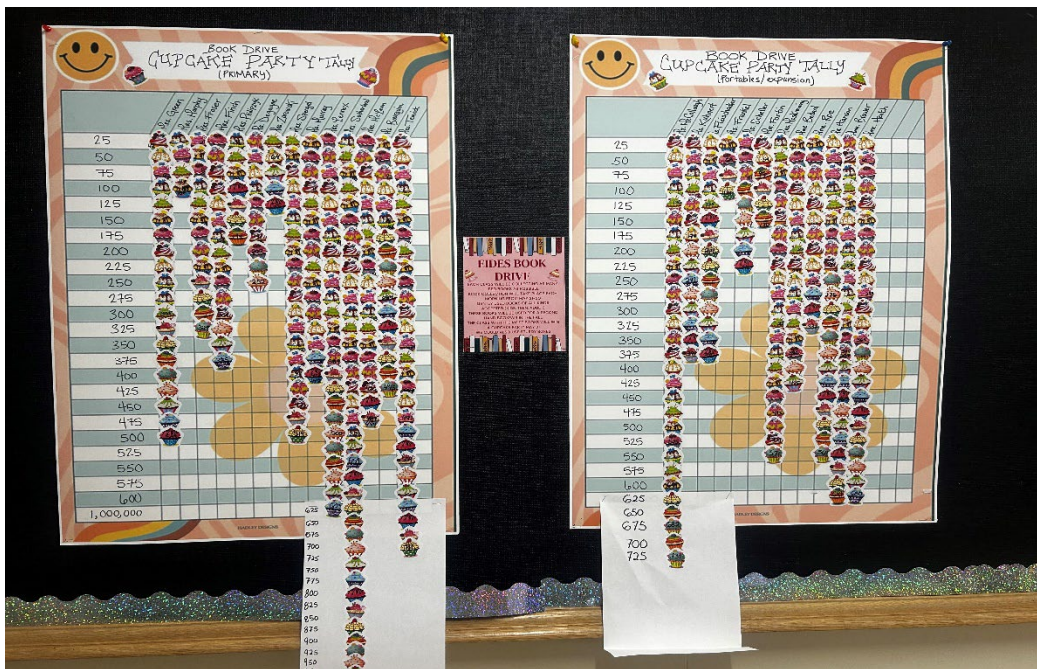
PAC NEWS

Last PAC meeting of this school year is on June 4, 2024,
@7 p.m. in the Library.

Our PAC Volunteers had the most successful *Book Drive* that we could have imagined!

A whopping 11,341 books were donated!

Thank you, parents, friends, and family, for the generous donations.



Our EIDES 2023-2024 Yearbooks are on sale now!

Click on the link below so you don't miss out on this year's amazing memories!

This year, orders will be placed online at <https://www.munchalunch.com> (same log in as pizza orders). Log in and click on '2023-2024 Yearbook order' on the top menu bar to place your order. If anyone would like to place an order but is having trouble with the site, prefers to pay by cash, or has any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tanya Bossio-Co-vice chair EIDES PAC tebossio@gmail.com

Orders are due Friday, June 14th at 9:00pm.

Panther Athletics

Running club was HUGE this year!

What a great group of teachers, students, and parent runners we have!
Thank you to all that helped so many of these athletes reach incredible goals!

Our 266 runners had a total of:

Marathons-122
100 km Club- 27
TOTAL km's ran 10,742

!!! GO PANTHERS!!!



Panther runners had great results at the District Kikomun run in May. We placed a very close second and had a really fun day!

Special thanks to our teacher volunteers who run and supervise throughout the year, tallying, and recording km's!



The weather held out for our school track and field day on May 24. Many personal bests were made, we heard lots of cheering and saw a lot of smiles.

EIDES will host the district track and field meet on Thursday, June 6 with 73 Panther athletes competing.





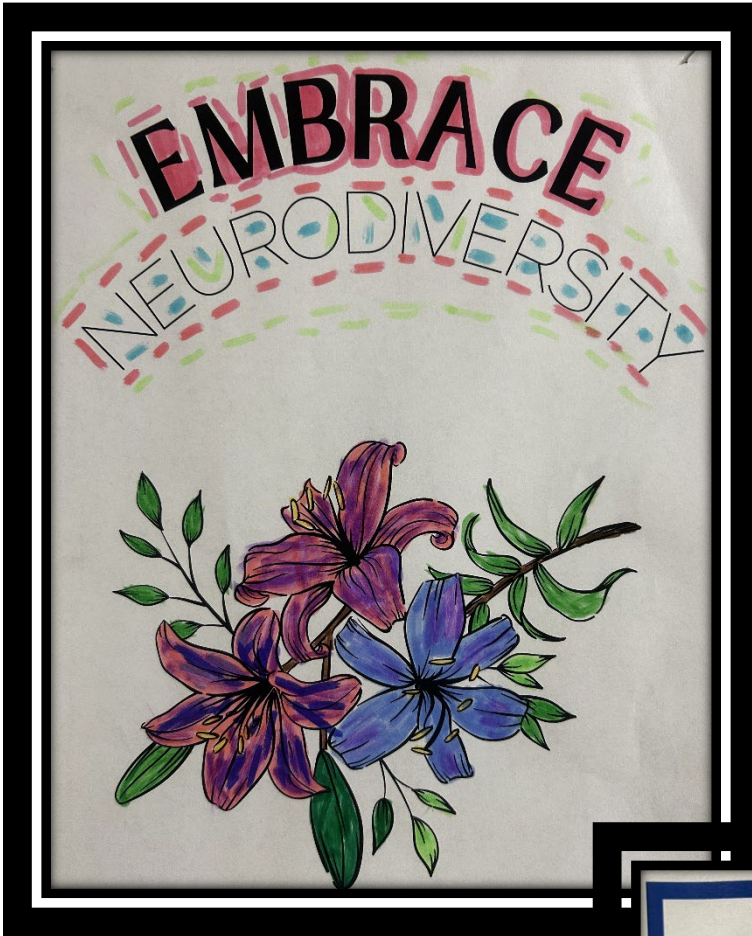
2024 SD5 ELK VALLEY TRACK AND FIELD MEET SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIME	9 & UNDER GIRLS	9 & UNDER BOYS	10 & UNDER GIRLS	10 & UNDER BOYS	12 & UNDER GIRLS	12 & UNDER BOYS
9:15 AM	Arrival of teams, coaches pick up packages in Traynor Hall, Fernie Secondary School					
9:30 AM	General Meeting with all Officials, Athletes and Coaches, in front of announcers stand.					
9:30 AM	100 M (H)	100 M (H)	100 M (H)	100 M (H)	100 M (H)	100 M (H)
9:45 AM	HIGH J. (#1)					
9:45 AM	SOFTBALL (#9)	HIGH J. (#2)				
10:00 AM			TRIPLE J.(#5)	LONG J.(#6)	LONG J.(#3)	TRIPLE J.(#4)
10:30 AM	60 M. (H)	60 M. (H)				
10:45 AM			400 METER FINAL	400 METER Final	400 METER Final	400 METER Final
11:00 AM		SOFTBALL (#9)				
11:15 AM			LONG J.(#3)	HIGH J.(#2)	HIGH J.(#1)	
11:30 AM	TRIPLE J. (#5)	TRIPLE J.(#4)				LONG J.(#6)
11:45 AM	60 M. (FINAL)	60 M. (FINAL)	SOFTBALL (#9)			SHOT PUT(#7)
12:00 PM				TRIPLE J.(#4)	TRIPLE J.(#5)	
12:30 PM	400 METER Final	400 METER Final	HIGH J.(#1)			HIGH J.(#2)
12:45 PM	LONG J. (#3)	LONG J.(#6)	800 METER	800 METER		
1:00 PM					800 METER	800 METER
1:00 PM				SOFTBALL(#9)	SHOTPUT(#7)	
1:30 PM	100 M. FINAL	100 M. FINAL	100 M. FINAL	100 M. FINAL	100 M. FINAL	100 M. FINAL
2:00 PM	RELAYS	RELAYS	RELAYS	RELAYS	RELAYS	RELAYS
2:45 PM	AWARDS	AWARDS	AWARDS	AWARDS	AWARDS	AWARDS



Ms. Scheller's class has been busy writing their own books!





ÉIDES celebrated and learned about Neurodiversity in the last week of May.

We celebrate minds of all kinds!



Neurodiversity
Celebration
Week

"We will all profit from a more diverse, inclusive society, understanding, accommodating, even celebrating our differences, while pulling together for the common good"

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Lawyer / Jurist

www.neurodiversityweek.com



Head lice have been reported in a few classrooms in our school. We appreciate parents letting us know when you have a concern. When it is reported we send a letter out to all families in the class while adhering to strict confidentiality.

While we do take it seriously, it is important to know to stay calm, head lice are a nuisance but do not cause disease. Please confirm that your child has an active case of head lice before starting treatment. Head lice are frequently “diagnosed” when in fact, they aren’t there.

For a step-by-step guide please go to the Interior Health website:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HeadLice/Pages/default.aspx>.

The most up to date information is here.

Health Link BC- <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

If you have any further questions or difficulties, please contact your local Public Health Nurse:

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/sites/Partners/SchoolDistricts/Pages/SchoolHealthNurses.aspx>



“Resilience” has become a common word heard around schools and seems to be a big focus for both educators and parents. While we understand the importance of helping our children build emotional strength in the face of adversity, it is sometimes less obvious how to teach those critical skills.

See link for helpful tips!

<https://urstrong.com/8-tips-to-help-children-build-resilience/>



We ask that students do not bring gum to school.

Our custodians have noticed an increased amount of clean-up from improperly disposed of chewing gum.

School District No. 5 2024-2025 Annual School Calendar



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June 2025						
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School Breaks



Professional Development Day



Stat Holidays



Administrative Day



Second semester

Approved March 12, 2024

School District No. 5 2024-2025 Annual School Calendar

From the School Act, sections 87.01 and 87.02 and the new
School Calendar Regulation

		S1	S2	Summer
Days in Session	180	89	91	
Days of Instruction	173	86	87	
School Breaks	68	9	16	43
Non-Instructional Professional Development Days	6	3	3	
Administrative Day	1	0	1	
Weekend	104	42	45	17
Stat Holidays	13	7	4	2
First Day of School	September 3, 2024			
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30, 2024			
Thanksgiving Day	October 14, 2024			
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2024			
Christmas vacation period	December 23, 2024 -January 3, 2025			
Schools reopen after Christmas vacation	January 6, 2025			
First day of second semester	January 27, 2025			
Family Day	February 17, 2025			
Spring vacation period	March 17, 2025 - March 28, 2025			
Schools reopen after spring vacation	March 31, 2025			
Good Friday	April 18, 2025			
Easter Monday	April 21, 2025			
Victoria Day	May 19, 2025			
Last day of school for students	June 26, 2025			
Administrative Day	June 27, 2025			
Minimum Hours of instruction (Kindergarten)	853 hrs			
Minimum Hours of instruction (Elementary)	878 hrs			
Minimum Hours of instruction (Secondary)	952 hrs			
Minimum Hours of instruction per day (Elementary)	5 hrs 5 minutes			
Minimum Hours of instruction per day (Secondary)	5 hrs 31 minutes			