

Fernie Secondary School
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May 8, 2024



Principal 's Message

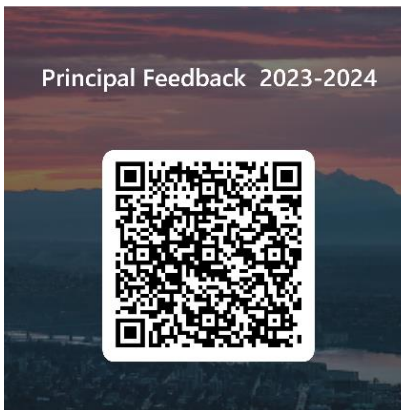
As we approach the end of the school year, it's remarkable to see how quickly time has passed. Midterm Learning Updates (report cards) for semester two were published last week, signaling that the final stretch of the school year is ahead of us. If you are unable to access MyEd to see a Learning Update, please call our office and we will gladly help you. We extend a warm welcome to all parents/guardians to join us at the SD #5 Community Engagement Night at FSS on May 14th at 6:00pm. As part of SD #5's ongoing commitment to professional development and continuous improvement, performance evaluations for the Principal and Vice Principal are underway. We value your input and encourage all stakeholders to participate in an anonymous survey accessible via the QR Code provided. Your feedback can help us better understand our strengths and areas for growth.

Meanwhile, restoration and renovations in the east wing of the school, following the flood, are progressing well

with solid plans to have the work completed before we start our 2024-25 school year. Planning is in full swing for the 2024-25 school year, and we urge families to reach out to us if you anticipate any changes in your child's enrollment status. Whether you're planning a move or considering a different educational path, your proactive communication ensures a smooth transition for your child.

We look forward to seeing many of you in our school for our upcoming Mean Girls Drama Production, the Community Engagement Night, the Spring Band Concert and of course the 2024 Graduation Class Commencement Ceremonies on June 28th.

Ms. Neufeld



Upcoming Dates To Note:

- May 9th – Indigenous Blanket Ceremony Gr. 12's 5:00pm in Elkford
- May 14th – First Day of Gr. 7 Term 6 Electives
- May 14th - Track & Field Meet in Cranbrook
- May 14th – New Parent/Grade 7 Info Night at FSS 7:00 pm
- May 14th - SD 5 Community Engagement Night at FSS 6:00pm
- May 17th – Yellow Day – No School
- May 20th – Stat Holiday – No School
- May 22nd - Kootenay Zone Track Meet @COTR
- May 23rd – Indigenous Education Trip to Fairmont Gr 10-12 with Willow
- May 29th-31st – Mean Girls Drama Production
- June 3rd – Grade 11/12 Road Safety Presentation
- June 10th-11th – Grade 11's Trip to Writing on Stone Park
- June 12th Spring Band Concert (FSS & IDES)
- June 21st - Last day regular session day for students
- June 28th Commencement Ceremonies 10:00 am Fernie Arena



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High Water

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Kukiçinmiyit SUNDAY	Kla ʔukinmiyit MONDAY	Kla ʔaymiyit TUESDAY	Kla qalsanmiyit WEDNESDAY	Kla xa-çanmiyit THURSDAY	Kla yi-kunmiyit FRIDAY	Kla ʔinmisanmi SATURDAY
Yaçan Nuʔkiy (ya-qan-noo-key) Lower Kootenay			1 ʔuki	2 ʔas	3 qalsa	xa
5 yi-ku	6 ʔinmisa	7 wistala	8 wuxa-çá	9 qaykitwu	10 ʔitwu	1 ʔitwur
12 ʔukiʔitwumlaʔas	13 ʔitwumlaqaisa	14 ʔitwumtaxa-çá	15 ʔitwumlayi-ku	16 ʔitwumlaʔinmisa	17 ʔitwumlawistala	1 ʔitwumlawuxa
MOTHER'S DAY						
19 ʔitwumlaqaykitwu	20 ʔaywu	21 ʔaywumlaʔuki	22 ʔaywumlaʔas	23 ʔaywumlaqalsa	24 ʔaywumtaxa-çá	2 ʔaywumlayi
	VICTORIA DAY					
26 ʔaywumlaʔinmisa	27 ʔaywumlawistala	28 ʔaywumlawuxa-çá	29 ʔaywumlaqaykitwu	30 qalsanwu	31 qalsanwumlaʔuki	

School Counsellor

If you need to contact our school counsellor, please see their emails below!

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Youth Care Worker Support

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Red Dress Day




Last Thursday, May 2nd, our school gathered in Traynor Hall for a special assembly focusing on the critical issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada. Senior students from Ms. Webber's leadership class planned and delivered the assembly. Red dresses have come to symbolize the thousands of people who are impacted by violence and as a result, are missing or have been murdered.

The assembly followed by a reflective walk around Maiden Lake was aimed to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with Indigenous communities impacted by this pressing issue.



Order Your YEARBOOK



**You can order your yearbook on School Cash Online
through the link below**

<https://SD5.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/9301/213/False/True>

Trash Bash

Fernie Secondary's student council organized a school wide garbage pickup on April 23, in celebration of earth day. This activity was an enormous success, resulting in cleaner streets and neighbourhoods across town. Tuesday morning, the student body and staff set off across Fernie to pick up garbage, showing our appreciation to both the environment and beautiful Fernie BC. Our school has taken part in this annual celebration for the past several years and we hope to continue well into the future. This event is an important way to raise awareness, inspire action, and educate students about environmental issues, reminding us of our responsibility to protect and preserve the planet for future generations.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT IN FERNIE



Talk Openly, Share Opinions
and Ask Questions

MAY 14, 2024

6:00-7:00 p.m.

**FERNIE SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

Break out groups will provide
opportunities for reflection and
discussion

**LET YOUR
VOICE BE
HEARD**

TOPICS

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

School Growth Plans

Strategic Plan





Welcome

Grade 7 and New Parent/Guardian Information Night

We will be holding an information night for parents/guardians of next years' 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.

May 14, 2024

Fernie Secondary School

Tranor Hall 7:00pm

250-423-4471



Go By Bike Week, it is June 3 - 9. Here is the link: <https://gobybikebc.ca/>

- Students can participate and win \$50 Visa gift cards
- Two BC Schools will win \$1000 to fund active participation in their schools

What do you need to do: 1. Create a Team, 2. Spread the Word, 3. Educate and Inspire, 4. Plan to Bike

Register your school and start being active!



CLOTHING SWAP

GIRLS CLUB IS HOSTING A CLOTHING SWAP ON MAY 16TH!
IF YOU IDENTIFY AS A GIRL AND WANT TO PARTICIPATE,
ALL GRADE ARE WELCOME! FEEL FREE TO DROP OFF AND STORE
ANY OLD CLOTHES IN MS. WEBBS ROOM BEFORE THE EVENT.



MS. WEBBS ROOM MAY 16TH

FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

MEAN GIRLS

THE MUSICAL • HIGH SCHOOL EDITION
MAY 29, 30 & 31, 2024 • 7PM
AT FSS TRAYNOR HALL

TICKETS: \$12 CAN BE PURCHASED AT
FSS DRAMA ROOM OR BIG BANG
BAGELS

A promotional poster for the musical 'Mean Girls'. The top features the text 'FERNIE SECONDARY SCHOOL PRESENTS' in a light purple font. Below this is a group of about ten cast members, including boys and girls, some holding books. The title 'MEAN GIRLS' is written in large, bold, pink letters. Underneath the title, it says 'THE MUSICAL • HIGH SCHOOL EDITION' in a smaller font, followed by the dates and time 'MAY 29, 30 & 31, 2024 • 7PM' in a larger, bold font. The location 'AT FSS TRAYNOR HALL' is listed below. At the bottom, it says 'TICKETS: \$12 CAN BE PURCHASED AT FSS DRAMA ROOM OR BIG BANG BAGELS'.