



École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

November 2025

Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ki7su7k kyukyit! Bonjour! Hello Panther families!

October was a busy and exciting month at École Isabella Dicken Elementary! Our students and staff regularly embrace outdoor learning at ÉIDES, and Take Me Outside Day on October 22nd was another wonderful example of this commitment. Classes enjoyed hands-on experiences in nature and celebrated the many ways we can connect with the outdoors right here in our community.

This month we welcomed families into the school for student-led conferences and interviews. These opportunities for students to share their learning and for parents to connect directly with teachers are so valuable in supporting student growth and confidence.

Another highlight was hosting the Elk Valley School Soccer Tournament. We were incredibly proud of our girls' and boys' teams, who both placed first! Congratulations to all of our players and a big thank-you to the coaches, volunteers, and families who cheered them on.

As we move into November, please remember that even as the weather gets colder, students are outside at recess and lunch every day. Please help ensure they come prepared with warm coats, gloves, and boots so they can stay comfortable and active.

Finally, Halloween was a day full of fun and creativity. It was wonderful to see students parading their costumes and joining their friends for our Halloween dance. The energy and excitement throughout the building made it a day to remember!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to another month of learning, connection, and celebration at ÉIDES.

Warmly,
Ms. Neufeld & Mrs. Leeden
Administrative Team



IMPORTANT DATES

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| November 4 | PAC Meeting @ 7 pm |
| November 5 | Moms Against Racism
Presentation - Zoom or Library
@ 7 pm |
| November 6 | HeARTbeat Theatre Production |
| November 10 | Remembrance Day Assemblies:
9:30 - 10:00 - Sun & River
11:00 - 11:30 - Mountain & Moon |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL |
| November 13 | BIG Used Book Fair & Bake Sale
AND 50/50 Draw! 3:00 - 8:00 pm |
| November 20 | Movie Night 6 pm (Blue Lake) |
| November 21 | No School - Pro-D Day |

On **Wednesday, November 5th at 7pm MST** in the school library, Principal Nicole Neufeld will be hosting ***Moms Against Racism Workshop "Exploring Identity and Privilege"*** for those that would like to attend in person (no registration required). Please complete this Zoom registration link if you would like to participate and are unable to attend in person:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/DXxlLChqQ6WnYD5SmaikQA#/registration>

EXPLORING IDENTITY AND PRIVILEGE

In this 1.5-hour workshop, we explore how different identity factors, and the combination of those factors, provide us with benefits, barriers, or both.

The main learning objectives in this session are:

- Review concepts such as self-identification, intersectionality, stigma, and stereotypes
- Understand how social constructs work
- Become familiar with the list of Protected Identity characteristics
- Map our own identity variables
- Reflect on areas where we have privilege and how to use it.

2025 Elk Valley Soccer Tournament

Champions!



Grade 6 Boys



Grade 6 Girls



Congratulations to both teams and thank you to our amazing coaches!



Hello Parents & Guardians,
Do you like volleyball? Coaching Grade 4 & 5 kids might be of interest to you? If so, we are looking to have morning volleyball for Grade 4 Boys & Girls as well as Grade 5 Boys! Please call us at 250.423.4651 if you would like to volunteer
@ 8:00 - 8:45 am



We already have Grade 4 Girls volleyball on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 am

Take Me Outside Day!





Social Navigation Group: Ages 9-11

This program has been developed to support kids ages 9-11 learn to navigate the complexities of peer relationships. Here at UPLIFT we build learning into play and participants will learn social concepts through conversation and hands-on activities. We build in opportunities to practice these skills in natural contexts with the support of an UPLIFTer.

This program is designed to support the growth of youth who demonstrate an ability to self regulate and are able to recognize some of the challenges they experience in social settings.

Some of the concepts covered in this program include exploring personal values, understanding others' perspective, what to do when it's just not fair, and how to decide if it's time to be flexible or stand your ground.

More information and registration can be accessed through this link:
<https://upliftassociation.uplifterinc.com/registration/>

The social group will begin October 28, 2025 and will occur on Tuesdays from 5pm-6pm.

UPLIFT



Remembrance Day

ÉIDES Remembrance Day Assemblies

Monday, November 10th

Sun & River 9:30 - 10:00 am

Mountain & Moon 11:00 - 11:30 am



On November 11th, the Elk Valley will come together to honour the memory of people who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Remembrance Day in Fernie starts with a parade, from the Legion to the Cenotaph outside the courthouse. The parade will assemble at the Legion at 10:30 am, and will depart at 10:40 am.

Groups who wish to participate in the parade should be at the Legion no later than 10 am.

Growing Smiles Holiday Fundraiser

🎃Halloween is over and that means that it's time to put away the pumpkins and time to start thinking about Christmas! We have your 🎄Holiday plants covered and as a bonus, you will be helping our PAC team raise money for all of the projects that we help to support at our school.

We have a quick turnaround for these orders but this means that you will enjoy all of your beautiful plants for a whole month before Christmas!



All orders are to be submitted through the website and payment can be made using Credit Card or Etransfer. Please send all Etransfers to eidespac@gmail.com and use the password: Fernie. Please include your order number and name in the comment section of the Etransfer.

Order deadline is Tuesday, November 11th at 8:00pm.

Delivery date to EIDES is Tuesday, November 25th.

More details regarding the pick up will be given closer to the date of delivery.

Double click
for more
information
and to
order!



Isabella Dicken Elementary School

We are selling beautiful plants to help raise money for our programs. Plants are a great way to encourage our friends to get out into the garden while supporting a healthy fundraising event. Please check our website ...

 Growing Smiles Fundraising

Thank you for supporting our annual
PAC 🎄Holiday Plant fundraiser.



USED BOOK SALE

**What: Used Book Sale, Bake Sale
AND 50/50 Draw**

Where: EIDES Multi-Purpose Room

When: Thursday, November 13th

Time: 3:00 – 8:00 pm



HALLOWEEN PICS



2025-26 PAC Board Members



Nykayla Green - Co-Chair

Carolyn Doyle - Co-Chair (to assist in the transition)

Erika Shenton - Secretary

Wendy Anderson - Treasurer

Jill Barclay - DPAC Rep

The board is looking to recruit a Vice Chair If you would like to learn more about this role please email nykaylabea@gmail.com and/or come to the next PAC meeting to learn more - **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th @ 7pm, ÉIDES Library. All parents invited.**

PAC would like to thank previous board members Mary Groeneweg (Secretary), Sheri Earl (treasurer), Halina Gareca-Wloka (DPAC) for all their efforts and volunteer hours they have contributed to PAC and ÉIDES during their time on the board.



Running Club Reminder

Rainy weather means wet feet so please pack extra socks for your kiddos!

