



Principal's Message

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Classes worked hard to plan for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10. Thank you for joining us for our Remembrance Day ceremony. It was great to have an in-person ceremony this year. Many thanks to Lieutenant Colonel James Chorley for presenting to our entire school and guests in attendance. Applause for all the work that the staff and students did with each of their performances.

Our boys' and girls' volleyball teams have been practicing hard! The Elk Valley Tournament will be in Elkford on December 1. Go Panthers! Thank you to our all coaches who have dedicated many hours of their time. This year we are playing the Triple Ball Format.

We will be having an outdoor winter concert on December 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 in the amphitheatre. The Grade 6s will also be having a hot chocolate Blue Lake fundraiser. We will send out more information in the first week of December.

Thank you to all our PAC parents who organized our Plant Fundraiser!

Thank you to the staff and students for all their hard work throughout the term. Our second point of progress to communicate student learning will be in a written document that will be sent home on December 9.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday, and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone returning refreshed, and eager to learn on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Sincerely,

Laura-Lee Phillips & Janet Kuijt
Admin Team





Change of Seasons

Now that the cooler and wetter winter weather is here, it's a good time to remind students to dress appropriately for the weather as we still embrace the outdoors for mornings, recess and lunch throughout the fall and winter. It is our policy to stay outdoors unless the temperature is -20° Celsius or colder. 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 and the wind chill factor will be taken into consideration and keeping students indoors will be at the discretion of the Principal. When cold weather persists for several days, we do allow the children to stay in, but will send them out for 15-20 minutes only, just so they get a little fresh air and exercise. We find that students become very restless if they stay in too often.

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During the winter months, inclement weather may cause the disruption of bus transportation and regular school operations. In case of poor weather, the decision to close schools and/or cancel buses is communicated to parents beginning as soon as possible.

It is always a parent's decision whether to send their child to school on inclement weather days.

Since communication is key in alerting families to the status of school operations and busing, we use a variety of methods to communicate this important information including:

Primary Methods of Communication

- School Messenger
- School District #5 Southeast Kootenay Website
<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>
- EIDES Website [École Isabella Dicken Elementary School \(sd5.bc.ca\)](http://www.sd5.bc.ca/École_Isabella_Dicken_Elementary_School_(sd5.bc.ca))
- School Facebook Page
- Local radio station, as they are notified when the decision to close schools and/or cancel buses is made.

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 **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. Thank you.

COURTESY BUS RIDERS

Due to a bus overloading situation, **we are no longer 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.

ÉIDES IS A "PEANUT & NUT FREE" SCHOOL

PLEASE DO NOT send ANY product to school that contains peanuts or nuts. ÉIDES has several children and staff who have a severe life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts and nuts, which can cause a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes.

MEDICAL ALERTS

If your child has a medical condition that requires special attention (i.e. life threatening allergy or carries an epi pen) PLEASE ensure that you inform us. We have a Medical Alert policy and planning forms for parents to sign in order to help us provide any necessary care.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



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Is your child too sick for school?



Deciding when your child is too sick for school is not always an easy decision.

Children should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If you have questions and concerns about your child's health, talk with a qualified healthcare professional.

Keep children at home if they have:

- a fever, and keep them home for **24** hours after the fever is gone away without the help of medication.
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for **24** hours after the last episode.
- a severe sore throat.
- a rash with no known cause.
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms like a runny nose and headache.
- redness, swelling or discharge of the eyes, ears or skin, unless treated.
- been acting unwell and have little energy to join in school activities.

For questions about your child's health you can:

1. Dial 811 or go to [HealthLinkBC.ca](https://www.healthlinkbc.ca) to speak with a:
 - Registered Nurse 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
 - Registered Dietitian every weekday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.
 - Pharmacist every night from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. PST every day of the year.
2. Contact an Urgent Care, Walk-in Clinic or Doctor's Office.
 - See the reverse page on when to go to the emergency department.



Seasonal Respiratory Illness

As we continue through the fall and winter, we can expect to see more respiratory illness. This is an annual occurrence, but there are measures we all can take to prevent illness and manage symptoms while at home. The most important measures are to get vaccinated, staying home when sick and follow general hygiene measures like hand washing. Here is some information that may be helpful: [it's respiratory illness season](#).

For more information on specific illnesses see: [A Quick Guide to Common Childhood Diseases](#)



Is it an Emergency?

Having a sick child can be stressful, but not all illnesses require a visit to the emergency department. Find the right place to go for care.

Emergency Department

- Difficulty breathing
- Fever in infants younger than 3 months
- Broken bone
- Serious or severe burn
- Vomiting or diarrhea with dehydration
- Sudden change in mental state
- Complicated or deep cut



BC Children's Hospital

Urgent Care, Walk-in Clinic or Doctor's Office

- Fever or flu
- Cough, cold, sore throat
- Earache
- Rash
- Pink eye
- Sprain or strain
- Referral to specialist



[Information on when to bring your child to the Emergency Department](#)



Coding Club is a very exciting this year.... approximately 100 students signed up!

That means we are looking for more adult volunteers.

The club runs from 3:15-4:15 Mondays. No technical experience is necessary!

Please use this link to signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FABA92FA3F9CF8-coding2>



EIDES Marathon Running Club

Great job Runners! As we transition into our winter running season, please ensure that your child comes dressed for the weather with a toque, mitts and running shoes (no boots). Parents who are joining us, please check the school Facebook page for cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. We run most days regardless of weather, so please remember to run with care. We have had several shoe mix ups recently and are asking you to please put your child's name in their shoes. We are currently looking for a pair of size 5 black, Nike shoes with a pink check mark. A pair of size 4s were left in their place. Will you please look to see if your child may have brought the wrong shoes home 😊



Keep up the great running Panthers!

The Running Club Team



To all of our volunteers in the Panther's Pantry, we give you a HUUUUUGE THANK YOU for all your time, energy, and work that you're doing for the school! We really, really, REALLY appreciate your support!

If you have any gently used winter boots, jackets, ski pants, toques or mitts we would be grateful for any donations, we would put them to good use.

Big thanks from your EIDES Family in the Panther's Den!

DATES TO REMEMBER**November - 2022**

Friday, November 25

No School

December - 2022

Thursday, December 1

Plant order pick up

Thursday, December 1

Elk Valley Volleyball Tournament in Elkford

Friday, December 9

Report Cards go home

Wednesday, December 14

Winter Concert 5:30 – 6:30

Friday, December 17

Last day of school before Winter Break

Monday, December 19 – Jan 3

Winter Break

January - 2023

Monday, January 2

No School – Stat Holiday

Tuesday, January 3

First Day Back for the Year

Friday, January 27

No School

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School**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

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 Home Reading Incentive Program is looking for books! If you have any gently used books, please drop them off at the office.



Parents, if your child is missing something the lost and found is on the wall by the gym doors.

Thank you.



"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.




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 **School District 5**

2022-2023 Annual School Calendar

October 2022						
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-  School Breaks
-  Professional Development Days
-  Stat Holidays
-  Administrative Day
-  Second Semester

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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 Message Service), 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