



## École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1302 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/Pages/default.aspx>

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### Principal's Message

Classes worked hard to plan for our Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony. Thank you for joining us for our Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10.

#### Inclement Weather Reminders:

With the weather now changing, please be sure your child/ren are dressed appropriately.

When there is inclement weather, dress warmly on cold weather days as school buses may be delayed and your child may be waiting for the bus longer than usual.

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

Please be diligent, be careful, be safe, follow the [safety protocols](#) now more than ever.

As always, we appreciate your support!

*Laura-Lee Phillips*

Principal

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School



## **IMPORTANT NOTES FROM OUR OFFICE**

### **ABSENCES**

If you know your child will be absent from school please inform the teacher and office in advance. Likewise if your child is going to be late or is sick and staying home, we need you to call the office at 250-423-4651 or email [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca) Your help with this will save our secretaries a lot of time as they make a call home for every unreported absence to ensure the child is safe.

### **VISITORS**

For safety reasons we ask that all visitors enter the school at our main entrance off 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. All visitors must sign in outside of the office door upon arrival and sign out as they leave the school.

### **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 busses. If you have any questions, you can call the bus department at: 250-423-5885 EXT 223.

### **VERIFICATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Over the previous school years our secretarial staff sent home student verification forms for all students to ensure that our information on file is accurate. They worked diligently to make sure our records were up to date. Moving forward we are asking families to **update any changes** to their contact information (emails, phone numbers, emergency contacts, address etc.) as soon as applicable. Please email any updates to [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca)

### **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.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Morning drop off and after school pick up times are very busy and continue to create safety concerns. Please help us keep everybody safe by helping with the following:

- Remind your child to use the crosswalk properly and to look both ways before crossing.
- Please do not stop or block crosswalks with your car.
- We ask that you DO NOT bring your dog onto the playground.
- Bikes and scooters need to be walked through the playground, on sidewalks and crosswalks.
- Remind your child of bicycle safety rules especially for riding on the streets.
- The staff parking lot is for STAFF only; please do not use it as a drop off spot.
- Please do not linger in drop off/pick up zones during peak times.
- Please respect the no stopping and handicap parking zones.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street is a bus zone DO NOT use it for drop off or pick up.

## WEATHER

Now that the cooler and wetter fall 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  $-20^{\circ}$  Celsius or colder. Rainy days also don't stop us from going outside, so please make sure your child has raingear 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.

### Welcome Sarah Lee Villeneuve our new Odyssey French Language Animatrice!

We are all very excited to have our first ever French "animatrice" (activity planner) from the federal government Odyssey Program. Sarah Lee, originally from Saguenay - Lac St Jean, Quebec, will be providing a variety of French language and cultural programming for all our students and is staying with us until May ☺ Quelle chance! What luck!



*Bienvenue Sarah Lee et merci pour les connexions et les activités que tu as déjà commencées!  
Thank you for the great connections and activities you have already begun at ÉIDES!!*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

SD5 Annual School Calendar:

<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/About/calendar/Pages/default.aspx>

ÉIDES School Calendar on Website: <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/Pages/default.aspx>

### November

Tuesday's	Boys Volleyball every Tuesday
Monday and Wednesday's	Girls Volleyball 3:05 – 4:30
Wednesday, November 18	Plant Order Deadline
Friday, November 27	No School
November 23 – December 7	Virtual Book Fair

### December

Tuesday's	Boys Volleyball every Tuesday
Tuesday, December 1	Virtual PAC Meeting
Thursday, December 3	Plant Delivery to IDES
Thursday, December 10	Report Cards go home
Monday, December 21	Winter Break begins

### January

Monday, January 4	First day back after Winter Break
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## École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

### Daily Bell Schedule

*During break times (mornings, recess, lunch, after school), students may want to socialize with peers in different learning groups. When interacting with peers outside of their learning group, students should minimize physical contact when outdoors.*

**8:20 – 8:50 Morning Supervision**  
**8:50 Welcome Bell / Students Enter**  
**8:55 – 10:30 Classes in Session**  
**10:15 – 10:30 Recess for Kindergarten & Gr. 1**  
**10:30 – 10:45 Recess Gr. 1/2 - 6**

<b>Recess</b>	<b>K-1's</b>	<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	<b>Primary Playground</b>
	<b>Gr. 1/2 – 3/4</b>	<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Primary Playground</b>
	<b>Gr. 4 – 6's</b>	<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Int. Playground</b>

**10:45 – 12:15 Classes in Session**  
**12:15 – 1:05 Lunch**

<b>Lunch</b>	<b>K – 1's</b>	<b>12:15 – 12:40</b>	<b>Outside</b>
		<b>12:40 – 1:05</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Gr. 1/2 – 3/4</b>	<b>12:15 – 12:40</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
		<b>12:40 – 1:05</b>	<b>Outside</b>
	<b>Gr. 4 – 4/5</b>	<b>12:15 – 12:40</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
		<b>12:40 – 1:05</b>	<b>Outside</b>
	<b>Gr. 5/6 - 6</b>	<b>12:15- 12:40</b>	<b>Outside</b>
		<b>12:40 – 1:05</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

**1:00 pm Welcome Bell**  
**1:05 – 3:05 Classes in Session**  
**3:05 pm Dismissal**

**End of Day Dismissal times:**  
**2:55 for families A – L**  
**3:00 for families M – Z**  
**3:05 for bus students**

### **RUNNING CLUB**

We have had a great turn out for Running Club! Everyone is so excited to be out running again! Parents are always welcome to join us but we ask that you maintain a safe, physical distance from other students while running. As we go into the winter months, please ensure that your child comes dressed for the weather with a hat, mitts and running shoes (no boots). Parents who are joining us, please check the school Facebook page for cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. Keep up the great running Panthers!

**Hello EIDES Families!**

**Only 6 more days to get your plant orders in for the holidays!**

Please visit <https://isabelladickenelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> to find more information and order your plants for the Holiday Season.

We will not be offering paper order forms this year. Similar to our Spring Plant Fundraiser, all orders are to be submitted through the website and payment can be made with Credit Cards and E-Transfers. Sorry, no cash or cheques this year.

By placing your order and paying online we are reducing the risk of COVID exposure while still supporting our fundraising efforts.

- **Order deadline is Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm**
- **Delivery date to EIDES is Thursday, December 3, 2020**
- **Pick up:**  
**Thursday, December 3, 2020 – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, December 4, 2020 – 8:30 am – 10:00 am**

**Thank you for your support, we couldn't do it without you!**

**Christine Sweet**

**250.423.1301**

**[Cesweet1966@yahoo.com](mailto:Cesweet1966@yahoo.com)**

### **EIDES Leadership Club**

Our We Scare Hunger event was a huge success. Together we donated 380 non-perishable food items to our local food bank. Way to go EIDES students and families! That is a lot of food!

Aligning with our school calendar of Connections, November is the month for Peaceful Perspectives - recognising different ideas and disagreeing respectfully. Leadership students modeled this by creating poppies of their own perspectives. Their well thought out and meaningful designs were displayed on a school bulletin board.

Some students coloured their poppies red while others used the colors of the earth and the soldiers' uniforms to show what poppies mean to them.

In addition to Leadership group, poppies of every shape, size and color adorned our school hallways thanks to our creative and caring students.





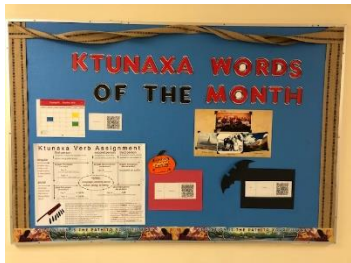
## Aboriginal Education Cultural Corner


Aboriginal Education at ÉIDES has been eventful and exciting!

In September we honoured Residential School Survivors. All the classes in the school had a display on their windows, doors, bulletin boards, etc. to pay tribute to Residential School Survivors.

October was busy with special guests Chief Joe Pierre and Ktunaxa Education Ambassador on Teams Classrooms in the Grade 3 Classes. Mrs. Peters (ABED Worker) was in her glory as she visited the Kindergarten classes weekly for a six week Learning Journey Series – relating animals to everyday values.

This month (November) you might hear your child come home and tell you a new word in Ktunaxa. We are excited about our new “Ktunaxa Words of the Week”. Mrs. Peters (ABED Worker) comes on the school **announcements** every Monday morning to share a new Ktunaxa Word of the week. The words are also posted on the bulletin board outside of the school library and can be scanned in QR(Quick Response) mode on a IPAD, phone etc. This week’s word in Remembrance of the over 12,000 Indigenous Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country was:



<p>Soldier</p>	<p>Kwanaqnamik (kwa nak nem ick)</p>	
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### **Our NEW Outdoor Learning Space!**

Thanks to a Basin PLAYS Community Grant – ÉIDES is having a Nature Learning Space built in our primary play field. Our amazing maintenance crew has been wonderful involving a few classes in certain aspects of the project.



Nous sommes très reconnaissants d'avoir cette place afin de continuer notre apprentissage à l'extérieur 😊 We are SO grateful and excited to have this area to contribute to our outdoor learning 😊

# Virtual Book Fairs

## Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place on **Monday November 23, 2020 to Monday December 7, 2020.**

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5152332>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE** it to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

Happy reading!



Interior Health is rolling out a call centre for booking COVID tests versus calling the local testing sites, Sparwood has now gone live.

- Call 1-877-740-7747 to book an appointment
- OR book online at [www.interiorhealth.ca](http://www.interiorhealth.ca), click the blue “book a COVID test” box on the home page

Our local testing clinic for the Elk Valley is still located in Sparwood, and I believe it is running 7 days a week - I can double check that....

On a side note, the BCCDC has also implemented an automated system which is supposed to be faster at getting negative results versus having to call in to receive your results. If any staff need to get tested, this new system should expedite receiving results apparently.

## TO STAY HOME OR GO TO SCHOOL?

### **Does your child have a fever?**

**Yes →** Keep your child home and have them assessed by calling 811, your physician or the local Covid-19 screening line at 250-425-3777.

**No ↓**

### **Does your child have two or more of the following?**

- Chills
- Cough or worsening of chronic cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Diarrhea
- Nausea and vomiting

**Yes →** Keep your child home and have them assessed by calling 811, your physician, or the local Covid-19 screening line at 250-425-3777.

**No ↓**

### **Does your child have one of the above mild symptoms?**

**Yes →** Monitor your child at home for at least 24 hours. If symptoms have improved, they can return to school without further assessment.

**No ↓**

### **Does your child have other symptoms of illness?**

**Yes →** If symptoms are mild, monitor your child at home for at least 24 hours and symptoms improve. If symptoms are severe, seek a health assessment by calling 811, your physician, or the local Covid-19 screening line at 250-425-3777 open 0830 -4pm daily.

This is the number to book appointments for swabbing and they will review what symptoms the clients have, give info on self-isolation and how to access results if they are swabbed.

The Swabbing Clinic is in Sparwood & currently runs Monday to Friday (excluding Wednesday) 130-330pm & Sundays 1230-230pm.

Parents can also use the online covid assessment tool at <https://bc.thrive.health/> when children are unwell to see if they meet the criteria for testing and/or isolation.



## Self-Assessment

This form is provided to ensure staff and parents/guardians are aware of symptoms of COVID-19 and also aware of the requirement to self-assess themselves or their children before they attend school. In order to adhere to the Public Health Officer, Ministry of Education, BC Centre for Disease Control and WorkSafe BC, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- **Staff or Students should stay at home** when new symptoms of illness develop. The key symptoms to watch for are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- If the staff or students (or their parent) indicates that the symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition and are not unusual for that individual, they may return to school. No assessment or note is required from a health care provider.
- For mild symptoms without fever, staff or students can monitor at home for 24 hours. If symptoms improve, they can return to school without further assessment.
- If symptoms include fever, or if after 24 hours, symptoms remain unchanged or worsen, seek a health assessment. A health assessment can include calling 8-1-1, a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner, or going to a COVID-19 testing centre.

When a **COVID-19 test is recommended** by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, the person should stay home until they are told by public health to end their self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, the person can return to school once symptoms have improved and they feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless the person develops a new illness. [BCCDC](#) has information on receiving negative test results.
- If a COVID-19 **test is recommended but is not done** because the person or parent chooses not to have the test or a health assessment is not sought when recommended, and the person's symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, they should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then may return if feeling well enough.

If a **COVID-19 test is not recommended** by the health assessment, the person can return to school when symptoms have improved and they feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).



# SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

## Self-Assessment

The following is an example of a daily health check for students or employees to determine if you should attend school that day.

		Daily Health Check		
1.	Key Symptoms of Illness	Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	Circle One	
		Fever	Yes	No
		Chills	Yes	No
		Cough or worsening of chronic cough	Yes	No
		Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
		Diarrhea	Yes	No
		Loss of appetite	Yes	No
		Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No
2.	International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	Yes	No
3.	Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	Yes	No

If you answered “YES” to one of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Symptoms of Illness’ or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a **COVID-19 test** is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 **test is recommended but is not done** because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

**A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor’s note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.**

 **School District 5**

**2020-2021 Annual School Calendar**

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 School Breaks

 Professional Development Days

 Stat Holidays

 Administrative Day

 Second Semester



Gratuit - Free

# CLUB BAGUETTE

## Junior

Pour les enfants de 7 ans et plus  
For kids from 7 years old and up

### JOIN US/joignez-vous à nous

- ✓ Practice your french *Pratiquez votre beau français*
- ✓ Enjoy a tasty snack *Dégustez un délicieux goûter*
- ✓ Play some fun games *Jouez à des jeux amusants*
- ✓ Help for homework *Recevez de l'aide aux devoirs*

**Tous les lundis, activité extérieure**  
**Every Monday, outdoor activity**  
15h30 à 16h30 / 3.30-4.30 PM

L'horaire et l'endroit peuvent changer - Time and place can change  
Plus de détails sur nos réseaux sociaux - more details on our Social Media

 AFRoS Fernie  @afros.fernier  [www.afros.ca](http://www.afros.ca)

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Cell : 250-430-1511



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