



École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1301 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

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

T: 250-423-4651

Principal's Message

September has come and gone! We enjoyed a great first month of school. Our students are back into a routine and are working hard to achieve their best. We are pleased with how well the students have adjusted to the new ways of school.

Regarding calendar items, we have early dismissal days at 2:05pm from Monday, October 18th to Thursday, October 21st. School will end an hour early for teachers to meet (virtually or in person) with parents to discuss your child's progress. Friday, October 22 is a Professional Development Day, so there is no school for students.

Halloween will be celebrated at the school on Friday, October 29th. We will be having a costume parade at 11:00 down the hall, and then outside toward the Amphitheatre. We will have a short dance outside following the costume parade. Please be sure that costumes do not consist of scary masks or weapons. I know that treats are always an important part of the Halloween party, so please remember we are a nut free school.

The Terry Fox Run was a success, we raised \$6951.20. Way to go Panthers! Thank you to the PAC for supplying us with granola bars.

We had our September assembly on September 29 for Orange Shirt Day. We wore orange shirts in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. A huge thank you to Ms. Peters for organizing our outside assembly.

Volleyball started for the Grade 6 students as they practice for the Elk Valley Tournament on November 25th. Thank you to our coaches Claire Gadd, Dani Dvorak and Max Tusim.

As always, feel free to contact us at the school with any questions, comments or good news to share. We value your input, and always appreciate hearing from you. If parents wish an interview with a teacher, counsellor, or administrator please phone, and request that the school arrange a convenient time.

We want to thank all of our families for all that you do in supporting our students and teachers as we look forward to an outstanding term here at École Isabella Dicken Elementary School!

Sincerely,

Laura-Lee Phillips & Janet Kuijt
Admin Team



Slone Larsen, Ms. Peters and Mitcheal Kendell present the Every Child Matters Flag during our National Indigenous Peoples Day Ceremony.



IMPORTANT NOTES FROM OUR OFFICE

ABSENCES

The SchoolMessenger app is up and running. If you know your child will be absent or late from school, please use the app. You may also call the office at 250-423-4651 or email ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca **before 9:00 am.** 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. **If you haven't down loaded the app please read the information provided in this newsletter.** Thank you.

VISITORS

For safety reasons we ask that all visitors sign in at the main entrance off 2nd Avenue. While in the building masks are mandatory. 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 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

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.
- Please do not block driveways 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.
- 13th Street is a bus zone **DO NOT** use it for drop off or pick up.
- Please **NO U-Turns** in School Zones
- Please **DO NOT IDLE** cars while parked in front of the portables

Change of Seasons

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° 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.

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>

October

Monday and Wednesdays	Girls Grade 6 Volleyball
Tuesday and Thursday	Boys Grade 6 Volleyball
Monday, October 18 – 21	2:05 Early dismissal. Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, October 20	Take Me Outside Day
Thursday, October 21	Shake Out BC
Friday, October 22	Pro D - No School
Wednesday, October 27	K-5 Open Parachute Webinar
Friday, October 29	Halloween

November

Tuesday, November 2	K-5 Mental Health Resources
Tuesday, November 2	CBAL Come Read with Me – Grade 1
Wednesday, November 10	Virtual Remembrance Day Ceremony
Thursday, November 11	Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 25	Volleyball hosted by RMES

December

Friday, December 10	2 nd CSL (Written reports go home)
Monday, December 20 – Dec 31	Winter Break

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Our Outdoor Classroom is now operating, and we need your help to keep the students warm and dry this winter. Do you have outdoor gear that is too small for your children (but still weather-proof) that can be donated to our lending library? We are looking for boots (winter, rain), mitts, jackets, and snow/rain pants. Also looking for firewood - we need this to be chopped into small pieces for easy fire lighting in our new portable fire pit. Please email melissa.fleischacker@sd5.bc.ca with any questions and to arrange a drop off for gear.



École Isabella Dicken Elementary School
Daily Bell Schedule

8:20 - 8:50 Morning Supervision #1
 8:40 - 8:50 Morning Supervision #2
 8:50 Welcome Bell / Students Enter
 8:55 Classes in Session

Recess	
10:15-10:30	Kindergarten & Gr. 1 on the primary playground Grade 5 – 6 on the intermediate playground
10:30-10:45	Grade 1/2 – 2 on the primary playground Grade 3 – primary or intermediate Grade 3/4 -4/5 on the intermediate playground

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1:00 pm Welcome Bell
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Parents, if your child is missing something the lost and found is on the wall by the gym doors.
Thank you.

STRONG START

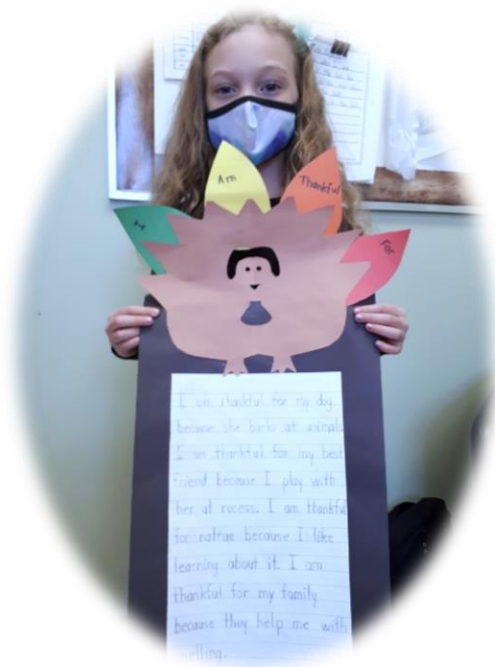
StrongStart is a free early learning program for families or caregivers and their children from birth to five years old. StrongStart supports the development of young children prior to school entry.

StrongStart will be offering an Outdoor Program at their new location (1602 2nd Ave next to Bright Beginnings) Monday-Thursday. If you are interested in registering, please email jodie.parker@sd5.bc.ca

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October 2021 at the Fernie Heritage Library

Pre-school Programming**Storytime (Ages 3-5 years)****Tuesdays 11:15am**

A fun, interactive storytime in the garden. Join us for songs, giggles, movement and stories outdoors for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Toddler time (Ages 0-2 years)**Wednesdays 11:15am**

Come bundled up and get ready to move with your toddler. Enjoy simple stories, songs and fingerplays in the library garden, for babies and their caregivers.

Storytime (Ages 0-5 years)**Fridays 11:15am**

Storytime and then some! Join us in the garden for an energetic storytime involving storywalks, scavenger hunts, songs and games for preschoolers and their caregivers.

BOO! Storytime (0-5 years)**Friday October 29th, 11:15am**

Come dressed up for a Halloween themed storytime with a spooky story walk and explore our haunted garden.

Activities for School-aged Children**Curbside Craft****Wednesdays on Facebook and Instagram**

Pick up your craft kit curbside at the Fernie Heritage Library from 10:00am each Wednesday (while supplies last). Watch a short craft tutorial on Facebook or Instagram.

Teen Programming**Teen Book Club****Thursday October 28th, 6:30pm**

Talk books with teens across the Kootenays and meet the authors in this online book club. The first half we will have a discussion about the book, "**Aggie Morton Mystery queen: The Body Under The Piano**" and in the second half we will talk to the author *Marthe Jocelyn*. We can ask her all the questions. To get a copy of the book and the zoom link, contact Fernie Heritage Library.

information@fernieheritagelibrary.com

Adult Programming**Lifelong Learners****Saturday October 2nd, 2:00pm-3:00pm**

A monthly DIY group for adults. Activities include crafts, homesteading, life hacks and a number of DIY projects. Supplies will be provided and the occasional guest facilitator will be on hand for instructions. In October we will be making Fall wreaths.

Participants will need to register on Eventbrite. Maximum of 8 participants.

Read Local book club**Tuesday January 26th, 7:30pm**

An online book club featuring authors from the Kootenay region. This month's read is "**Waiting for the Cyclone**" by author *Leesa Deen*. There will be a meeting held on Zoom to discuss the book as well as meet the author. To get a copy of the book and the zoom link, contact Fernie Heritage Library.

information@fernieheritagelibrary.com

BOOKED!**Thursday October 28th, 7:00pm (hosted at the library and posted on Facebook Live)**

Join *Jon Turk* for the Canadian launch of his newest work, "**Tracking Lions, Myth, and Wilderness in Samburu**". Local author *Angie Abdou* will lead a discussion with *Jon Turk*.

Limited number of tickets available to attend the in person reading.

Tea and Talk**Friday October 29th, 1:30pm (hosted at the library and on Zoom)**

For good conversation over a cup of tea, look no further! This month's book is "**Autopsy of A Boring Wife**" by *Marie-Renée Lavoie*. Copies of the book are available from the library.



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A MIX OF CRAFTS, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE..

OCTOBER:
TUESDAY 12TH- SPOOKY DECORATIONS
TUESDAY 19TH-HAUNTED HOUSES
TUESDAY 26TH-VOMITING PUMPKINS
3:45-4:45

7-10 YEARS-MAXIMUM 8 KIDS
REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE
SIGNED WAIVER REQUIRED

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HERITAGE LIBRARY



K-5 Mental Health Resources

Join our Webinar to learn more!

Open Parachute is excited to announce that our new K-5 Resources are now available!

There are specific lessons for each K-5 age group. These Resources teach core psychological skills for building resilience, and feature videos of real BC kids who serve as role models that students learn from in class. All lessons are mapped onto the BC Mental Health Curriculum Guidelines.

We are hosting Webinars to show you these resources, and answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend, you will be emailed a recording.

Wednesday, Oct 27th @ 3:30 – 4:15pm

Tuesday, Nov 2nd @ 3:45 – 4:30pm

[RESERVE MY SPOT](#)

Paqmi Nuqyuk
 A Ktunaxa term
 which means
**“blossom or burst
 from the ground”**
 much like a
 developing child.



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**Ktunaxa Kinbasket
 Child & Family
 Services Society**

KKCFSS.org



Paqmi Nuqyuk Aboriginal Early Years Services strives to support strong healthy families and communities connected to their culture.

This program is designed to provide a continuum of early childhood development services to children birth to 12 years of age, their families, community and support networks.

It is intended for anyone who self-identifies as First Nations, Inuit, or Metis with children between the ages of 0-12 years, living on or off reserve.

We provide services to the areas of:

- Grasmere/Fernie
- Cranbrook/Kimberley
- Invermere/Windermere
- Creston



Participation in these programs is voluntary, family centered, culturally inclusive and sensitive.

This program is offered through **Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family Services Society**.

It provides a positive start to new life through services in six areas:

- Culture and Language
- Education
- Health
- Nutrition
- Social Support
- Parental and Family Involvement



**Ktunaxa Kinbasket
 Child & Family
 Services Society**

Our Programs:

Aboriginal Infant Development Program (AIDP)

Families with children ages 0-3 who are at risk or have been diagnosed with a medical or developmental delay.

Aboriginal Supported Child Development Program (ASCDP)

Families with children ages 3-12 that have a developmental delay or disability in physical, cognitive, communication, social, emotional, and/or behavioural areas. Children have an identified need for extra support in a child care program.

Urban Aboriginal Early Childhood Development (UAECD)

Families with children ages 0-6 that do not fall under AIDP or ASCDP

What We Do:

- One to one supports
- Play groups
- Parent workshops
- Nutrition information
- Ktunaxa culture kits
- Ktunaxa language resources
- Kindergarten readiness
- Assessments
- Baby welcome bags
- Paqmi Nuqyuk Facebook group
- Paqmi Nuqyuk YouTube Channel
- Car Seat Inspections
- Parent to parent links
- Prenatal care before and after birth
- Referrals to a wide range of child-based health services: Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physical therapy







School District 5 Introduces SchoolMessenger

Continuing to foster and enhance ethical communication between the School District and all learners, students, staff, parents and community in a timely and inclusive manner.

School District 5(Southeast Kootenay) is launching SchoolMessenger for communication with parents. SchoolMessenger is a communication platform that allows our schools and district to send out mass communications to parents/guardians using multiple methods simultaneously. The SafeArrival system provides parents with a faster and easier way of reporting absences.

The benefits of SchoolMessenger include:

-  Parents can choose how to be notified (email, phone call, text message)
-  Absences are easier to report at **1-(833) 566-1225**, on the app or website)
-  More timely notification in an emergency
-  Schools can respond faster when a student is unexpectedly absent and may be missing

SchoolMessenger Communicate



SchoolMessenger Communicate is an automated notification system used to send out general announcements.



As a parent/guardian, you can decide how you want to receive announcements (email, phone call, and/or text message).

There is nothing you need to do to receive announcements from the school. You can customize how you receive what kind (General, Emergency, or Attendance) announcements. For example, you may only want to receive general announcements (upcoming events, newsletters, etc.) via email, but you might want attendance info to come as a text message so that you see it right away.

You can set up your Smartphone or Android phone app or website account right away to make sure you are ready when we launch SchoolMessenger Communicate and SafeArrival:

-  Using your mobile device, download and install the [School Messenger 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 [Safe Arrival website](#). The first time you use the website, select [Sign Up](#) to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.



Please get in touch with your child's school if your contact information (email or phone number) has recently changed so SchoolMessenger has the most current information on file.

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

Yours truly,

School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay)


Jennifer Roberts
District Principal



School District 5 Southeast Kootenay – Back to School 2021-2022

Safety is our Priority	Guidelines
<p>Students and staff can safely participate in full-time, in-class instruction in accordance with current public guidelines for schools. All members of our School District 5 Southeast Kootenay (SD5) community have a shared responsibility to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19, or any other communicable disease. A detailed Communicable Disease Plan is part of SD5's commitment to promote the health and safety of all employees, students, and visitors by providing information that can be used to prevent the contraction and spread of communicable diseases, and to guide appropriate responses.</p> <p>Our plans are based on current guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC).</p>	<p>To Continue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All K -12 staff, visitors, and Gr. 4 -12 students required to wear masks - indoors and on buses • K - Gr. 3 students encouraged to wear masks - personal/family choice • Daily health check - K-12 Health Check App, Self- Assessment Tool, or BCCDC's "When to get Tested" • Don't come to school when sick - seek guidance • Daily attendance management • Daily cleaning & disinfecting - 1x/day • Hand hygiene & respiratory etiquette - be diligent! • Ventilation & air exchange • Case & contact management - directed by public health • Health and safety orientation - for staff & students
<p>Supportive Environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the health and well-being of students, staff and families continues to be our top priority. • Addressing pandemic impacts on student learning and well-being, with a focus on the "whole child" including literacy, numeracy, social-emotional development and mental health. • Providing inclusive and compassionate learning environments through trauma-informed practices. • Implementing strategies to routinely support students to practice personal prevention measures. 	<p>New:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinations - the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19. Available for ages 12 and older • Full operation of all school spaces - gyms, libraries, washrooms, water fountains etc. • Extra-curricular activities & sports - resume • Regional health measures - as needed • Gathering & events - resume in alignment with PHO orders • Visitors are welcome - following safety guidelines; appointments encouraged <p>No longer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cohorts/Learning Groups • Physical Distancing of 2m

All members of the SD5 community are expected to follow the SD5 Communicable Disease Plan in conjunction with the [BCCDC Public Health Guidelines for K-12 Schools](#), and the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#). All employees are expected to read, [keep](#), and organize their work in accordance with these guidelines.

 **School District 5**

2021-2022 Amended Annual School Calendar

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

Amended – August 30, 2021