

October 2022

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1301 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

[website](#)

250-423-4651



Many students walk to and from school. It's important they understand safety practices for walking are just as important as those for riding on a bus or in a car. Students can follow some [simple road safety guidelines](#) to keep safe:

- Always cross streets at corners where there are traffic signals and designated crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks. Walk facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- Be aware of cars that are turning or backing up.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Don't text and walk. Keep your smartphone in your pocket or bag while walking.
- Younger children should walk to school with a buddy.

October 24, 25, 26, and 27 will be holding Parent/Teacher interviews. **This means that on these four days all classes/students will have an early dismissal at 2:05 PM. Buses will bring the children home at this time, except for the Elko bus students.**

If you have not received a notice requesting a meeting from your child's teacher, and you wish to review your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher to arrange for an interview time.

Halloween will be celebrated at school on Monday, October 31. We will be having a costume parade at 1:30 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.

Volleyball started for the Grade 6 students as they practice for the Elk Valley Tournament on December 1st. Thank you to our coaches Devon MacGregor, Tammy Temrick, and Kristie Stefano.

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 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 Kujit
Admin Team





Dear Parents:

The Ministry announced an allocation of \$60M in one-time funding to school districts across BC. This funding is to be allocated to increase food security for students and their families, and to support students, parents, and guardians with affordability concerns related to items such as school supplies or education-related fees and equipment. The intent of this funding is to help directly support our students and their families.

We will provide the support to families in as flexible, private, and stigma-free manner as possible. If you need additional support for food, clothing, or school supplies, please contact administration – Laura-Lee Phillips, Janet Kujit, our counsellor Rusan Morgan, Youth Care Workers – Kim Legge, Teya Woeszczak-Macvicar, Indigenous Education Support Worker – Kerry Peters, or your child's classroom teacher.

For additional information, the Ministry has provided the following instructions and Q&A:

- [BC Provincial Government press release](#)
- [Instruction to School Districts for Student and Family Affordability Fund](#)
- [Q&A – Student and Family Affordability Fund](#) (Updated September 2, 2022)



IMPORTANT NOTES FROM OUR OFFICE

ABSENCES

The SchoolMessenger app is up and running. If you know your child will be absent 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.

When your child needs to leave during the day, please sign your child out in the office.

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



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 administrators. 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](#)

October

Friday, October 21	Pro D, No School
Tuesday, October 25	Green Thumb Theatre Presentation Grade 4-6
Oct 24, 25, 26, 27	Parent Teacher Interviews – Early dismissal 2:05

November

Thursday, November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day – No School

December

Thursday, December 1	PAC Plant Delivery
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

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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
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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

EIDES Marathon Running Club

We are excited to see so many keen runners coming out to Running Club. As our weather begins to change, please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather. All runners must wear running shoes. A helpful running club tip is to keep an extra pair of socks in their backpack for wet days. It's been great to see so many parents joining us. We appreciate all of your support. We do ask that you leave your dogs at home. Our club is just too big and some of our younger members have a fear of dogs. Keep up the great running!

The Running Club Team



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.

Volunteers Needed

for our Panther's Pantry Morning Meal Welcome Wagons

Our Panther's Pantry supplies food for all students, and we are looking for more help! If you have time from 8:30-9:00am – we'd love to have you help us bring one of our wagons full of morning snacks around the playground, visit with our great students and assist providing a wonderful food support program at our school!! Feel free to sign up for one morning a week and even ask a parent friend to help with you 😊

Email: janel.kuijt@sd5.bc.ca or stop in the office to sign up or for more information.



Fernie Winter Job Fair

WORK IN FERNIE

Tuesday, November 8
12pm - 4pm
Fernie Community Centre

In partnership with:
KOOTENAY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

"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.

School District 5

2022-2023 Annual School Calendar

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





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

October 18, 2022 Grade 6 Running Club Members



Boys Results: Liam Riddell 3rd

Girls Results: Norah Fraser 2nd

Arrea Jacobson 3rd



October 14, 2022 EIDES Soccer Tournament

Big thank you to all the soccer coaches, officials, and players!

EIDES Girls Soccer Team

Isla Sauve
Bree Oakes
Mary Thorpe
Norah Fraser
Zoe Temrick
Olive Park
Lorelai Gulyas
Arrea Jacobson
Bella Ross
Isabella Takala
Aki Robinson
Presley Scott

Coach: Rachel Soukoroff

EIDES Boys Soccer Team

Doran Noseworthy
Brady Jackson
Noel McLean
Marcus Elleis
Adam Riddell
Liam Riddell
Sam Dillon
Elliot Lucas
Theo Favreau
Connor Tapley
Sage Demers
Weston Rawson

Coaches: Danielle Degagne
Kim McLean

Results for the Day:

Girls: 1 JESS - 3 wins
2 EIDES - 2 wins
3 RMES - 1 win
4 FJMES - 0 win

Boys: 1 JESS - 3 wins
2 RMES - 2 wins
3 EIDES - 1 win
4 FJMES - 0 win

