

KDS OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

5 ONLINE LEARNING TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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1. Schedule and manage time wisely
2. Stay organized
3. Continuous engagement
4. Take care of yourself
5. Know where to go for help

Icons: calendar, organizational chart, lightbulb, person meditating, speech bubble saying 'HELP!'

KDS wants you to succeed

1. Create a schedule and manage your time wisely: Keep a calendar, look at all the class activities and figure out a schedule for completion – enter them in your calendar. Commit to several hours daily, being deliberate with your time is key to success. Practice and learn how to prioritize, and figure out what needs to be done first.

2. Stay organized and be thorough: Have a designated study space that is free of distractions so you can focus on your work. Prepare as if you have to teach the information you are studying. Organize information by creating charts, outlines, study guides, flashcards, concept maps, and character maps. Create practice exams to evaluate mastery of the material. Use smart test-taking strategies: Before a quiz or exam, write down formulas or other information you may need. Survey the test before starting and budget your time. Begin with easy questions and work your way towards harder ones. Expect memory blocks, often information will come back to you if you move on to other questions.

3. Remain engaged throughout the whole course: Prepare and review for lessons, analyze assessed quizzes, tests, and assignments, ask the instructor for feedback, and develop a plan for improvement. Make use of office hours know your teacher's hours of work so you can actively engage with them. Remember we have sites in Cranbrook and Fernie where you can see your teacher face to face for assistance.

4. Take care of yourself: Look inward for motivation, and remember the goal you are working toward. Stay healthy by getting adequate rest, nutrition, and exercise. Use positive self-talk to reduce anxiety. Schedule time to take care of yourself and to spend time with friends and family. Keep a growth mindset. Success has as much to do with your effort as it has to do with your ability, monitor your self-talk and stay positive.

5. Know where to turn for help: Your teacher is your first point of contact for help, email them: fistname.lastname@sd5.bc.ca

- Request and set up a TEAMS call with your teacher.
- Phone:
- KDS Fernie: 250.423.4912
- KDS Cranbrook: 250.426.2111
- Message your instructor in your Brightspace course

Sincerely,
Michael Kelly – Principal

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PAC UPDATE

We would like to announce that athletic T-shirts are now available for all Kootenay Discovery School students participating in sports.

Additionally, we are pleased to share that through the purchase of \$4000 worth of grocery cards, we have qualified for an 8% return. The order has been placed with Save On Foods.



UPCOMING EVENTS



November 1 - Picture Day with Life Touch

November 1 - Provincial Assessments Cranbrook (8:30 am & 12:30 pm)

November 2 - Provincial Assessments Fernie (8:30 am & 12:30 pm)

November 2 - Field Trip to the Cranbrook Train Museum

November 7 - PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm Castle Room & Zoom

November 15 - Grade 10-12 Avalanche Awareness Presentation in Fernie @ 6:30 pm - Castle Room of KLC

Do you seek guidance to assist your child's learning and progress in Brightspace?

Join Kelly Mackenzie, KDS Fernie's Student Services, and Kim Froehler for the Brightspace and Assistive Technology Training Night on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00 pm in the Castle Room at the Kootenay Learning Campus.

During the one-hour session, Kelly will discuss:

- Navigating courses, grades, and assignments
- Submitting assignments
- Taking quizzes and tests
- Utilizing read-aloud features for Brightspace and internet research
- Employing text-to-speech functionality



CREATIVITY IS INTELLIGENCE HAVING FUN.

Albert Einstein

The Fernie Middle School blended program is on fire! They tackled a whole bunch of STEM and art challenges with gusto. For starters, they whipped up a cozy nature hammock for their beloved chickens to chill in. Then, they unleashed their inner artists and crafted some stunning nature-themed art pieces.

But wait, there's more! They headed out on a hike and put their survival skills to the test by building a fire from scratch using only flint and steel. Game on! The students went head-to-head, sparks flying, trying to be the first to ignite their flames. Way to go, Fernie Middle School!



