

ÉCOLE ISABELLA DICKEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Ki?su?k kyukyit! Bonjour! Hello Panther families!

As we move into October, I want to thank our school community for such a positive start to the year. September was full of energy, traditions, and meaningful learning, and now October is the month when we settle into our routines and rhythms as a school.

On September 18th, we held our **23rd Terry Fox Run**. With fabulous weather, courageous participation, and generous family support, our community raised an incredible **\$3,152.50 for the Terry Fox Foundation** — above our \$3,000 target! To celebrate today, October 6th, staff donned their moustaches for **“Moustache Monday”**. A huge thank you to Ms. Nimmo and Mrs. Webber at FSS for organizing this event and to every family who supported such an important tradition and cause.

On September 29th, our school came together for our **Orange Shirt Day Assembly**, following a week of important learning about truth and reconciliation. Together, we reflected on the message that every child matters and our commitment to ensuring equity and belonging for all students. **Hu sukiᑭukni—thank you to Ms. Peters** for guiding us with stories and events during this meaningful time.

We are sharing our updated **ÉIDES School Handbook** and encouraging families to sit down and read it together. Please review with your child our **School Code of Cooperation**, which outlines the values and expectations that guide our community. One important area I'd like to highlight is our **cell phone policy**. While we recognize that some students bring phones to school for use before or after the school day, cell phones must remain turned off and stored in backpacks during the school day. If a parent or child has an urgent need to communicate, every classroom is equipped with a school phone.

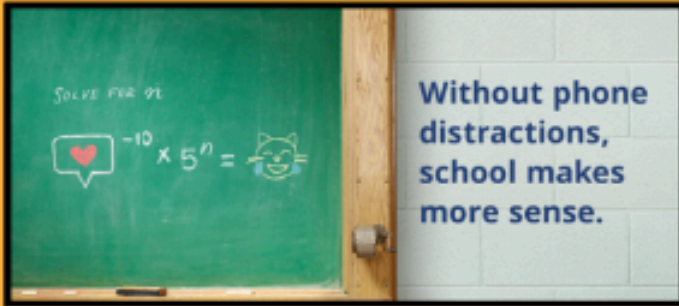
October is also a time when we revisit our School Growth Plan. Our 2025–26 plan has now been posted on the school website, and I invite you to take a look. If you have feedback or questions about this year's plan, please don't hesitate to contact us.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are building a year of kindness, connection, and courage.

Warmly,
Ms. Neufeld & Mrs. Leeden
Administrative Team



Things to Know:



Cell Phone/Electronic Devices & Smart Watches

The school cannot be responsible for lost or stolen cell phones. Cell phones/Electronic Devices & Smart Watches must be turned off and put away safely DURING THE SCHOOL DAY and are not to be used for taking pictures anywhere on the grounds and are not allowed in the change rooms or washrooms at any time. In order to encourage social interaction and creative play, students are asked NOT to bring electronic games or devices to school.

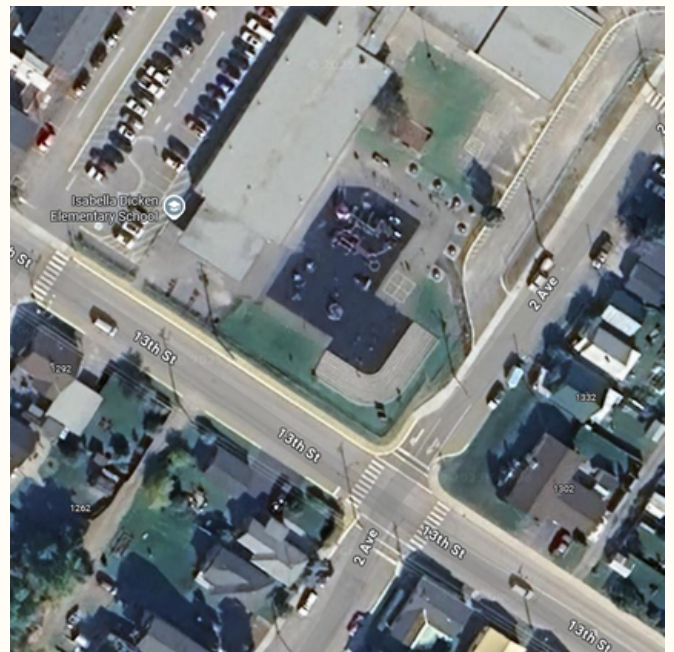
Greetings parents and caregivers,

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has been working on projects to improve pedestrian and student safety at the intersection of 2nd Ave and 13th Street, a key entry and departure point to/from school for many of our students and families. You will notice some exciting upgrades coming very soon!

To help us with reporting for grant funding and to help inform future proposals, we are asking that you complete this short survey as quickly as you can about the current "baseline" status of this intersection (even if you rarely use it, or if your students ride on the bus, your feedback will be helpful!)

<https://forms.gle/9J57Z11kTD8bB6LS6>

Thank you very much for your support!
EIDES PAC





UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

- October 6 Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day – Wear Green
 - October 10 Yellow Day – NO SCHOOL
 - October 13 Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
 - October 20 – 23 Early Dismissal 2:05 pm – Communicating Student Learning Conferences
 - October 22 Take Me Outside Day
 - October 24 Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL
 - October 28 DEAR Day
 - November 10 Remembrance Day Assembly
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ÉIDES PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MEETING

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2025 @ 7:00 PM**

**SCHOOL LIBRARY IN PERSON
THERE WILL BE FREE BABYSITTING IN THE
KINDERGARTEN ROOM DURING THE MEETING**

ÉIDES ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

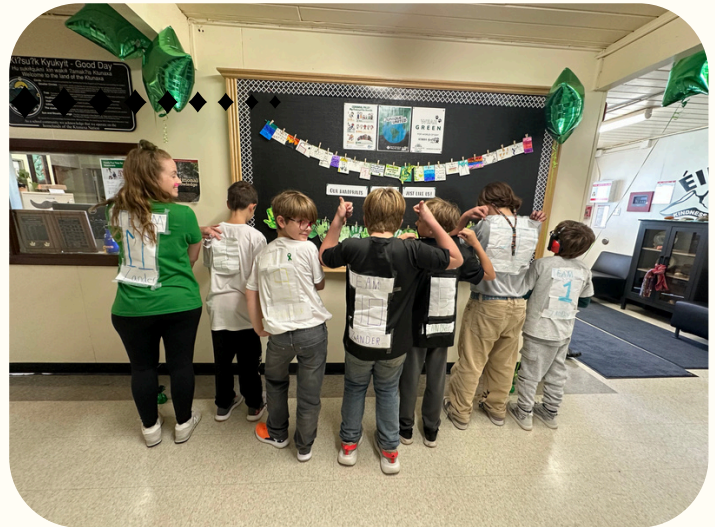
ÉIDES Community members who value equity and want to help foster a respectful and inclusive school environment for all students are invited to join the Anti-Discrimination Committee. Formed last year in response to incidents of racism within our school, the committee is dedicated to ongoing learning, open dialogue, and meaningful action that supports every student and staff member.

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, October 22 @7:00 PM in the ÉIDES Library. Everyone is welcome!

Terry Fox Run 2025



Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day



Elk Valley School Soccer Tournament **Thursday, October 9th – Max Turyk**

TIME	FIELD #1	FIELD #2	FIELD #3
9:30 AM	Boys – ÉIDES vs RMES	Boys – JESS vs FJMES	Girls – JESS vs RMES
10:30 AM	Girls – ÉIDES vs FJMES	Boys – JESS vs RMES	Boys – ÉIDES vs FJMES
11:30 AM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:20 PM	Girls – ÉIDES vs RMES	Girls – FJMES vs JESS	Boys – ÉIDES vs JESS
1:30 PM	Girls – ÉIDES vs JESS	Boys – FJMES vs RMES	Girls – RMES vs FJMES



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Our district utilizes the School Messenger System -

<https://home.schoolmessenger.ca/>

to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can join by sending a text message of "Yes" or "Y" to **978338**. Please make sure you are utilizing the cellular number that the school has on record. The cellular phone number for SMS must match the contact information on file.



Click here for
[Nut Free Snack Ideas](#)

ONE-TO-ONE READING PROGRAM

Do you love to read? Would you love to share your love for reading?

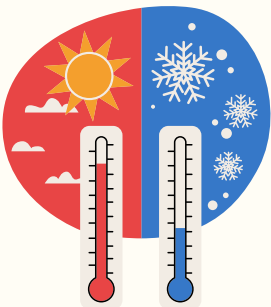
Join the One-to-One Reading Program, a BC-wide initiative where volunteers connect with young readers to help them kick start their reading journey. Training is provided.



A police background check is required. We are currently looking to fill a 90min slot (3 readers for 30min each) on Wednesday mornings. If you are looking for a rewarding and proven way to have a positive impact on our school community then please reach out to Felina Arsenault, 250-946-6822 or felina_a@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Weather Reminder

Fall has arrived and living in a mountain town means we could have sun, rain or snow all in one day SO please dress your children for the weather.



Family Fun Time for Newcomers

NEWCOMER
SERVICES
PROGRAM



Mondays

September 15 – October 27

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Isabella Dicken Elementary School

To register or learn more contact:

Jodie Parker - Settlement Worker

 swiselkvalley@cbal.org

 or text 250-946-6474

 cbal.org

Come and join us every week!

Are you a **work permit-holder** or a **permanent resident of Canada**?

This **FREE** program is for you and your kids!

- Meet other newcomer families
- Eat healthy snacks
- Make fun crafts
- Play games and activities

You'll also learn about CBAL settlement services and other community programs that can help you.




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WelcomeBC



Our society mission

Create a world where everyone is connected to support, families, resources, and to the community in which they live. Providing information sharing, mentoring, opportunities for connection and sharing, promoting awareness and inclusion.

Fernie

The ARTS Station

601 1st Ave.

Friday Oct 10th 4PM

Snacks and beverages.

rsvp – email below

250-231-7712

diversefamilyroots@gmail.com

diversefamilyroots.ca

Diverse Family

Roots Society exists to promote peer-to-peer mentoring, family connections, family support, connection to resources, advocacy, and family navigation of services.

Learn about and meet our Family Stewards. They will be sharing lived experience, advocating where they are able, meeting families where they are at, mentoring, supporting, listening, sharing.

