

September 2022

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1301 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

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

250-423-4651



On behalf of the staff at École Isabella Dicken Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2022- 23 school year! As the administrators at EIDES, it is important to us that everyone who steps through our doors - teachers, students, and parents are excited to be here. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to phone the school at (250) 250-4651 or email, laura-lee.phillips@sd5.bc.ca or janet.kuijt@sd5.bc.ca . If parents wish an interview with a teacher, counsellor, or administrator please phone, and request that our clerical team arrange a convenient time.

While lots of familiar faces will be in and around the school, we have a number to new additions to our staff for the 2022 -23 school year. Please check our [website](#) for school information.

ÉIDES families received a copy of our [Student Handbook](#) through email. It is also available to view or download off our website. Students in grades 2-6 have also received Student Planners and the ÉIDES Code of Conduct and Code of Cooperation can be found inside. Please take time to read and familiarize yourself with these. Our newsletters are posted on our website and sent home by email. Check our website regularly for calendar events, announcements, and news. We also have a Facebook Page (Isabella Dicken Elementary School) where we share reminders, events, and resources.

Thank you everyone who came out to run with us at our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 16.

PAC – I cannot emphasize how lucky we are to have this extremely committed group of people working on behalf of our students. The students at EIDES are provided numerous extra-curricular activities thanks to the hard work and dedication of this team. I encourage you to come out and be a part of the voice that supports the many programs in our school.

PAC is excited to be once again holding our Fall Apple Fundraiser! Click the link below for details on these delicious apples and to order. If you have any questions, please contact Sheri Earl at earlfamilysix@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

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Sincerely,

Laura-Lee Phillips & Janet Kuijt

Admin Team





Please remember to wear orange t-shirts on Thursday, September 29th!



For more information and resources on Orange T Shirt Day Please Click on the links below:

www.angeshirtday.org

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/10-books-about-residential-schools-to-read-with-your-kids-1.3208021>



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.

EIDES 2021-2022 Yearbooks Order!!



ÉIDES Yearbooks are complete and ready for sale for \$25/book.

You may purchase your copy by sending an e-transfer to: eidespac@gmail.com

You must add: **Yearbook + Student Name + Teacher Name** in the message box with your e-transfer.

Orders will be accepted until: **Friday October 7th**.

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

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.mail@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](#)

September

Mon & Wed

Tues & Thurs

September 23

September 26

Sept 27, 28, 29

Thursday, September 29

Friday, September 30

Grade 6 Boys' Soccer 3:15 – 4:15

Grade 6 Girls' Soccer 3:15 – 4:15

Pro-D Day – No School

Girls' Grade 5 Volleyball Mondays and Wednesdays

Picture Days

Orange Shirt Day

No School, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October

October 6

October 10

October 12

October 14

Friday, October 23

Oct 24, 25, 26, 27

Grade 1 Come Read with Me - CBAL

Thanksgiving – No School

Picture Retakes

Soccer Tournament – Max Turyk Field

Pro D, No School

Parent Teacher Interviews – Early dismissal 2:05

November

Friday, November 11

Remembrance Day – No School

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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 <i>3s allowed on intermediate</i>
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

Once again, we will be having our running club for EIDES students in grades 2-6. This year running club will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays starting on **Wednesday September 21** (weather permitting). To start the year, runners whose classrooms are in the school will meet in the gym and portable students will meet outside at the track (due to construction). Students will run first and then eat lunch in the gym.

It is important that students are dressed for running in all weather conditions (track pants, shorts, gloves, toques, etc.) and have proper running shoes (an extra pair of shoes to be left at school for running is encouraged, but not mandatory). For the safety of the participants, students need to participate in their running shoes, not boots or sandals.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us. We ask that you meet your child on the track and not in the gym. When running with a parent, extra distance is not permitted. As this is a running club, we are encouraging children to run as much as possible, taking walking breaks only when necessary. For your child to have enough time to run and eat their lunch, they may be asked to turn around if they have not reached a particular point on the running route. For safety reasons, we ask parents to not take additional children and continue running if there are no teachers on the running route.

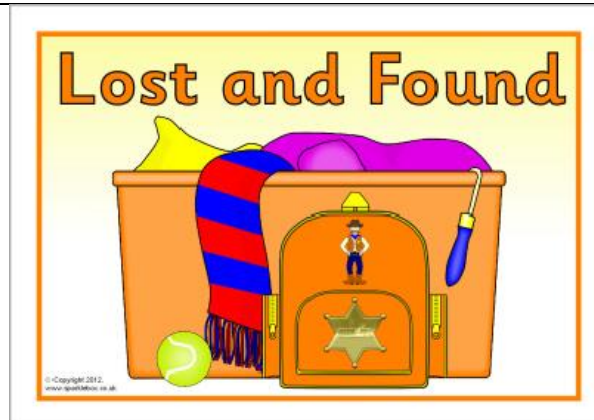
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Our Home Reading Incentive Program is looking for books! If you have any gently used books, please drop them off at the office.



Parents, if your child is missing something the lost and found is on the wall by the gym doors.

Thank you.





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



Buddy Bench

"If you need a friend and are feeling blue, then this seat is for you. Open your heart and your mind to anyone trying to be kind."

1. Before you sit on the Buddy Bench, think of something you would like to do.
2. Ask someone else to play with you.
3. The bench isn't for socializing. Only sit there if you can't find anyone to play with.
4. While you're sitting on the bench, look around for a game you can join.
5. If you see something you want to do or if you see a friend you want to talk to, get off the bench!
6. When you see someone on the bench, ask that person to play with you.
7. If you're sitting on the bench, play with the first classmate who invites you.
8. Keep playing with your new friends!



