



École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Welcome back to École Isabella Dicken Elementary! It has been wonderful to see our hallways, classrooms, and playgrounds filled once again with the energy of our students and staff. We are excited to welcome approximately 510 students and 60 staff members this year, and we extend a special welcome to all of the new students, families, and staff joining our ÉIDES community.

We kicked off the year with our Welcome Back Assembly, bringing our school together and reminding students of the values at the heart of ÉIDES: Kindness, Connection, and Courage. September is already off to a busy start, with many opportunities to put these values into action. Our Terry Fox Run is coming up on September 25th, providing an opportunity for our students and staff to come together for an important cause. Families are invited to join us for the run or cheer on our school runners. On September 29th, we will recognize Orange Shirt Day, as students learn about the importance of truth and reconciliation and the message that Every Child Matters.

We encourage families to stay connected throughout the year by reading our monthly newsletters, watching for emails from the school, following our Facebook page, and visiting the ÉIDES website. We also encourage parents to become involved with our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Your involvement and partnership play an important role in supporting our students and strengthening our school community.

Thank you for helping us begin another school year with such a positive start. We look forward to a year filled with learning, new experiences, friendships, and plenty of opportunities to demonstrate Kindness, Connection, and Courage.

Warmly,
Ms. Neufeld & Ms. Leeden
ÉIDES Administrative Team

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 25	Terry Fox Run
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	No School - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 5	World Teachers Day
October 6 - 8	School Pictures
October 8	Family Read Night
October 12	No School - Thanksgiving
October 16	District Soccer Tournament @ Max Turyk
October 19 - 22	Early Dismissal - Communicating Student Learning Conferences
October 21	Take Me Outside Day
October 23	No School

SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS

To support a safe and secure school environment, exterior doors will remain locked during the school day. All parents, guardians and visitors must enter the school through the main office doors, located on the primary playground side facing 2nd Avenue, and report directly to the office to sign in. A visitor badge system will also be implemented. Visitors will be provided with a badge when they sign in and are asked to wear it while in the school.

Thank you for helping us keep ÉIDES safe, secure and welcoming for everyone.



SCHOOL HANDBOOK

Reminder that our School Handbook, which contains our code of conduct was sent home to all families. We will be reviewing this with students at school and ask parent to continue the conversation at home. We ask that Cell Phones, including Smartwatches be kept at home. If there is a need for your child to have one for after school, it must remain in their backpack and turned off during the day.

Please see the attached Use of Cell Phones and Digital Devices.



École Isabella Dicken Elementary School Daily Bell Schedule

8:20-8:50 am	Morning Supervision Starts
8:50 am	Welcome Bell / Students Enter
8:55 am	Classes in Session

RECESS

10:15-10:30 am	Kindergarten & Grade 1- Primary Playground Grade 4/5 (Scheller), 5 & 6- Intermediate Playground
10:30-10:45 am	Grade 1/2 (Murray) & 2- Primary Playground Grade 3 & 4- Intermediate Playground

LUNCH BREAK: 12:15- 1:05 PM

LUNCH

12:15-12:30 pm	Grades 2-6 Lunch in Classrooms (Portable classes in MPR)
12:30-1:00 pm	Recess Outside -Grade 4-6 on Intermediate Playground -Grade 2 & 3 on Primary Playground
12:15-12:40 pm	Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 1/2 (Murray) Recess Outside
12:40-1:00 pm	Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 1/2 (Murray) Lunch in Classrooms
1:00 pm	Afternoon Welcome Bell
1:05-3:05 pm	Classes in Session
3:05 pm	Dismissal Bell





EIDES Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 25th our school will take part in the annual Terry Fox Run which is hosted by Fernie Secondary School. At 10:00 am, we will meet at the school track for the run.

If you would like to join us, families are invited to attend the run and cheer on our school runners. Please remember to send students with good running shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Students are encouraged to dress in red and white.

Our Kindergartens will take part in the annual Terry Fox Run. At 1:15 pm, we will meet at the school track for the run. The run will end, and students will be dismissed from the track at 1:45 pm.

If you would like to join us, families are invited to attend the run and cheer on our school runners.

Please remember to send students with good running shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Students are encouraged to dress in red and white.

We are setting a school goal of raising \$2000 for The Terry Fox Foundation. Family and friends can donate through the online fundraiser by visiting:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/139143>

There will also be a donation jar in the office for cash donations. Bring a "Toonie or Twenty for Terry"!

All money raised will continue to fund cancer research and help to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Thank you for making time to honour Terry Fox and support cancer awareness by participating in our school run.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 25thth





National Day Of Truth & Reconciliation

September 30th, 2026

Fernie City Hall, 501 3rd Ave 10:00am

Join Yaqit 7a·knuqti'it First Nation and City Of Fernie for a morning of reflection and remembrance as we honour the voices and experiences of our ancestors . Gather with us in solidarity during our Truth and Reconciliation Walk, as we carry forward the stories, healing and awareness of this meaningful day.

**Flag Song, Opening Prayer
Speeches**

Truth and Reconciliation Walk



ÉIDES PAC

Did you know?



Your Parent Advisory Council (PAC) plays a crucial role in enhancing your children's educational experience, often in ways that might be overlooked!

* Funding for essential supplies & field trips annually provided to all teachers!

* All the agendas the kids use all year are provided by your PAC



* Publishing the yearbook (!) all through PAC

* PAC also organizes the annual bike rodeo



* Funds junior golf and cross-country ski programs

* Our annual BIG USED BOOK FAIR is courtesy of our sensational PAC

* Your PAC provides awards for the running club participants



* There is so much more all of it contributing to a vibrant school community, please come see for yourself!! There is no obligation when you attend! There is no sign in, you won't have to volunteer!! You might make a friend!

Please join us! The first Tuesday of every month @ 7pm in the ÉIDES Library

Looking ahead, the PAC is seeking volunteers for several key roles.

1. With some junior playground structures nearing the end of their lifespan, a Playground Lead is needed to spearhead the replacement project. This role involves project management, collaboration with grant writers, and updating the PAC during monthly meetings.
2. Additional volunteers are needed for fundraising activities, such as working at events (Ghostriders concession) or selling Fernie Coffee Roasters Coffee and maybe trying new fundraisers like selling Heritage cookbooks or Purdy's chocolates.
3. A graphic design whiz could greatly aid in creating engaging promotional materials for fundraising.
4. As children grow, there's a need for new family members to step into more significant PAC roles, ensuring the continuity of support for our school. Your involvement can make a substantial difference in our school community!

École Isabella Dicken PAC Fundraiser

with Apples from Davison Orchards



Picked by hand, packed by hand & delivered fresh from our farm!

This is no ordinary fundraiser! Support your community and enjoy premium BC apples.

Order Deadline: September 22 at 9pm

Pick-up date (tentative) Oct 8-9

Contact: Scott (c.scott.bailey@gmail.com)

PLACE ORDERS ONLINE

bit.ly/EIDES-APPLES

PAYMENT BY E-TRANSFER (DETAILS AT LINK)

Variety	Price
Davison Honeycrisp	\$45
Bartlett Pears	\$45
Okanagan Blend - Asurprise mix of 2 varieties	\$40
Gala	\$35
Ambrosia	\$35



All apples are hand
packed into a 15 lb. box



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ORCHARDS**
COUNTRY VILLAGE

Vernon B.C.



Davison Orchards is a family farm and the Okanagan's favourite family destination. Specializing in apples, our farm is nestled in the hills of the beautiful Okanagan valley. We offer fresh & high quality fruit and vegetables in a safe & sustainable way.





Please help keep our floors clean
by making sure your child has
NON-MARKING Shoes



KNOW THE RULES BEFORE YOU RIDE

Not all small or electric vehicles are treated the same under the Motor Vehicle Act.

	WHERE CAN I RIDE?	HOW OLD DO I NEED TO BE?	HOW FAST CAN I GO?	LICENSE AND INSURANCE?	WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?
 E-BIKE	Anywhere where bicycles can ride!	14+ for light e-bikes; 16+ for standard e-bikes	Light e-bikes: 25 km/h Standard e-bikes: 32 km/h	No Drivers License or Insurance required	Must have fully operable pedals
 E-SCOOTER	Only in communities participating in the pilot project	16+	25 km/h	No Drivers License or Insurance required	Illegal outside of pilot communities
 MOPED/LSM	On public roadways only	16+	70 km/h	Drivers License and Insurance required	CMVSS compliance label required
 E-DIRT BIKE	Not on roads, sidewalks or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Not legal e-bikes or LSMs
 MINI-MOTORCYCLE	Not on roads, sidewalks or bike lanes	Not legal at any age on public roads	Not permitted on public roads	Cannot be registered or insured	Do not meet safety standards



RIDE SMART. RIDE SAFE. RIDE LEGAL.



Know your vehicle type



Follow the rules



Wear a helmet



Stay safe Cranbrook!

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