



École Isabella Dicken Elementary School  
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## October 2023 Newsletter

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## Hello, bonjour and K i?su?k kyukyit Panthers & Parents,

There has been so much to be THANKFUL for this past month. Firstly, we'd like to extend our gratitude for all the amazing connections that happened during Parent & Teacher Conferences. It is such a wonderful week of sharing of all the learning that is occurring. We could tell by the big smiles around the school that your children enjoy being your tour guides in their classrooms and showcasing their recent work. Many thanks to parents for making time to come and to our educators who help students plan this event!

Next, we would like to recognize some generous community connections that students have been creating with our local food bank:

- The Stuff the Turkey campaign – thanks Kindergarten classrooms!
- Panthers SCARE Hunger campaign – a school wide event.

We will continue to accept non-perishable food items until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support of these events.

Finally, we'd like to send a big PANTHER ROAR to our grade 6 soccer teams, their coaches, and Elk Valley Elementary Tournament organizers. The sports day saw 4 Elk Valley schools have a wonderful day of competition with our boys' team placing 1<sup>st</sup> and our girls' team placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. Great skills and sportsmanship were recognized by the spectators and coaches – well done everyone!

As we head into our 3<sup>rd</sup> month of school, we'd like to let you know how fortunate we feel having your children at our school and that our doors are always open for you!

Appreciatively,

Janet Kuijt & Amy Leeden

ÉIDES Admin Team



# School District 5

## 2023-2024 Annual School Calendar

### Upcoming Events

Halloween Parade and Dance  
**October 31**

July 2023						
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Gr. 6 Blue Lake Meeting-6:15  
PAC Meeting in the Library 7pm  
**November 7**

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Remembrance Day Assembly  
**November 9 9:15 & 11am**

Stat day for Remembrance Day  
**No School**  
**November 10**

January 2024						
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Grade 6  
EV Schools Volleyball Tournament  
in Elkford  
**December 1**

ÉIDES Extravaganza  
**December 7**

April 2024						
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Professional Development  
**No School**  
**December 8**

School Breaks

Professional Development Days

Stat Holidays

Administrative Day

Second Semester

2023-2024 Board Approved April 12, 2023  
2023-2024 Draft Revision March 3, 2023

## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Please let the office know when your child is away, either on the School Messenger app, email us at [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca) or call and leave a message 250-423-4651

If you're late, PLEASE sign in at the office.

Please be safe on the busy streets around our school, they may be getting slippery and seeing more cars as the colder weather arrives.

DRESS for ALL WEATHER, Fernie is notorious for getting it all!

## PAC<sub>News</sub>

PAC is the officially recognized collective voice of parents of their school

Fundraising:

Apples raised \$1,613.61

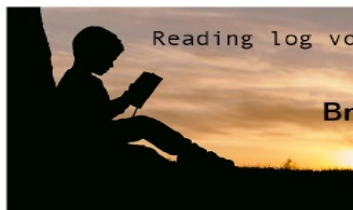
***PAC is supporting th grade 1  
'COME READ WITH ME' programme  
happening Nov 7th***



Coding Club Organiser needed



Reading log volunteers needed



Breakfast Wagon Volunteer needed

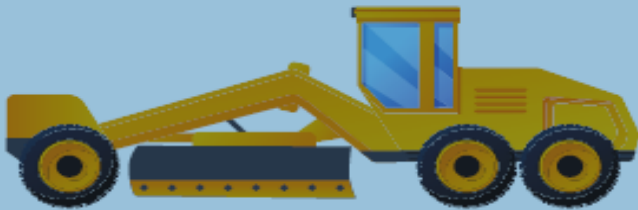
**NEXT PAC MEETING IS ON Nov. 7, at 7pm in the library.**

# PAC NEWS





**Teachers will have the colouring page and information for the class contest, alternatively you can pick up a colouring page at the office or print this one and submit your name suggestion for the SNOWPLOW NAMING CONTEST!**



# The City of Fernie needs your help!

The City of Fernie has a big fleet of machines that help us remove snow from our roads and sidewalks. We need your students help to name these important machines that allow us to remove over 30 feet of snow each year! This year, we have 5 snowplows that need names.

We're asking elementary and preschool classes to send us their favourite name for a big winter machine.

The 5 winning classrooms will be invited to visit the Operations facility to meet the Mayor and see these cool machines up close!

The deadline to send in your submission is Thursday, November 23, to [cityhall@fernle.ca](mailto:cityhall@fernle.ca). Have questions? Send us an email or call 250-423-2235.





## **Grade 6 Parents & Guardians**

**We would like to invite you to an information meeting for the year end class trip that the Grade 6s participate in every June. It is a wonderful time that all look forward to and it also requires a good deal of teamwork and organization behind the scenes.**

**Please join us in the ÉIDES library at 6:15-7pm  
on Tuesday November 7th.**

**Look forward to seeing you there!**



For the last few years, *FSS XC Running Coach, Helen McAllister* has hosted a high-school cross country running race at the Elk Valley Nordic Center.

We were grateful for Helen extending the opportunity again this year to our running club athletes in grade 6. It was an outstanding afternoon, with almost 100 athletes ranging from grades 6-12 participating in this fun event.

**We are very proud of the following Panther athletes:**

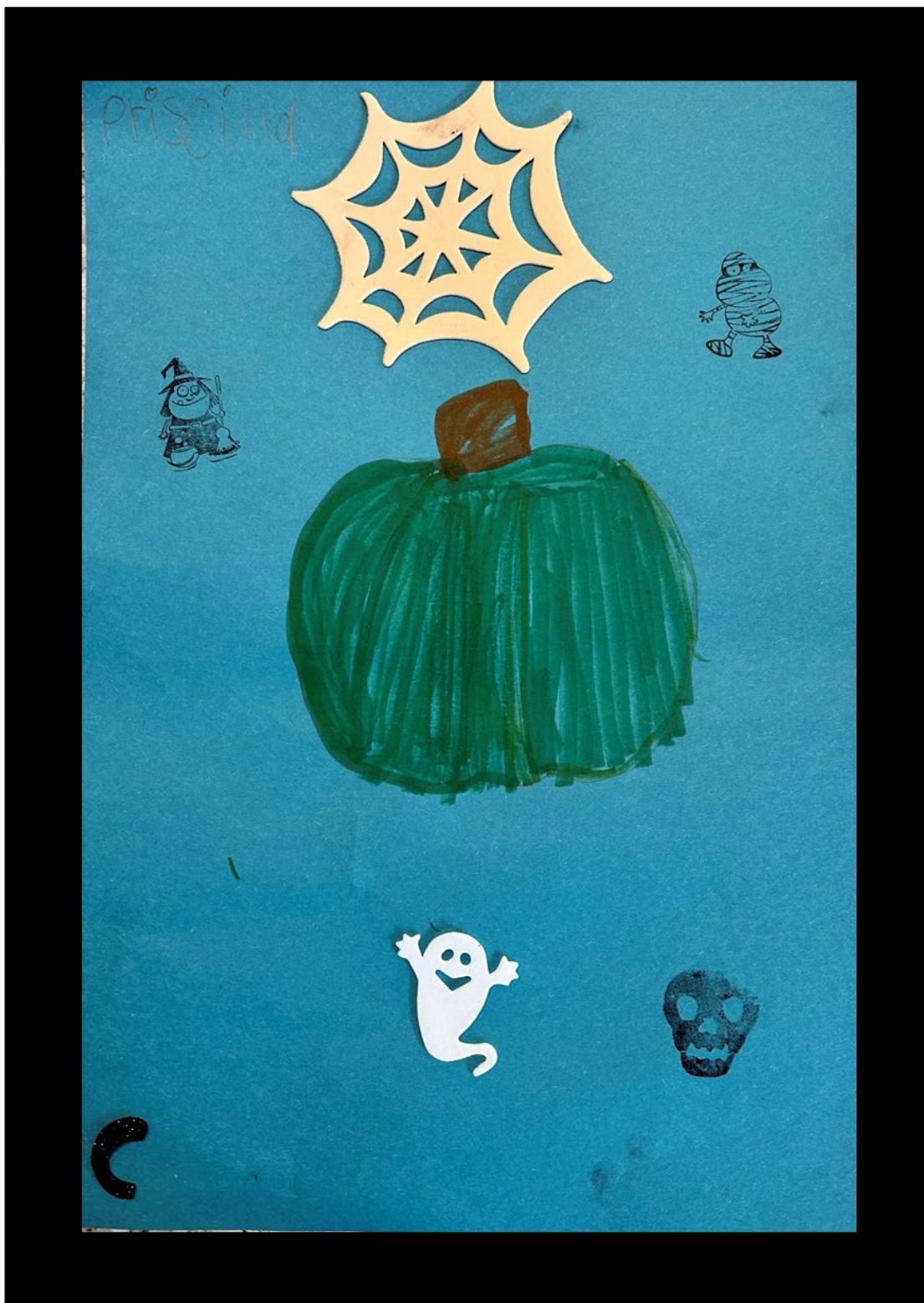
**Olive Park, Isla Sauve, Emilie Harrup, Ella Boyd, Oliver Baker, Aiden Aasen,  
Tim Choroszewski, Reef Feldberg, Noah Dodds, & Sully Green**

The excellent effort, determination, and outstanding sportsmanship displayed at the race is commendable.

Thank you to all the athletes, coaches, teachers, parents, and spectators for making this such a memorable event!

*We have amazing, kind, very artistic students here at ÉIDES....*

*Thank you for the great gift of art!*









# ATTENDANCE using the SchoolMessenger SafeArrival APP

Our greatest priority is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school every day.

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 you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival [toll-free number](#), [website](#) or [mobile app](#), you will NOT receive these notifications. You can also report absences to the school directly by email [ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca) or calling us directly at 250-423-4651.

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. **250-423-4651**

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(ShortMessageService), 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



Jumpstart your career in childhood education

Take the Responsible Adult Course for FREE.

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## The YMCA is pleased to announce the Responsible Adult Course is now available to ANYONE in British Columbia for FREE

This comprehensive course provides valuable training and certification for anyone who works or volunteers in child care facilities, schools, before- and after-school care, camps, and other settings where children are present. Although this course is designed to meet the criteria for Child Care Facilities Licensing in the province of British Columbia, anyone working with school-aged children will benefit from this course.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM?



- **BC Child Care Facilities**  
Licensing regulations require all persons certified as responsible adults working in licensed child care facilities to be 19 or older.
- **No experience necessary.**  
Responsible Adult is a great course to get you started working with children!

### WHAT SHOULD PARTICIPANTS EXPECT?



- **Cost: FREE**—for a limited time only
- **Length: 20 Hours**
- Participants receive the knowledge and skills necessary to create a safe and nurturing environment for children.
- Upon successful completion of the course, you'll satisfy the 20 hours of recognized training and will be certified as a Responsible Adult working in Licensed Child Care, as required by the current BC Child Care Licensing Regulations.

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THE PROGRAM OFFERED?



- **Program Type: Self-Paced Online.**
- This course is developed by YMCA BC and available through YMCA Ignite—a new digital platform jointly launched by YMCA BC and YMCA of Greater Toronto, and generously supported by RBC Future Launch.
- Visit [www.gv.ymca.ca/responsible-adult-course](http://www.gv.ymca.ca/responsible-adult-course) to register.

**Invest in your future and the future of the children you care for. Enroll in the 20-Hour Responsible Adult Course, offered FREE for a limited time.**

**Register today at: [www.gv.ymca.ca/responsible-adult-course](http://www.gv.ymca.ca/responsible-adult-course)**

# Fernie Strong Start

Mondays 9 am – 12 pm  
Tuesdays 9 am – 12 pm  
Wednesdays 12 pm – 3 pm  
Thursdays 9 am – 12 pm  
Fridays 9 am – 12 pm

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**StrongStart** is a free early learning drop-in program for children (birth to 5 years old) and their parents or caregivers.

Join us for play time, art, songs, stories, gym time, and snacks. Make new friends and have fun!

*Please register at the Isabella Dicken office*

*Learning*  
TOGETHER



TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT:

Chrisy Hill, Community Literacy Outreach Coordinator



[chill@cbal.org](mailto:chill@cbal.org)



or text (250) 946-7257



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# HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

