

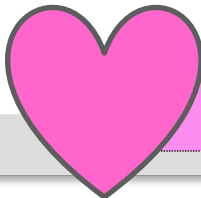


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February 2024 Newsletter

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Hello, bonjour, ki?su?k kyukyit Panther families,

March is just around the corner, and we can feel the excitement in the air for the next few weeks of learning activities and special events!

Our leadership students have been announcing our daily Kindness Countdown messages to lead to **Pink Shirt Day on February 28th**. As a Canadian created campaign to celebrate kindness and being an upstander – let's all remember to wear pink this Wednesday and **#ChooseKindness** and **#LiftEachOtherUP**.

Wednesday **February 28th** is also the popular family **Movie Night Fundraiser event** featuring: Super Mario Bros Movie. All proceeds will go to support the Grade 6 year end trip to Blue Lake. Tickets are still available so contact your teacher or the office if you still need tickets and plan to join!

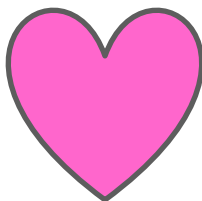
After, months of hard work, set decoration production, voice projection and song practice – the long awaited EIDES drama production of **The Little Mermaid** is almost here! Save the date for **March 13th at 6:30pm** and be ready for a fabulous show thanks to Madame Jen and the dedicated actors, set designers and musical support team!

Thank you, merci beaucoup and hu sukita?ukni to everyone! Our daily learning, community trips, sport teams and extra-curricular clubs could not take place without your generous and continual support,

Thank you! Merci beaucoup! Hu sukita?ukni,

Janet Kujit & Amy Leeden

ÉIDES Admin Team



Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- February 26-March 6 Various Dates Gr. 4-6 Skiing @FAR
- February 28 Pink Shirt Day
- February 28 Blue Lake Movie Night-In the Gym
- March 1 School Break- No School
- March 4 Pep Rally for Upcoming Grade 6 Basketball Tournament
- March 5 PAC Meeting
- March 5 CBAL Kinder PALS Session 2
- March 8 Basketball Tournament
- March 11 Drama Production Dress Rehearsal
- March 13 Drama Production Evening Performance
- March 15 Fresh Air Friday
- March 18-March 29 Spring Break-No School
- April 1 Easter Monday- No School
- April 19 School Break-No School
- April 22 Professional Development -No School
- May 10- Annual Kikomun Run @ Kikomun Creek Prov. Park

School District 5
2023-2024 Annual School Calendar

January 2024						
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- School Breaks
- Professional Development Days
- Stat Holidays
- Administrative Day
- Second Semester

PAC NEWS

Next PAC meeting is on
 March 5, 2024 @7pm in the Library

Grade six parents did an incredible job of fulfilling all the Candy Gram orders...they made more than 1500 gift packs. Thanks to everyone who ordered and worked hard to make this fundraiser a huge success!

Check out the ÉIDES gear ready for purchase!

Available to order until March 6

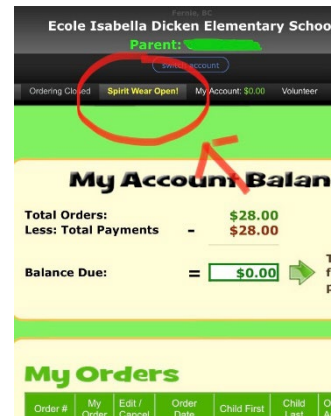
Use your <http://www.MunchALunch.com> account to order.

Online Ordering is available from February 20 to March 6

**EIDES
 YOUTH &
 ADULT**



Get ready to show your school spirit fashionably!



Here's a little collection of activities the whole family can enjoy when the weather isn't as cooperative as we'd like, or at any time at all!

From the Youth Care Room

Keep It Moving/"Keepy Uppy"

A classic balloon game (made famous in the TV show 'Bluey') is perfect for indoors with one or more children. The aim is to simply keep the balloon in the air and not let it touch the ground.

Be sure to have enough space, free from fragile items and tripping hazards. This is also a great time to play loud, hilarious party music.

Balloon Races

Set up some string/fishing line/yarn from one side of the room to the other, with a straw on the string. You could tie one end to a chair back and the other end to a railing, for example. Blow up a balloon, pinch the end tight and tape it to the straw then let the balloon go! Race two or more balloons, or time one to see how fast it goes. Can you make it go faster the next time?

Make a Science Fair

Setting up a science fair at home can be both fun and educational to keep kids learning. It encourages them to ask questions, conduct experiments, and present their findings.

To set up a home science fair, choose a theme or a topic of interest, do some research to organize the necessary supplies and materials, and design experiments your child can conduct. Let them document their findings and create a display board to showcase their project. This creates a love for science and helps develop valuable research, analysis, and presentation skills. Plus, it's an opportunity for the whole family to be involved and learn together.

Build a Fort

Building a fort using blankets, pillows, and furniture promotes teamwork, problem-solving, and spatial awareness skills. It's a playful escape from the typical games.

Setting up a fort is easy: gather blankets, cushions, and a sturdy foundation like a sofa or chairs. With the proper setup, a fort becomes a portal to exciting worlds, offering a space for storytelling, reading, or simply unwinding.

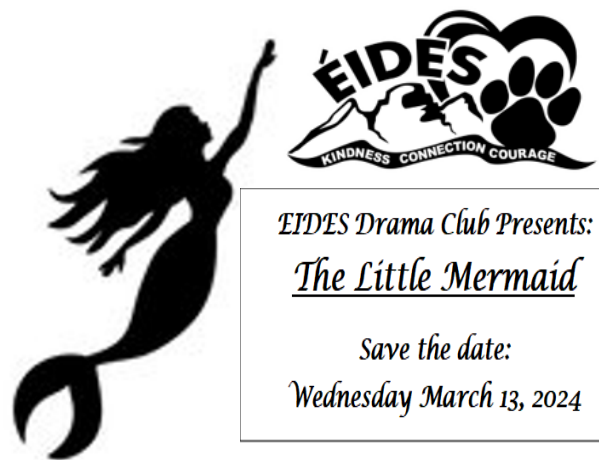
Family Talent Show

A family talent show is an entertaining and heartwarming way for every member to display their unique skills and hobbies, all while celebrating each other's talents.

To get started, designate a stage area in your living room or any open space, and invite family members to participate by preparing their performances. Everyone can join in the fun, whether it's singing, dancing, telling jokes, playing a musical instrument, or any other particular skill. Create a judging panel or simply applaud each act's effort, promoting a supportive and encouraging atmosphere. It's a fun and creative indoor activity that ensures everyone's talents are celebrated and cherished, making it an evening to remember.

Activities like these help strengthen family connections. When kids feel more connected to their caregivers, they feel safe, secure, supported, and ready to learn. Spending time together helps strengthen the bonds between family members which allows for more trust, understanding, and open communication within the family. Engaging in activities and sharing experiences with our family helps to create lasting memories and it deepens emotional connections, which contributes to a more fulfilling life for each family member. Have fun!

EIDES GR. 6 Parents present a fun movie night in the Gym
Wed. Feb. 28. Doors open @6:30
Tickets available to pre-purchase until Friday Feb. 23
\$8 includes movie and a popcorn. K-3 must be supervised by an
adult.
Bring your own reusable cup for water and a blanket to sit on.
Candy Bags available for purchase for \$1.



*EIDES Drama Club Presents:
The Little Mermaid*

*Save the date:
Wednesday March 13, 2024*

From the Office

A reminder the first morning bell is at 8:50 am

If you're late, PLEASE sign in at the office so we know you're here.

If you're leaving early, PLEASE sign out at the office.

Please let the office know as soon as possible when your child is away, either on the
School Messenger app,

email us at ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca

Or call and leave a message 250-423-4651

Come prepared everyday, including spare change of clothes, for those wet days



**Kindergarten Registration is now available for children
born in 2019. Please register ASAP.**

See poster for full details.



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

Come to School with Us
Viens à l'école avec nous
September 2024 Entry

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) welcomes all children born between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019, and encourages parents to register their children at their catchment area school for September 2024 kindergarten entry. Registration and enrolment application forms shall only be accepted by the catchment area school commencing on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) provides all students with a warm and caring learning environment. We offer our kindergarten students a developmentally appropriate program along with access to computer technology, a Fine Arts program and student services support. French Immersion kindergarten is available at T.M. Roberts Elementary School.

School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) will continue to use the online registration option for kindergarten students. A registration link will be posted on the District and elementary school websites.

Please do not complete an online application for children that have been enrolled in StrongStart programs in the province. If your child has been enrolled or is currently enrolled in a local StrongStart, they will be automatically enrolled in their catchment school. Please contact your catchment school directly to confirm registration. If you are unsure which school is your catchment area school, please visit the [school locator](#) on our district website.

All registrations will be dealt with on a first-come, first-serve basis. A birth certificate or other legally acceptable document, along with proof of B.C. residency (i.e., mortgage statement, rental agreement, or utility bill) must be provided at the time of registration. Registrations will not be completed until such documentation is made available.

Please register early to ensure your child can attend your catchment area school. Parents who wish their child to attend a school outside their catchment area are required to first register their child at their catchment area school. To request a transfer, pick up a "Family Request for Student Placement Form" from your catchment area school or [download](#) the form and return it to the School Board Office. Board Office staff will only begin to accept these completed forms on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Forms can be submitted via email to studenttransfers@sd5.bc.ca. Please refer to [Administrative Procedure 300](#) for more information.

FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

French Immersion is available in both Cranbrook and Fernie:

- Cranbrook - Kindergarten or grade one: please register at T.M. Roberts Elementary
- Fernie - Grade 4: please register at Isabella Dicken Elementary

For more information, please contact:

Carlene Lochrie, Principal, T. M. Roberts Elementary School (250-489-4575) Janet Kuijt,
Principal, Isabella Dicken Elementary School (250-423-4651)

If you have any questions, please contact your neighborhood school or the school board office at 250-426- 4201 (extension 0) or toll-free 1-866-489-4201.

We look forward to your child joining us in School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

Panther Athletics

Running Club for grades 2-6 is going strong. We have had a lot of marathons completed. Congratulations Runners! We run most Monday and Wednesdays at 12:15 Parents are welcome to join. Please wear appropriate running footwear. If it is cancelled for inclement weather, we try to post on our school Facebook page as soon as we know.

Basketball training is going strong. We currently have Grades 4-6 practicing before and after school. We are very lucky to have many parent and teacher volunteers. THANKS...we can't do it without you. Our Grade six teams will compete in the Elk Valley Tournament on March 8, in Sparwood. See schedules below:

Elk Valley Elementary School Basketball Tournament 2024

Girls Schedule

Girls @ SSS	Time
RMES vs EIDES	8:30 AM
FJMES vs JES	9:45 AM
RMES vs JES	11:00 AM
EIDES vs FJMES	12:30 PM
JES vs EIDES	1:45 PM
FJMES vs RMES	3:00 PM



Girls games are at Sparwood Secondary School , Boys games will be played at Frank J. Mitchell. There will be a pep rally to rev the teams up on Monday March 4!

!!! GO PANTHERS!!!

Elk Valley Elementary School Basketball Tournament 2024

Boys Schedule

Boys @ FJMES	Time
RMES vs EIDES	8:30 AM
EIDES vs JES	9:45 AM
JES vs FJMES	11:00 AM
FJMES vs EIDES	12:30 PM
RMES vs JES	1:45 PM
FJMES vs RMES	3:00 PM



Thank you, Fernie Ghostriders, for helping teach our “*recess mini-stick hockey players*” all about sportsmanship and inclusion! It meant a lot to have you at our school teaching and playing with our students!





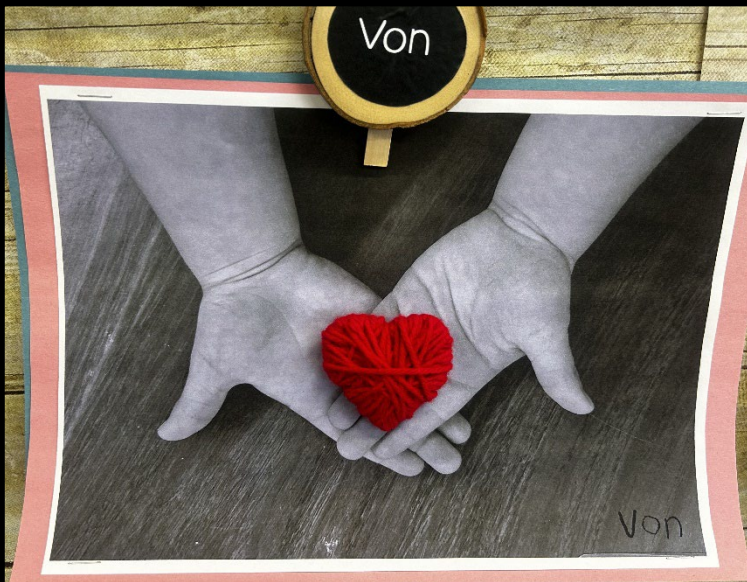
Wear your pink shirt, show your support!
Wednesday, February 28



In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise most students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born.

In recognition of the Berwick event, Nova Scotia proclaimed the second Thursday of September "Stand Up Against Bullying Day." In 2008, British Columbia proclaimed February 27th to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow. In 2012, the United Nations declared May 4 as Anti-Bullying Day, and now the last Wednesday each February is Canada's national Pink Shirt/anti-bullying day.

Many countries now recognize specific days for raising awareness about the prevention of bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. In Canada, many students have heard the Pink Shirt Day message from kindergarten through to their high school graduation. The movement continues to grow!





“Resilience” has become a common word heard around schools and seems to be a big focus for both educators and parents. While we understand the importance of helping our children build emotional strength in the face of adversity, it is sometimes less obvious how to teach those critical skills.

See link for helpful tips!

<https://urstrong.com/8-tips-to-help-children-build-resilience/>

STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2023/2024

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2024** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades __ and __, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 3rd.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 250-423-4651.



What Matters to You?

Provincial Survey Invitation- BC Children's Hospital's

BC Children's Hospital's new centre for knowledge is inviting any child or youth 18 years of age or younger and/or their parents or family caregivers to complete this 5 to 10 minute survey. We would like to better support your family by making health information that is easy to find and understand. The purpose of this survey is to collect information to plan a new program for creating and sharing health information that partners with children, youth, and family caregivers from the beginning stages.

You may also choose to enter a draw for a **\$100 Indigo gift card**.

Your personal information is protected by our privacy law in BC. This law is called the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). We are collecting your information under section 26 (c) and (e) of FIPPA. If you have any questions about this topic or this survey, please contact Linda Warner, Patient and Family Engagement Advisor, Email: linda.warner@cw.bc.ca

There are three Ways to Share Provincial Survey:

1) **Public Survey URL:** <https://rc.bcchr.ca/redcap/surveys/?s=H9NMKL8DTPLFKCNE>

2) **Go to this web address:** <https://rc.bcchr.ca/redcap/surveys/>

Then enter this code: **EH9NHFPRW**

3) **Access with phone camera using QR Code:**



The survey is open until February 29, 2024 and is offered in the following languages:

SPRING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



FERNIE'S NEW YOUTH LEAGUE

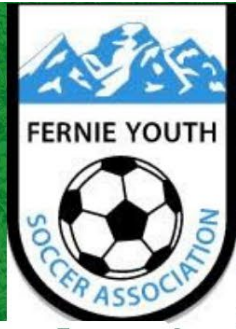
FERNIE MINOR BASEBALL 2024 AGES 4-17

MORE INFO:

[FACEBOOK.COM/FERNIEMINORBASEBALL](https://facebook.com/fernieminorbaseball)
[INSTAGRAM.COM/FERNIEMINORBASEBALL](https://instagram.com/fernieminorbaseball)



[FERNIEMINORBASEBALL.RAMPREGISTRATIONS.COM](https://ferneminorbaseball.rampregistrations.com)



OUTDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION

IS NOW OPEN
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
\$10 UNTIL JAN 31/24



- U4 Sat 10-10:45am
- U6 Sat. 10-11am
- U8 Mon & Wed 5:30-6:30pm
- U8 Tues & Thurs 5:30-6:30pm
- U10 Mon & Wed 5:30-6:30pm
- U12 Mon & Wed 6:30-7:30pm
- U14 Tues & Thurs 6:30-7:30pm
- U16 Tues & Thurs 6:30-7:30pm

Registration Link
www.ferniesoccer.com

More info email ferniesoccer@gmail.com



Fernie youth soccer



@Fernieyouthsoccer



FYSA Gear Swap