



École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1302 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

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

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Principal's Message

Hello everyone!

We have a busy May and June! Please continue to check your child's agenda, and the newsletter for important, upcoming dates.

Welcome spring weather! With the warmer spring weather here, students are now riding their bikes to school. Please remind your child to walk their bikes in the school ground and wear their helmets. Another safety concern, please remind your child not to bike through the parking lot.

Our staff and students did a great job in participating in Earth Day clean-up this month. We had classes picking up garbage around the school yard and around our community. Great job everyone!

It has now been mandated that all students in Grades 4-12 must wear a mask at all times during the day indoors, except when eating or drinking. I am so impressed with our intermediate students and how quickly they adapted and have followed the protocols. Thank you, families, for your support in this area.

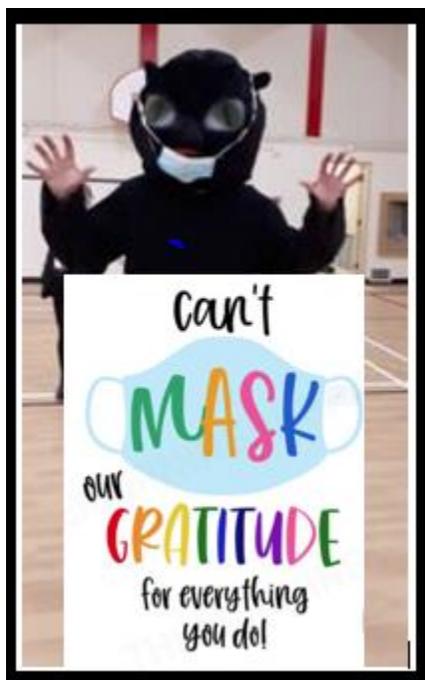
If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress at any time during the year, please contact your child's teacher to discuss concerns. Good two-way communication between families and schools is necessary for your child's success.

As always, thank you for all you do for both our school and our community.

Sincerely,

Laura-Lee Phillips & Janet Kuijt

Admin Team





IMPORTANT NOTES FROM OUR OFFICE

ABSENCES

The SchoolMessenger app is up and running. If you know your child will be absent or late from school 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. **If you haven't down loaded the app please read the information provided in this newsletter.** Thank you.

VISITORS

For safety reasons we ask that all visitors knock at our main entrance off 2nd Avenue.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe by wearing your masks inside the school yard when picking up and dropping off your children.



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.mailing@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.
- 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

SD5 Annual School Calendar:

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

ÉIDES School Calendar on Website: <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/Pages/default.aspx>

April

Tuesday, April 27 – April 30 CSL & Early Dismissal at 2:05

May

Monday, May 3 – May 7 Jump Rope for Heart Week
 Tuesday, May 18 Spring Plant Delivery
 Friday, May 21 No School
 Monday, May 24 May long weekend – No School
 Thursday, May 27 Class/School Picture Day Outside
 Thursday, May 27 Ready Set Learn

June

Wednesday, June 2 7:00 pm Virtual Kindergarten Orientation, please login early
 Friday, June 4 Pro-D Day, No school
 Thursday, June 24 Last Day of School, Report Cards go home
 Friday, June 11 EIDES School Track Meet
 Thurs/Friday, June 15/16 Blue Lake Trip

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Daily Bell Schedule

During break times (mornings, recess, lunch, after school), students may want to socialize with peers in different learning groups. When interacting with peers outside of their learning group, students should minimize physical contact when outdoors.

- 8:20 – 8:50 Morning Supervision**
- 8:45 Students Arrive**
- 8:50 Welcome Bell / Students Enter - Front Doors are Locked**
- 8:55 – 10:30 Classes in Session**
- 10:15 – 10:30 Recess for Kindergarten & Gr. 1**
- 10:30 – 10:45 Recess Gr. 1/2 - 6**

Recess	K-1's	10:15 – 10:30	Primary Playground
	Gr. 1/2 – 3/4	10:30 – 10:45	Primary Playground
	Gr. 4 – 6's	10:30 – 10:45	Int. Playground

10:45 – 12:15 Classes in Session
12:15 – 1:05 Lunch

Lunch	K – 1's	12:15 – 12:40	Outside
		12:40 – 1:05	Lunch
	Gr. 1/2 – 3/4	12:15 – 12:40	Lunch
		12:40 – 1:05	Outside
	Gr. 4 – 4/5	12:15 – 12:40	Lunch
		12:40 – 1:05	Outside
	Gr. 5/6 - 6	12:15- 12:40	Outside
		12:40 – 1:05	Lunch

- 1:00 pm Welcome Bell**
- 1:05 – 3:05 Classes in Session**
- 3:05 pm Dismissal**

End of Day Dismissal times:
2:55 for families A – L
3:00 for families M – Z
3:05 for bus students



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

École Isabella Dicken Elementary is excited to announce plans for our 2021 Ready Set Learn! We are sending out our Ready Set Learn bus to meet our future kindergartens and their parents!



The Ready Set Learn Bus

will be coming to a stop near you! The bus will be bringing Early Learning Packages to our future Kindergarten students of September 2021 and 22.

**Thursday, May 27th
12:00 pm ~ 2:30 pm**



Although we are excited to wave hello to all of our students, we will only be providing Early Learning Packages for pre-Kindergarten (3-5 yrs) children.

Parents/caregivers with children can meet the bus at the predetermined stops (see below). We will do our best to stay on schedule BUT please remember that bus arrival times are estimates!

We ask that you follow the social distancing guidelines when waiting for the bus, greeting staff and collecting packages.

Estimated arrival times.	Bus 1 leaving ÉIDES at 12:00 pm	Bus 2 leaving ÉIDES at 12:00 pm
12:10 pm	Commerce road off Highway 3 Fernie Chamber of Commerce	Fernie Memorial Arena parking lot
12:30 pm	Cedar Ave & Burma Rd Parkland Terrace Mailboxes	Ridgemont Dr at Ridgemont Ln in cul de sac
12:50 pm	12 th Ave and 11 th St Annex Park parking lot	Ridgemont Crescent adjacent mailboxes
1:10 pm	9 th Ave and 4 th Street Near Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	Fernie Aquatic Centre parking Lot
1:30 pm	McLeod Ave off Highway 3 adjacent to Chopstick Truck	Cokato Rd at Fernie Mobile Home Park near mailboxes
1:50 pm	4 th Ave south end near river Dogwood Park parking area	Max Turyk Community Centre parking Lot

For more info: ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca # 250-423-4651



Virtual Kindergarten Orientation

On Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm École Isabella Dicken Elementary School and will be hosting a virtual Kindergarten Orientation. We invite you to join us!

When:

Wednesday, June 2, at 7:00 pm

Time:

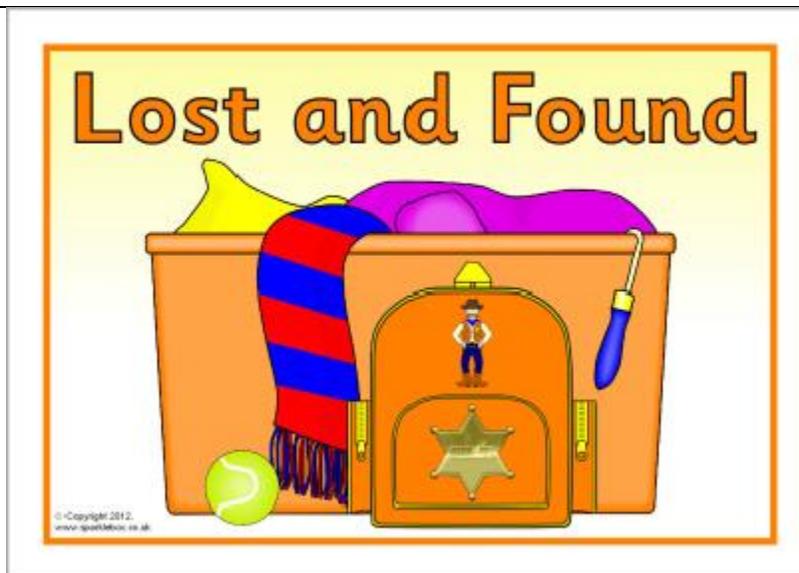
7:00 **please login early because we will be starting at 7:00*

Watch Virtually:

Live stream on [Kindergarten Orientation](#)

(click the blue underlined link)

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTI5NGE3YzItYTAYMC00YTg1LWlyYTMtMTM1MGU3YmM5MDc5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%229f3e6cf9-8577-4780-81e1-15ab17742074%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%221841a992-9bf2-427a-8674-b2f93cf8d999%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d&btype=a&role=a



**Parents, please have your child/children checkout the lost and found by the gym. The wall is overflowing with jackets, toques, mitts, and snow pants.
Thank you.**

Grade 6 **Bottle Return-it Depot**



Our Grade 6's are raising funds for their year-end trip and would love your support! If you are returning bottles/cans to the Bottle Depot and are minded to, you can donate your proceeds to the account called "IDES Grade 6". Once Covid restrictions allow, the grade 6's themselves (and parents) will be organizing a bottle drive as well so stay tuned for that!

Trash to Treasure



To celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, April 21st, Grade 5 and 6 students from EIDES displayed upcycled creations for their school to see. These students were challenged to create something new from items headed to the trash or recycling.

Students created some amazing things. We had recycled one string guitars and drums, a trampoline from old tires tubes, woven rugs and saddles pads from plastic bags, a blanket from old t-shirts, recycled paper “bean bag” chair, wind chimes from old bike parts, plant holders, a sundial, fishing hooks made from pop cans, a bench, a bookshelf, a bike rack, a coat rack, trampoline skis, pencil holders, candy dispensers, a milk jug garden and so much more.

This challenge is called Trash to Treasure, which is a unit in Beyond Recycling, a Wildsight program that aims to equip students with the knowledge they need to make important decisions for our planet. Beyond Recycling asks students to look critically at how our planet is impacted by our lifestyles.

Trash to Treasure is one way to put our learning into action by taking something old or used and making it new again.



Earth Day Clean Up
Ms. Barras Class



Ms. Murray's Grade 2 Class accepts a donation from East Kootenay Community Credit Union. A big thank you and GRAND merci for their generous donations to our outdoor learning gear and Breakfast Buddies.





School District 5 Introduces SchoolMessenger

Continuing to foster and enhance ethical communication between the School District and all learners, students, staff, parents and community in a timely and inclusive manner.

School District 5(Southeast Kootenay) is launching SchoolMessenger for communication with parents. SchoolMessenger is a communication platform that allows our schools and district to send out mass communications to parents/guardians using multiple methods simultaneously. The SafeArrival system provides parents with a faster and easier way of reporting absences.

The benefits of SchoolMessenger include:

-  Parents can choose how to be notified (email, phone call, text message)
-  Absences are easier to report at **1-(833) 566-1225**, on the app or website)
-  More timely notification in an emergency
-  Schools can respond faster when a student is unexpectedly absent and may be missing

SchoolMessenger Communicate

SchoolMessenger Communicate is an automated notification system used to send out general announcements.



As a parent/guardian, you can decide how you want to receive announcements (email, phone call, and/or text message).

There is nothing you need to do to receive announcements from the school. You can customize how you receive what kind (General, Emergency, or Attendance) announcements. For example, you may only want to receive general announcements (upcoming events, newsletters, etc.) via email, but you might want attendance info to come as a text message so that you see it right away.

You can set up your Smartphone or Android phone app or website account right away to make sure you are ready when we launch SchoolMessenger Communicate and SafeArrival:

-  Using your mobile device, download and install the [School Messenger 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 [Safe Arrival website](#). The first time you use the website, select [Sign Up](#) to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.



Please get in touch with your child's school if your contact information (email or phone number) has recently changed so SchoolMessenger has the most current information on file.

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

Yours truly,

School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay)

Jennifer Roberts
District Principal



HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Families receive \$800 per student/month to host students ages 13 to 18 for 5 or 10 months.

Families need to provide meals and a furnished, private bedroom.

RMISP follows federal and provincial COVID regulations to ensure safety of host families, students, and communities.

For inquiries in Revelstoke, Golden, and Invermere, please contact Monica De at monica.de@sd6.bc.ca or 250-272-6694.

For inquiries in Kimberley, Cranbrook, and the Elk Valley, please contact Ulli Murtagh at ulli.murtagh@sd6.bc.ca or 250-432-5904.



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"She believed in me until I could believe in myself." - Guy, Former youth in care

Throughout this pandemic, there continues to be a need for foster care homes. If becoming a foster parent has been on your mind, please reach out to us.

Ministry of Children and Family Development local contact:

Resource Social Worker: Halina Wloka

Ph: 250-423-9718

Email: Halina.Wloka@gov.bc.ca

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Parents/Guardians:

Given the Province-wide restrictions from the PHO, the directive for SD5 remains the same controlling visitors in our building. During this stage, it is a requirement that doors be locked to restrict access to our facilities.

Please remember when picking up your child(ren), to stay outside the fence. If you come into the school grounds, we are asking parents/guardians to wear a mask.

Please be diligent, be careful, be safe, **follow the safety protocols** now more than ever.

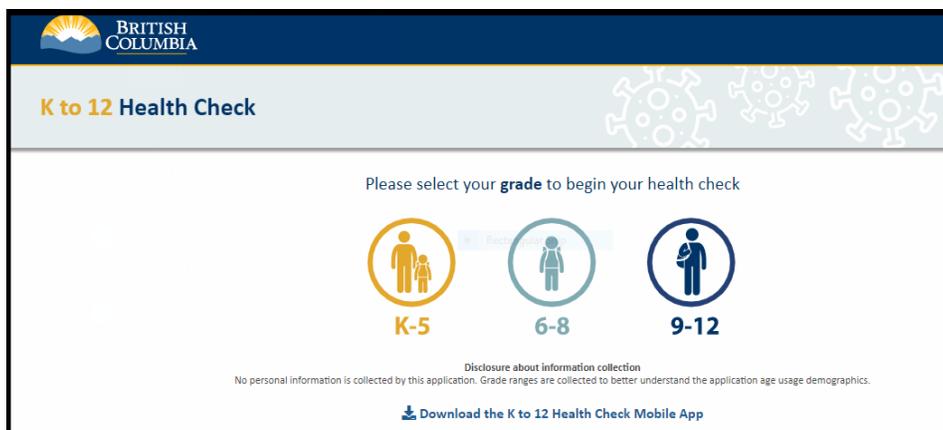
As always, we appreciate your support!

Interior Health is rolling out a call centre for booking COVID tests versus calling the local testing sites, Sparwood has now gone live.

- Call 1-877-740-7747 to book an appointment
- OR book online at www.interiorhealth.ca, click the blue “book a COVID test” box on the home page

Please follow this link and it will take you to a portal where you can do a health check for your child’s grade.

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>



School District 5

2020-2021 Annual School Calendar

May 2021						
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June 2021						
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- School Breaks
- Stat Holidays
- Professional Development Days
- Administrative Day

