

December 2021



École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1301 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

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

T: 250-423-4651

Principal's Message

Welcome to December! This month is surely one of the exciting months of the year for our students. Thank you to the staff and students for all their hard work throughout the term. Our second point of progress to communicate student learning will be in a written document that will be sent home on December 10.

Shout out to all the coaches who have volunteered their time, and energy coaching our Boys and Girls Volleyball teams. We are looking forward to an exciting Basketball season!

Shout out to Ms. Shippy, and the students who have been working hard for our upcoming Virtual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 16 at 11:00. A link will be sent home early next week.

Thank you to all our PAC parents who organized our Plant Fundraiser!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone returning refreshed and eager to learn on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

As always, we appreciate your support!

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 downloaded the app please read the information provided in this newsletter.** Thank you.

VISITORS

For safety reasons we ask that all visitors sign in at the main entrance off 2nd Avenue. While in the building masks are mandatory. Thank you.



MASK MANDATE

All K -12 staff, visitors, and Kindergarten – Grade 12 students are required to wear masks - indoors and on buses. Thank you.



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

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.**
- **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
- Please **DO NOT IDLE** cars while parked in front of the portables



Change of Seasons

Now that the winter 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 and snow days don't stop us from going outside, so please make sure your child is prepared for all weather. 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 Principal. 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. Please send a spare set of clothing if you think it will be needed.

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>

December

Tuesday, December 7	Virtual PAC Meeting
Friday, December 10	2 nd CSL (Written reports go home)
Monday, December 20 – Dec 31	Winter Break

January

Monday, January 3	Stat Holiday
Tuesday, January 4	First Day back to School
Tuesday, January 4	Virtual PAC Meeting
Friday, January 21	Pro-D Day, No School

February

Tuesday, February 1	Virtual PAC Meeting
Friday, February 18	Pro-D Day, No School
Monday, February 21	Stat Holiday

March

Monday, March 14 – 25	Spring Break
Monday, March 28	First Day back after Spring Break



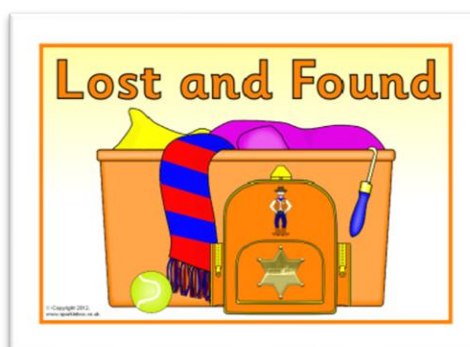
École Isabella Dicken Elementary School
Daily Bell Schedule

8:20 - 8:50 Morning Supervision #1
 8:40 - 8:50 Morning Supervision #2
 8:50 Welcome Bell / Students Enter
 8:55 Classes in Session

Recess	
10:15-10:30	Kindergarten & Gr. 1 on the primary playground Grade 5 – 6 on the intermediate playground
10:30-10:45	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	Lunch		
Lunch	K-1 & 1/2	12:15-12:40	Outside primary playground
		12:40-1:05	Lunch
	2-3	12:15-12:40	Lunch
		12:40-1:05	Outside primary playground <i>3s allowed on intermediate</i>
	3/4-4/5	12:15-12:40	Lunch
		12:40-1:05	Outside intermediate playground
	Gr 5 – 6	12:15-12:40	Outside
		12:40-1:05	Lunch

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



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



[Grade 2 Fun Pass – Resorts of the Canadian Rockies](#)

The Grade 2 Fun Pass allows unlimited access to all four RCR resorts including Fernie Alpine Resort, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Kimberley Alpine Resort and Nakiska Ski Area. Proof of age/enrollment in grade 2 required at time of pass pick up. Child must be enrolled in a Canadian school.

skircr.com

2021 Volleyball

Congratulations to both the Girl’s and Boy’s Volleyball teams to a great season. The results for the tournament are:

Girls	BOYS:
1st – FJMES	1 st – IDES
2nd – EIDES	2 nd – JESS
3rd – JESS	3 rd – RMES
4th – RMES	4 th – FJMES



2021-2022 Basketball Season

Come and learn new skills and the rules of the game! Come ready to play with athletic gear, indoor sneakers and a water bottle.

Grade 4 and 5 Girls basketball practice! Please sign up with your classroom teacher.

Dates: Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22

TIME - 8:00 – 8:45 am

Grade 5 Boys practice Wednesday mornings starting in January

TIME - 8:00-8:45 am

Grade 6 Girls practice Monday and Wednesdays

TIME – 3:05 – 4:30 pm

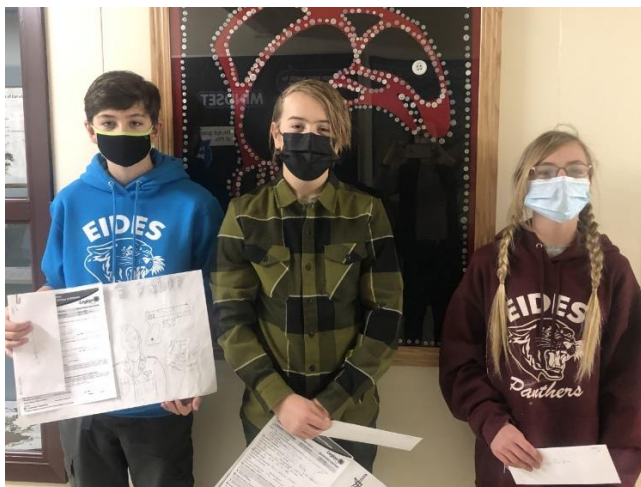
Grade 6 Boys practice Tuesdays/Thursdays starting in January

TIME – 3:05 – 4:30 pm



2021 Legion Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations!
 Jaiden La Londe, Linkyn Fraser, Emma Salekin



RUNNING CLUB

Way to go Panthers! Keep up the great work, the kilometers are starting to add up. The last day of running club in 2021 is Wednesday Dec. 15. Then we will see you again in the New Year.
 Thanks for all your support.
 The Running Club Team



Volunteers Wanted Ad

Youth Care workers at Ecole Isabella Dicken Elementary School are looking for parents who are passionate about food security within the school community as well as, someone who has a knack for organization. We have found that our food programs have been so helpful to our students the past three years, but this job takes quite a bit of extra work and many different skills, so we are reaching out to our parents and community members to ask for help!

If you're interested in becoming involved, please contact me (Teyadora W- YCW 250-430-7048) or (Kim Legge 250 430 7005)

Leadership Club

EIDES Personal Hygiene Drive for Salvation Army Dec 13-16, 2021

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • toothpaste • toothbrushes • hairbrushes • deodorant • shampoo • conditioner • soap • body wash | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • face wash • razors • shaving cream • body lotion • feminine hygiene products • toilet paper • bubble bath • laundry detergent |
|---|--|

Thank you in advance for your support!







SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

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



School District 5 Southeast Kootenay – Back to School 2021-2022

Safety is our Priority	Guidelines
<p>Students and staff can safely participate in full-time, in-class instruction in accordance with current public guidelines for schools. All members of our School District 5 Southeast Kootenay (SD5) community have a shared responsibility to protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19, or any other communicable disease. A detailed Communicable Disease Plan is part of SD5's commitment to promote the health and safety of all employees, students, and visitors by providing information that can be used to prevent the contraction and spread of communicable diseases, and to guide appropriate responses.</p> <p>Our plans are based on current guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC).</p>	<p>To Continue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All K -12 staff, visitors, and Kindergarten -12 students required to wear masks - indoors and on buses Daily health check - K-12 Health Check App, Self-Assessment Tool, or BCCDC's "When to get Tested" Don't come to school when sick - seek guidance Daily attendance management Daily cleaning & disinfecting - 1x/day Hand hygiene & respiratory etiquette - be diligent! Ventilation & air exchange Case & contact management - directed by public health Health and safety orientation - for staff & students <p>New:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinations - the most effective way to reduce the risk of COVID-19. Available for ages 12 and older Full operation of all school spaces - gyms, libraries, washrooms, water fountains etc. Extra-curricular activities & sports - resume Regional health measures - as needed Gathering & events - resume in alignment with PHO orders Visitors are welcome - following safety guidelines; appointments encouraged <p>No longer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cohorts/Learning Groups Physical Distancing of 2m
<p>Supportive Environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the health and well-being of students, staff and families continues to be our top priority. Addressing pandemic impacts on student learning and well-being, with a focus on the "whole child" including literacy, numeracy, social-emotional <u>development</u> and mental health. Providing inclusive and compassionate learning environments through trauma-informed practices. Implementing strategies to routinely support students to practice personal prevention measures. 	

All members of the SD5 community are expected to follow the SD5 Communicable Disease Plan in conjunction with the BCCDC Public Health Guidelines for K-12 Schools, and the Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings. All employees are expected to read, know and organize their work in accordance with these guidelines.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK	
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Difficulty breathing Loss of sense of smell or taste	<p>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea	<p>If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:	WHAT TO DO
Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	<p>If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption.</p> <p>Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival, as part of federal requirements.</p>
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
Have you been notified by public health that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	<p>If yes: Follow the instructions provided by Public Health.</p>

You can also check your symptoms with the [K-12 Health Check](#) or the [BC Self-Assessment Tool](#).

Call 8-1-1 with any questions about symptoms of illness. If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing (struggling to breathe or you can only speak single words) or chest pain, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control website](#) for more information on COVID-19.

School District 5

2021-2022 Amended Annual School Calendar

January 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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

FIRE CHIEF FOR THE DAY!

