

March 2023

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

1301 2nd Avenue, Fernie BC

250-423-4651



March Break is here!

We wish you all a wonderful holiday spent with family and friends...whatever fills your two weeks, we hope you have fun and stay safe.

**School is back in session Monday, April 3rd
Can't wait to see you!**

Have a look through this newsletter for a few of the great things that happened in the last couple weeks and important upcoming dates to mark on your calendars.





ÉIDES Fight Like a Porcupine FUNDRAISER



We are so proud of our school community. We have raised over \$1900.

All proceeds going to the Tolfree family in support of Stephen's fight against Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Donation bin located at the office.

(Please contact the office if you have any questions)





Our school is proud to be a URStrong school. This is a curriculum taught through all the grades that aims to empower kids with relational skills. We know that friendships are important to our students and that this part of their life can be tricky. URStrong uses language to help students understand what is normal in a friendship as well as how to gauge if their friendship is healthy or unhealthy, an important measure when deciding who to spend time with.

There is an emphasis to move away from the term 'bully' or 'bullied' (a very serious concern) which can often be misused by kids and parents. Bullying is defined by repeated, aggressive, targeted mean-on-purpose behaviour with a real or perceived power imbalance. Many of the behaviours we see at the elementary age are students with self-regulation challenges, mean-on-purpose behaviour, or uncomfortable/hurt feelings that occur in the friendship. Through the program kids are taught conflict resolution (expressing emotions, perspectives, and putting out a friendship fire) and how to stand up when others are mean-on-purpose (quick comeback).

Your child may have had these lessons this year or in the past, however, as a parent we encourage you to know the language to help coach your child with friendships. The parent subscription is free and you are able to do the lessons at home with your child(ren). Here is the link: <https://urstrong.com/parents/>

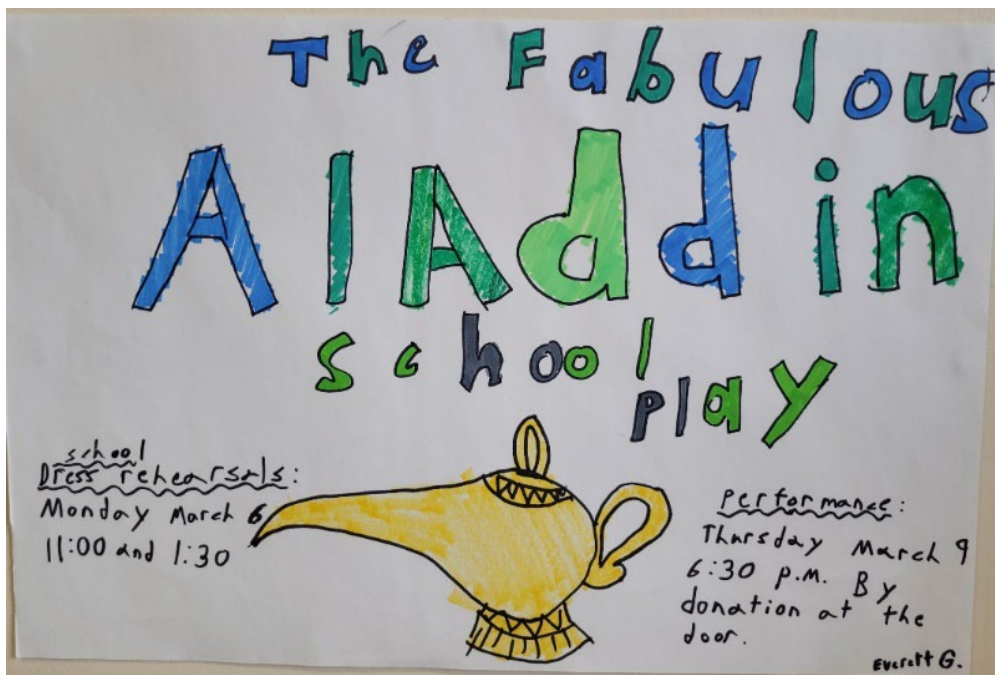


**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS
and APPRECIATION to
Mme. Jen Heath for all her
hard work and success in the
Aladdin drama club
production.**

Big thanks to amazing
volunteers, Jeremy
Nordstrom, Melanie MacVoy,
the actors, and crew as well
as the support from all
parents and businesses
Especially the Earl family and
Donna Uphill at Canadian
Tire.



With community support and generous donations, you helped to make this a hit.





We had quite a few winners from our Legion Remembrance Day contest! Congratulations, your posters, and poems were amazing!





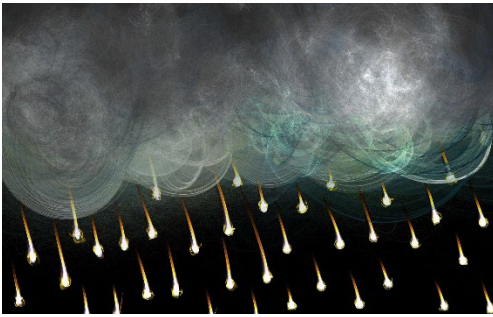
We love visits from the GRIZ!



Change of Seasons

Now that the wetter spring 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 spring. Rainy days also don't stop us from going outside, so please make sure your child has rain and waterproof boots. 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.

April and May are notorious for having every type of weather event, please ensure your child/ren are dressed appropriately.



Reminders From the Office

ABSENCES

If you know your child will be absent or late from school, please use the School-Messenger app to report, you may also call the office at **250-423-4651** and leave a message or email ides.mailing@sd5.bc.ca (preferably **before 9:00 am**). Your help with this will save our secretaries a lot of time as a call goes home for every unreported absence to ensure the child is safe.

PLEASE have your child sign in/out at the office when you arrive late or leave early.

(Even when you've used the School Messenger app to report it)

Also, a gentle reminder not to drive or park in the new bus loop off second avenue or the staff parking lot. It's such a busy place and believe us we know how limited parking is.... our priority is keeping our kiddos safe.

Thanks for your attention to these items.

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 1.

EIDES Marathon Running Club

Kikomun training is in full swing. Race day is May 12th, and we are getting excited. Great job runners, we have had a lot of completed marathons already. We are looking forward to some great spring running. Please ensure that your child comes dressed for the weather with running shoes (no boots). Parents who are joining us, please check the school Facebook page for cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. We run most days (*Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch*) regardless of weather, and please remember to run with care.



Keep up the great running Panthers!



**To all of our volunteers in the Panther's Pantry, we give you so many thanks for all your time, energy, and work that you're doing for the school!
We REALLY appreciate your help and couldn't do it with out you!
As always big thanks from your EIDES Family in the Panther's Den!**



Our PAC volunteered reading incentive program is looking for donations of gently used books you may like to donate for reuse. They appreciate all books but are often asked for graphic novels and are low on books focused to our primary readers. Many Thanks.... enjoy some good reading over the break!

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

Daily Bell Schedule

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

Recess

10:15 - 10:30 am Kindergarten & Gr. 1 on the primary playground
 Grade 5 – 6 on the intermediate playground

10:30 - 10:45 am 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 pm Lunch

Lunch Schedule

Gr K- 1 and 1/2	12:15-12:40 pm	Outside primary playground
	12:40-1:05 pm	Lunch
Gr 2 - 3	12:15-12:40 pm	Lunch
	12:40-1:05 pm	Outside primary playground <i>3s allowed on intermediate</i>
Gr 3/4 and 4/5	12:15-12:40 pm	Lunch
	12:40-1:05 pm	Outside intermediate playground
Gr 5 - 6	12:15-12:40 pm	Outside
	12:40-1:05 pm	Lunch

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



****Please note the changes that were made to the school Calendar**
 April 2023
 (Approved-
 December 13,
 2022)**

January 2023							February 2023							March 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4				1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28					26	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2023							May 2023							June 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1											1	2	3	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	25	26	27	28	29	30	
30							28	29	30	31										

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



DATES TO REMEMBER 2023

March - 2023

Friday, March 17

Last day of school before spring break
 March 20 – 31, 2023 – NO SCHOOL

April - 2023

Monday, April 3

First day back after spring break

Friday, April 7

No School – Good Friday

Monday, April 10

No School – Easter Monday

Thursday, April 13

Popcorn delivered- Blue Lake fundraiser

Friday, April 14

Down Syndrome Day- Rock your socks!

Wednesday, April 19

Primary Pizza Day- Blue Lake Fundraiser

Thursday, April 20

Portable Pizza Day- Blue Lake Fundraiser

Earth Day

Michael Bortolotto-Guest Speaker

Friday, April 21

No School – School break

Monday, April 24

No School – Pro D Day

April 25, 26, 27, 28

Early Dismissal – 2:05 pm

Thursday, April 27

Movie Night- Bad Guys- (Blue Lake fundraiser)

Friday, April 28

Assembly

May -2023

Wednesday, May 3rd

Ready Set Learn Day

Earth Rangers Presentation K-4

Friday, May 5

No school-Professional Development Day

Friday, May 12

Kikomun Run- Kikomun Creek Provincial Park

Wednesday, May 17

Volunteer Luncheon

Thursday, May 18

K-2 Bike "Roadeo"

Friday, May 19

No School- School Break

Monday, May 22

No School-Victoria Day

Thursday, May 25

Kindergarten Orientation

Friday, May 26

School Track Meet- Grades 3-6



Welcome

an international student

Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) welcomes **14 to 18 year olds** from around the world for **5 or 10 month** stays.

NEW HOST FAMILIES
NEEDED NOW FOR
September
2023



More information

Please contact your local Homestay Coordinator, Sophia Yang:
sophia.yang@sd6.bc.ca
(250) 423-1760

NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2023
FERNIE HOST FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE

\$1,400

PER STUDENT, PER MONTH



www.rminternational.ca/homestay





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



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.

**if your number is Canada-based.*

Participating carriers: Rogers Wireless, MTS, Bell, Sasktel Mobility, Telus Mobility



"A safe place to truly belong is vital to every child. Providing that as families heal and hopefully reunite is the most rewarding part of being a foster caregiver to a child who needs it."

MEGHAN, FOSTER CAREGIVER

If becoming a foster caregiver has been on your mind, please reach out to Halina Wloka at 250-423-9718.



YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW UNTIL APRIL 6/23

Boys & Girls
3-17 Years Old
House & Development

Registration Link

www.ferniesoccer.com

More info email ferniesoccer@gmail.com

 Ferne youth soccer  @Ferneyouthsoccer  FYSA Gear Swap