

École Isabella Dicken Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful winter break with a perfect balance between fun, family, friends and time to rest up. We had a busy fall at EIDES and 2018 is continuing the same way.

Our leadership students ran a successful campaign in December to collect food bank and sock tree donations for local charities and I would like to thank all families for their generous donations to the cause. It was also wonderful to see so many families and friends that showed up to watch our students proudly perform in our Christmas Concert.

Although we are only half way through this school year, planning for next year has already begun. In February we will begin taking registrations for next year's kindergarten students and our grade three students will be choosing between an English stream and Late French Immersion for grade four. If your child needs to be registered in either Kindergarten or Late French Immersion, please drop by the office in early February. It's very important for us to have a good idea of our numbers for next year for budget meetings that happen at the end of February!

Our PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) continues to support our school in a variety of important ways. All EIDES parents are welcome to attend PAC meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month. We hope to see you there!

Nicole Neufeld



Student Learning Survey

The Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, 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. In February the survey will be administered to students in grade 4, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents 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. A link to the survey is available on the homepage of our website: <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/Pages/default.aspx>

UPCOMING: Winter Olympics at EIDES!!

Thursday, February 8th the Winter Olympics are coming to EIDES!! With the PyeongChang Olympics taking place in February and the Paralympics in March our own EIDES Olympics will provide a day of outdoor fun and learning!

Ten different stations will help students to practice teamwork and 'olympic' skills required at the various activity stations. We will host the primary K-2 Olympics in the morning and the intermediate 3-6 Olympics in the afternoon.

We are looking for 10-15 parents to help on Feb. 8th so if you have time to be an Olympic volunteer – please contact Madame Janet Kuijt or Mrs. Amy Leeden.

Parking Lot Safety

A friendly reminder to all parents to please **refrain from using the staff parking lot** during morning drop off or after school pick up times. The parking lot is very busy during these times with students crossing the entrance while arriving and leaving school or getting to and from school buses. We have had a few dangerous situations for students when vehicles were moving in the lot during our heavy traffic times.

Cold & Flu Season

It is the season when staff and students start to have more colds and flu. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY SHOW SIGNS OF BEING ILL. They will recover more quickly if they can rest at home.

Remember to call the office (250-423-4651) by 9:15 am if your child will be staying home from school. We ask that you indicate when an absence is due to illness as we notify the local Healthy Unit if our absence rate due to illness is above 10%.

Madame Murray's class practicing their bobsleigh teamwork



La Classe de Madame Murray qui pratique la technique de bobsleigh

Les Jeux Olympiques à EIDE!!

Jeudi le 8 février nous aurons les Jeux Olympiques À EIDE!! Afin de célébrer les Jeux Olympiques à PeyongChang en février et les Jeux Paralympiques en mars – nos jeux olympiques fourniront une journée pleine de collaboration et d'apprentissage !

Nous aurons dix stations différentes qui aideront les élèves à collaborer et à pratiquer une variété de capacités 'olympiques'. Les Jeux pour les élèves de Maternelle à 2e année auront lieu le matin tandis que les jeux pour les étudiants de 3e à 6e année se passeront l'après-midi.

Si vous aimeriez nous aider comme 'bénévole olympique' – contactez : Madame Kujit (janet.kujit@sd5.bc.ca) ou Mrs. Amy Leeden (amy.leeden@sd5.bc.ca)

Extra-Curricular Opportunities for Students

Thanks to many parent and staff volunteers, we have an impressive number of extra-curricular activities to offer our students! The following programs have started up and will be running from now until March break (unless notified otherwise). Please ask your classroom teacher or give us a call if you have questions about any of these opportunities

GYMNASIUM

TIME	lundi	TUESDAY	mercredi	Thursday	vendredi
8:10-8:55	Drop In Gr 5 Basketball	Drop In Gr 3 Basketball	Gr 6 Basketball Teams	Drop In Gr 4 Basketball	Drop In Gr 5 Volleyball
12:15-1:05	Running Club Gr 2-6		Running Club Gr 2-6	Yoga Gr 4-6 (Feb 1st start)	
3:15-4:15	Grade 6 Boys' Basketball Team	Gr 6 Girls' Basketball Team	Grade 6 Boys' Basketball Team	CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB Gr 2-6	Gr 6 Girls' Basketball Team

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

12:30-1:00		DRAWING CLUB GR 4-5	CHESS CLUB Gr 4-6	GLEE CLUB Gr 2-6	
3:15-4:15	Robotics Club Gr 4-6			Robotics Club Gr 4-6	

OTHER

12:30-1:00		ART CLUB GR 3 (Mrs. Jackson's room # 111)			
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Winter Writing
Mrs. Fraser's kindergarten students wrote and illustrated their own fabulous books titled: The Snowman. Come by and have a read!

Dates To Remember

January

Tuesday, January 23rd
Thursday, January 25th
Friday, January 26th

Cirque at École Sophie Morigeau (gr4-6FI)
Pizza Day Gr 2/3-6
Pizza Day K-2

February

Thursday, February 1st
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Tuesday, February 6th
Friday, February 9th
Monday, February 12th
Thursday, February 15th
Friday, February 16th
Thursday, February 8th
February 19th-23rd
Tuesday, February 27th
Wednesday, February 28th

Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19 Begins
Grade 3 Parent Info Night 6:00 pm Library
Metis Play: Blue Beads and Blue Berries (K-6)
No School Day
Family Day, No School
Pizza Day Gr 2/3-6
Pizza Day K-2
Olympic Day at EIDES
Communicating Student Learning Week
Work BC Find Your Fit Tour at FSS (gr 5-6)
Pink Shirt Day

March

Thursday, March 8th
March 19th-April 2nd

SD 5 Elk Valley Schools Basketball Tournament
Spring Break: No School

View our full school calendar on our website:

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

Community Links

Please check out the [Community Links](#) section of our website to find out about some great after school programs or no-school Friday programs that are available in our community.



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For KINDERGARTEN AND FRENCH IMMERSION: [September 2018 Entry](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

School District 5 Southeast Kootenay welcomes all children born between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013, and encourages parents to register their children at their catchment area school for September 2018 Kindergarten entry.

School District 5 Southeast Kootenay provides a warm, caring learning environment for all students. We offer our Kindergarten students a developmentally appropriate program along with access to computer technology, a Fine Arts program, student services support and, if parents choose, French Immersion.

To ensure your child is able to attend your catchment area school, please register early. In any given year, registration and enrolment application forms shall only be accepted by the catchment area school commencing on the first school day in February. If you are unsure which school is your catchment area school, please visit the "school locator" on our district website at <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/default.aspx>

All such applications 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. The child will not be registered until such documentation is made available.

Parents who wish their child to attend a school outside their catchment area still need to 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 and return to the School Board Office. These completed forms shall only be accepted by Board Office staff commencing on the first school day in February. Forms can also be submitted via email to studenttransfers@sd5.bc.ca. Please refer to Policy 3.1R at <http://www.sd5.bc.ca/Board/Policy/manual/Pages/default.aspx> for more information.

FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

Late French Immersion is available at École Isabella Dicken Elementary School in Fernie, BC.

If you have any questions, please contact your neighbourhood school or the Office of the Superintendent (250- 417-2052) or toll free 1-866-489-4201 (Local 2052).

We look forward to your child joining us in School District 5 Southeast Kootenay.