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Principal's Message

October was another exciting month at ÉIDES with Halloween, pizza days, a Let's Get Loud Performance, emergency drills, Totem Teams and Take Me Outside to Learn Day!

On November 8th our staff and students joined those at Fernie Secondary School for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We were very proud of our students for their respectful and attentive behaviours. Ms. Pace and student in grades 4-6 did a beautiful job of singing Where Have All The Flowers gone by Peter Seger and Mr. Hansons' grade 4 & 5 students were remarkable when reciting In Flanders Fields.

Preparations are now underway for our Christmas Concert on December 18th. With our growing size it continues to be a challenge to find the right fit for a performance that everybody can enjoy. We will be using the FSS gymnasium again this year and having two performances: one at 1:15 pm and one at 6:00 pm. We will be asking families to attend only one of the performances, to avoid an overcrowded situation. We will be printing a limited number of tickets for each performance and information letters with ticket order forms will be coming home next week.

Report cards will be coming home on December 13th to all students. We continue to be part of the Pilot Program for Communicating Student Learning and you can expect written reports to look similar to the previous years. Since we are in the process of developing a new Reporting Policy your feedback, concerns or questions are always appreciated.

Attached to this email are other documents that I would like to share with you. These documents include the SD 5 School Closure Policy, Parent Tip Sheet for E-Cigarettes, Vaping and Youth, Healthy Schools Parent Newsletter and are also available on the parent section of our school website: [ÉIDES](#)

I'm looking forward to seeing our families at our Christmas Concert next month!

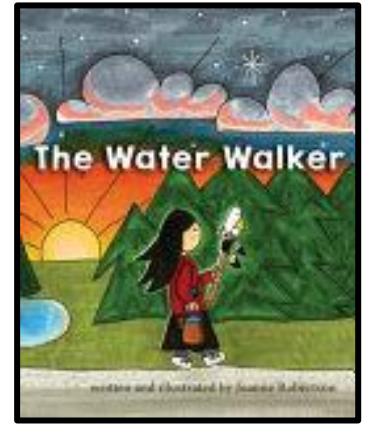
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Staff Halloween Photo 2019!

Junior Water Walkers

After learning all about water, Ms. Murray's grade two class read "The Water Walker," by Joanne Robertson. This book tells the determined story of an Ojibwe grandmother (nokomis), Josephine Mandamin, and her great love for nibi (water). Nokomis walks to raise awareness of our need to protect nibi for future generations and for all life on the planet. After the students found out that Josephine Mandamin is a real person, they were inspired by a group of Ontario students who decided to keep up Josephine's mission to protect our water. The grade two class formed a club called "The Junior Water Walkers" and their mission is to protect our local waterways by picking up garbage. Last week, the class filled 2 extra-large garbage bags with trash and filled a blue recycle bag with recyclable plastics. They had a super fun afternoon and all felt empowered and proud of their actions 😊



Welcome & Bienvenue à Madame Stéphanie et au Club Baguette!

Nous sommes très reconnaissants d'avoir la chance d'accueillir Madame Stéphanie Drolet à notre équipe à ÉIDES! Elle est notre nouvelle assistante du programme d'immersion et vient juste d'arriver à Fernie de la belle ville de Québec. Stéphanie a un baccalauréat international de langues modernes ainsi qu'un certificat d'enseignement de français - langue seconde de l'université de Laval. Elle sera un vrai atout dans les classes d'immersion française!

Mais attendez! Il y a même plus!!! Madame Stéphanie est l'animatrice de Club Baguette de l'association francophone des Rocheuses du Sud (AFRoS) alors chaque lundi de 15h15 à 16h15 elle offrira des activités afin d'apprendre OU de pratiquer votre français dans notre bibliothèque. Ouvert aux jeunes de 8-12 ans 😊 - Bienvenue et MERCI Stéphanie!!

We are very happy to welcome Madame Stéphanie Drolet to our staff at ÉIDES! She is our new Teacher Assistant in our French Immersion program and has recently relocated to Fernie from Quebec City. Stephanie has a BA in Modern Languages as well as a diploma Teaching French as a Second Language from the University of Laval. It is clear she will be a great asset our school! But WAIT! There's more! Madame Stéphanie is the leader of Club Baguette offered by the Association Francophone of the Southern Rockies (AFRoS). Every Monday from 3:15-4:15 she will be offering fun activities to learn or practice your French in our library. Club Baguette is open to youth ages 8-12 years old. Welcome & Thank you Madame Stéphanie 😊

Winter Is Here!

Just a reminder that it is our policy to have children outdoors before school and during recess breaks unless the temperature is -20° Celsius or colder (wind chill is taken into consideration). Regular winter days don't stop us from going outside, so please make sure your child has all the gear needed for being outside in the winter. The children love to be outside playing in the snow and the active, fresh air breaks help students with staying focussed and getting work done in the classroom.

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. Keeping students indoors will be at the discretion of the Principal.

THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO ÉIDES IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY!

School District No. 5 Southeast Kootenay has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies.

Grade 4 students at ÉIDES will be invited to complete the MDI during class time between **January 15th and February 21st, 2020.**

For more information and to view the questionnaires:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/>

Parent FAQs:

<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/mdi/parent-guardian-resources/>

If you don't want your child to participate please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at mdi@help.ubc.ca.




Childcare BC invites parents to complete an anonymous survey about child care programs and services offered throughout the province. Click here to access the survey: [Child Care in BC- Public Survey](#) or from our school website : [https://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd5.bc.ca/school/ides/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

The opportunities for our students to get involved with clubs or sports during non-instructional times continue to grow. We encourage students to participate as much as possible and are always appreciative of volunteer help from our parents. We have the following opportunities on the go this month:

- Monday & Wednesday 3:15- 4:30 pm Grade 6 Girls' Volleyball team practices
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- Wednesdays 8:15 -8:50 am Grade 5 drop in Volleyball
- Thursdays 8:15 -8:50 am Grade 5 drop in Basketball
- Thursdays 12:30 pm-1:00 pm Drama Club grades 4-6
- Mondays & Wednesdays lunch Running Club grades 2-6

<p>On Wednesday, Dec 4th our girls' and boys' volleyball teams will head to Elkford for the SD No 5 Elk Valley Schools' Elementary Volleyball Tournament. This is the schedule of games. </p>	9:00-9:50 am	RMES vs FJMES	RMES vs FJMES
	10:00-10:50 am	EIDES vs FJMES	EIDES vs JESS
	10:50-11:40 am	EIDES vs JESS	RMES vs EIDES
	11:40am -12:30 pm	RMES vs JESS	FJMES vs JESS
	12:30-1:20 pm	RMES vs EIDES	EIDES vs FJMES
	1:20-2:10 pm	JESS vs FJMES	RMES vs JESS

Dates To Remember

December

Tuesday, Dec 3 rd	Grade 6 Parent Meeting re: Blue Lake 6:15 pm Library
Tuesday, Dec 3 rd	PAC Meeting, 7 pm Library
Wednesday, Dec 4 th	Elk Valley Schools' Volleyball Tournament at RMES (Elkford)
Wednesday, Dec 4 th	PAC Book Fair and Bake Sale 3:00-7:00 pm in the gym
Thursday, Dec 5 th	Eagle Spirit Drum Group Presentation for students
Friday, Dec 6 th	Professional Development Day, No School for students
Mon-Thurs Dec 9 th -15	Computer Science Week: Hour of Code Activities
Wednesday, Dec 11 th	Avalanche Canada Presentations for Intermediate students
Thursday, Dec 12 th	Pizza Day gr 4-6
Friday, Dec 13 th	Pizza Day gr K – 3 /4
Thursday, Dec 13 th	CSL reports sent home for ALL students
Wed, Dec 18 th	ÉIDES Christmas Concert at Fernie Secondary School K- 5 1:15 pm & gr 1 -6 @ 6:00pm *tickets will be on sale Dec 3 rd
Friday, Dec 19 th	Pajama Day! End of Term Assembly
Dec 23 rd -Jan 3 rd	Christmas Break: No School

January

Monday, Jan 6 th	School Back in Session
Tuesday, Jan 7 th	PAC Meeting

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

The next CPF (Cranbrook& Fernie) Chapter meeting will be held in the TM Roberts school library on Wednesday, November 20 from 7-8pm. Please join us. Check out our Facebook group: [Canadian Parents for French Cranbrook / Fernie](#)

From our Youth Care Worker:



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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read this letter! I would like to officially introduce myself, my name is Ms. Teyadora Woeszczak- MacVicar better known as Ms. W at the school. I am excited to be joining the staff at ÉIDES for the 2019/2020 school year as a Youth Care Worker for School District 5 Southeast Kootenay. I will be stationed at ÉIDES on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

My role in the school is to provide long and short term support to families and students within the school environment. I work jointly with teachers, administration, families and Student Services to ensure that the students are receiving any support they may need for a successful school year. In addition to this, my role within the school is to provide/facilitate activities, resources and programs on an individual basis or within a group setting.

The school year is well under way and we already have some exciting new programs to offer students. New to the school is the Breakfast Buddies Program. We are grateful to have received grants and funding from the Breakfast Club of Canada and the ÉIDES Parent Advisory Council. This program will be offered to students from 8:20 am until the first bell and it is located on the gym stage. Our hope is that it provides a welcoming atmosphere for students to connect with one another, while enjoying a nutritious breakfast. I will be greeting students daily at the program Monday- Friday and welcome any helpful students who would like to volunteer for the program! **I would also like to give a special thanks to Carolyn Doyle from Big Bang Bagels, who has provided a generous donation of bagels to the breakfast program in its first week.**

In addition to the breakfast program, there are a few smaller peer groups that I have organized within the school that promote friendship, social/ emotional wellbeing and peer support. If your child has been extended an invitation to any of those programs and you would like to connect with me about these opportunities please feel free to call, email or approach me during school hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at ÉIDES. I can be reached by phone at 250.430.1135 or by e-mail at teyadora.woeszczak@sd5.bc.ca.

Warmest Regards,
Teyadora Woeszczak-MacVicar

Youth Care Worker





November 4, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Requirements Under BC's New Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation

BC's new Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation came into effect on July 1, 2019. It supports the gathering of immunization records by Public Health. The regulation applies to all students in all schools within the Province's jurisdiction, including those who are home-schooled. It does not apply to children attending schools in First Nations communities.

In the coming months, our staff will check the immunization records we have on file for school age children. They will identify children whose records are missing or incomplete. Families of these children may be contacted. They will be asked to provide us with the immunization information required under the regulation. We will also let families know where children can receive immunizations.

Our public health centres already have complete immunization information on file for most children. For this reason, most families will not be contacted or need to take any further action. If you are contacted, it may only mean that we need to update some information in our files. It may not mean that your child is missing immunizations.

You can use the online [Vaccination Status Indicator tool](#) to check if your child's immunization record is missing or incomplete. It tells you if your child's immunization record is on file with public health but does not provide any details about their immunization status or history.

Collecting immunization information allows us to connect with families about the importance of disease prevention. It also helps public health to control outbreaks by quickly identifying children who are not fully immunized and helps everyone get back to learning as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit <https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-reporting-regulation> or contact your local health centre to speak to a public health nurse.

Thank you for helping to keep our children and communities healthy.

Sincerely,

Sue Pollock, MSc MD FRCPC
Medical Health Officer