



## ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE ALFRED B. DIXON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**"Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together"**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Message from the Administrators**

January has started well and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the families in our community a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!

The New Year is a good time to sit down as a family, with your children, and set some goals for them as students, and you as a family together. When we think of goals in a school, we usually turn our attention to academic ones. This may be an opportunity to decide as a family how you can incorporate reading together, going to the library, and visiting our many cultural displays in Richmond. Think also about focusing on good eating habits and regular exercise! All those things will help everyone in the community have happy, healthy lives.

Sean Harrington  
Principal

May Wong  
Vice-Principal

### **PAC News**

Reminder - The Date of Next PAC meeting:

**See you TONIGHT - January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018!**  
7 pm

**February Meeting date:** Monday,  
February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **Basketball**

Many of our Grade 6's and 7's students are participating on our Dixon Basketball teams. Many thanks to Mr. Ray, Mr. Rostrup, Mr. Martyniuk, Mr. Hunter, Mrs. Wong, Ms. Soo, Mr. Harrington and our parent coach, Mr. Carkner for their huge efforts in making this happen. Come on out and cheer on our athletes!

**GO Dixon Dragons!**



# PINK SHIRT DAY

## Pink Shirt/Kindness Day

On Wednesday, February 28, we encourage all of our students to wear pink as we recognize the importance of being kind to each other and accepting of each other's differences. Every child has the right to come to school feeling safe. Help us recognize the kindness shown in our school community each day. So on February 28, think pink!

To help recognize the importance of kindness, our student leadership team will be celebrating ten school days of kindness leading up to February 28, starting on Valentine's Day. Stay tuned for more information.

## Hugh Boyd Secondary School Grade 7 Parent Info Night – January 25<sup>th</sup>

All parents and guardians of Grade 7 students who live in the Hugh Boyd catchment area and those who may apply to attend the school next year are invited to attend an information session on **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the library. Come early to attend the Showcase Night starting at 6:00 pm – students and parents are invited to tour the school and enjoy some presentations by the music department, Incentive Program and others.

## McMath Secondary School Grade 7 Parent Info Night – February 1<sup>st</sup>

All parents and guardians of Grade 7 students (French Immersion Students) who will attend McMath next year are invited to attend an information session on **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the gym. Parents of students attending McMath next year should be receiving a letter in the mail this week that highlights this information session.

## Important NEWS!

Professional Development Day  
is scheduled for Friday,  
January 26<sup>th</sup>!

Classes are cancelled on this day.  
(Please make other arrangements for your child!)



## Grade 4 and 7 FSA's Satisfaction Surveys

Starting in January, the parents of Grade 4 and 7 students will be asked to participate with an online satisfaction survey.

These surveys are completely anonymous and provide a way for parents to state their opinions to the Ministry regarding Dixon school. **The survey is for parents of students in Grades 4 and 7, and access information will be sent home in the coming weeks.**

We hope that our grade 4 and 7 parents are able to participate.

## Mom and Dad Going On A Trip?

If your child is staying home, cared for by another adult, like a friend, aunt or grandparent, please be sure to drop by the office and fill out some paperwork before you go. It is important that the school has the proper contact information in case of an emergency.

Important! If your child is away for more than 20 school days, the student could be withdrawn from Dixon. Parents may have to arrange to pay international school fees. Siblings and Grandparents **are not** considered legal guardians.

Ultimately, we hope that these types of trips can be avoided and families can plan vacations together during school breaks

### **Registrations and Student Transfers** **For September 2018**

Registration is ongoing for children (born in 2013) who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2018. If you know any children that may be moving into the Dixon catchment area and are Kindergarten age, we encourage you to remind them to go Central Registration at the Board Office (7811 Granville Ave). To complete the registration, you will need to bring with you a number of **original** documents. Please check the school district website for the complete list of documents and requirements.



In accordance with the Richmond School Board policy, new students with any language other than English as a first language, are required to attend the District E.L.L. Reception Centre. An appointment will be made for you when you register your child.

If you are considering a transfer application, you must first register at Central Registration for your catchment school and complete a transfer application by the **deadline of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.** (3 pm)

## **Upcoming Dates/Events**

### **January**

**Monday, Jan. 22**

PAC mtg @ 7:00 pm (Library)

**Friday, Jan. 26**

Professional Development Day  
**no school for students**

**Monday, Jan. 29 to Friday Feb. 2**

Toonie \$2 Talent Show @ lunch

**Tuesday, Jan. 30** Parent Information

on e-Portfolios held at MacNeill  
Secondary from 6:30 to 8:00pm

### **February**

**Thursday, Feb 1-** PAC Pizza lunch

**Friday, Feb 2** Sharing Assembly 8:55am

**Friday, Feb 9** Popcorn day

**Monday, Feb 12** Family Day-no school

**Wednesday, Feb 14** Valentine's Day  
(start of 10 days of kindness)

**Thursday, Feb 15** Saleema Noon's Body  
Science Parent presentation (6:30 to 8 pm in the  
gym)

**Friday, Feb 16**

Body Science Student presentations  
PAC lunch - Booster Juice

**Monday, Feb 19** Pac Meeting – 7pm

**Wednesday, Feb 21**

Dixon Celebrates Carnaval  
PAC Toonie Pizza

**Friday, Feb 23** District Pro-D School not  
in session

**Wednesday, Feb 28** Pink Shirt Day