



## 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 Monday Night - January 21<sup>st</sup>,**  
7:00 pm

### **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, Mme. Kaerne, 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 27, 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 27, 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 27, starting on Valentine's Day. Stay tuned for more information.

## Hugh Boyd Secondary School Grade 7 Parent Info Night – January 24<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 24<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 – January 31<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, January 31<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!

### **Early Dismissal Day** **Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** **12:20 pm**

Early dismissal for conferences. Please note that not all teachers will be scheduling conferences for this date but **all students** will be dismissed at 12:20 on January 24th. Teachers who are not scheduling conferences on this date will be scheduling them later in the year.

### **Professional Development Day** **is scheduled for Monday,** **January 28<sup>th</sup>!**

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

## Mom and Dad Going On A Trip?

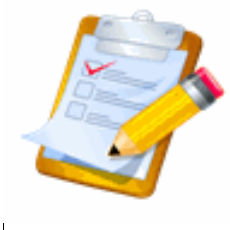
If your child is staying home, cared for by another adult, like a friend, aunt or grandparent, please be sure to drop by the office and fill out some paperwork before you go. It is important that the school has the proper contact information in case of an emergency.

Important! If your child is away or the parents have gone on a trip and the child does not have a legal guardian staying with them 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 2019**

Registration is ongoing for children (born in 2014) who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2019. 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. Registering before January 25<sup>th</sup> is important for placement purposes. As well, applications for kindergarten district program options like French Immersion close January 25, 2019.



Regarding the transfer process: For 2019/20, Round 1 transfer application period will be open from February 11 – 28, 2019. Transfer decisions will be provided to parents by Friday, March 15.

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.

## **Upcoming Dates/Events**

### **January**

**Monday, Jan. 21**

PAC mtg @ 7:00 pm (Library)

**Thursday, Jan. 24**

Early Dismissal – **12:20pm**

Parent Teacher Conferences

**Monday, Jan. 28**

Professional Development Day  
**no school for students**

### **February**

**Friday, Feb 1** - Popcorn Day

**Friday, Feb 1** - French Grade 6/7

Quebec Trip

**Friday, Feb 8** - French Grade 6/7 return  
from Quebec Trip

**Friday, Feb 8** - Fuel Pasta Day

**Monday, Feb 11** – PAC meeting 7:00 pm

**Thursday, Feb 14** - Valentine's Day

Start of 10 days of kindness

**Friday, Feb 15** - District Pro-D Day

School not in session

**Monday, Feb 18** - Family Day-no school

**Thursday, Feb 21** - PAC Toonie Pizza

**Tuesday, Feb 26 to Mar 1**

Toonie Talent Show at lunch

**Wednesday, Feb 27** - Pink Shirt Day