

June 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

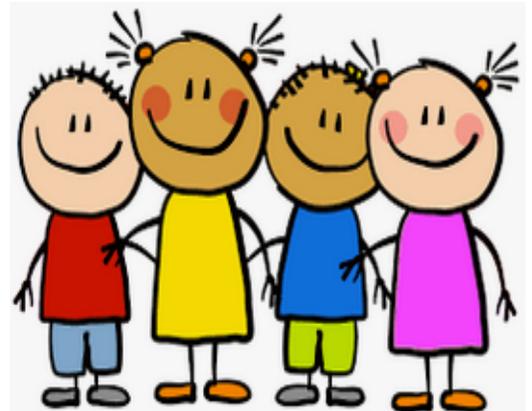
It's hard to believe that the end of this school year is only a few days ahead. As we all know, this year was like any other. It amazes us how the Dixon community is able to come together with support and understanding when we are faced with unexpected challenges. We would like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents and staff for their patience, hard work and kindness.

We would like to say farewell to our grade 7s. We have been so lucky to have such an outstanding group of grade 7s who have always demonstrated caring leadership by honouring themselves, others and the environment.

We will remember our grade 7s for the kindness they demonstrated for our Dixon community and how much fun you all were together. We will remember your great friendships and how willingly you invited others into your groups so no one would feel left out. We have appreciated how you have all grown up to be aware of the world around you and how you are able and willing to make things better for both yourself and for others.

For parents whose eldest child is in grade 7 and are heading off to the "High School" world as well, we wish you well too! Thank you for all of your support of Dixon School over the years and you will be missed.

Our grade 7 families will be receiving a link to our virtual grade 7 farewell assembly on Wednesday, June 24th at 11:00 am.



REMINDER – Wednesday, June 17th – pick and drop off

For those students working from home or students coming to school and are not in their regular classroom, we are arranging a personal item pick up and school equipment drop off on Wednesday, June 17th.

ONLY those families that have contacted their classroom teacher will have supplies ready for pick up on this day.



- To avoid having people in the building, all items will be ready for pick up in the gym on Wednesday, June 17th. Pick up will be available between 9 am and 2 pm.

Also... **If you have any school instruments, school jerseys or library books, there will be drop off bins for each of these items.** We hope to get all of these items back before the end of the school year.

Any items not getting picked up will stay in the classroom for a September pick up.

September Start

Currently, the planned **start date for school is Tuesday, September 8th**. As you can imagine, we will have to wait and see what school will look like in our ever so quickly changing environment. To prepare for September we are currently working on class placements for September. Most intermediate students have been provided an avenue for input regarding other students they would like to see in their class next year. Please know that the process of building classes is a very complex exercise that takes lots of time and consideration.



Considerations include:

- learning styles and strengths
- social/personal characteristics
- special needs
- ELL levels
- age and physical maturity
- work habits
- gender balance
- friendship groups
- contractual obligations

If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to drop by the school this week for a parent input form. All parent input forms need to be submitted by **Monday, June 22, 2020** and left in our parent input drop box outside of the office. The information you provide should **not include a request for a specific teacher** but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. All information provided will be shared with the teacher(s) and taken into consideration. Please be aware the final decision regarding placement needs to be a school-based decision.