

**Dixon School eNews - April 5, 2016**[Webpage](#) [Twitter](#)**Highlights from this edition of eNews:**

- 1) PAC AGM tonight at 7pm
- 2) Long Range Facilities Plan - Next Steps - Letter from our Superintendent. Additional details will be shared by Mr. Juhasz at the PAC Meeting tonight. A hard copy (with Chinese translation) has come home with your child today as well
- 3) Photo Day April 13th - Theme colour is our school colours: green black, or white
- 4) Playground Leaders
- 5) Dixon Dragon Spirit Club is hosting a bake sale this Thursday. Proceeds go to our Sister School in the Philippines.
- 6) Salema Noon Schedule for April 11th & 12th

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

**PAC AGM TONIGHT**  
Tuesday April 5th @7pm in the Library.  
Childminding available.

Please follow this [link](#) for additional details regarding the Executive positions available.



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Dear Parents and Staff:

**Re: Long Range Facilities Plan Next Steps**

As you may be aware, Richmond School District has been involved in a Long Range Facilities Plan review for the last number of months. This plan looks at school capacity, declining enrolment, building condition and underutilization of school sites. The process to this point, has involved public meetings and an online site for information and feedback. Feedback from the community will support the Board in its need to increase utilization of school buildings from the current 85% to 95% capacity. In addition, 23 elementary schools have been rated as being high risk for significant damage in the event of an earthquake. Trustees are looking to ensure that facilities are used in an effective and fiscally responsible way and that the District can access funding to remediate schools to keep our students safe. To achieve this goal the District may need to close 4-5 schools. **This decision will not be made until October 2016**, to allow time for consultation with the school communities and the public.

You are receiving this letter because your school has been identified for further discussion regarding closure. In a report to the Board of Education that was presented last evening, senior staff outlined a group of schools which could be explored in the application of Policy 704 (with regulation 704R) which determines how schools are considered for closure. **It is important to understand that this does NOT mean that your school will definitely close**, rather that information needs to be gathered about your school and then be brought before the Board for consideration.

To that end, a consultation committee will be formed at your school, comprised of the school principal, two parent

representatives, one teacher and one CUPE representative from your school's staff. The committee will meet with myself and other district staff and will be the means by which the unique factors that each school community values can be considered. We expect that these consultation committee meetings will take place through April. District staff will present options for possible closure at public meetings scheduled for May 17 – 19, 2016. This will be another opportunity for input from the school community, as well as the public. Once the four or five schools have been identified in the fall of 2016, there will be another opportunity for input before the final decision is made.

Many of you will have participated in the open houses that were held in October 2015, or in the on-line surveys on the district's public engagement website (Our Schools, Our Students, Our Future <http://letstalksd38.ca/our-schools-our-students-our-future>). If you haven't, I encourage you to visit the site and review the information that has been presented. You may even want to register on the site so that you can be notified when the site is updated.

I recognize that the need to close schools because of the combined factors of seismic risk and declining enrolment is difficult for all involved. It is the District's intent however, to provide school communities with relevant information, multiple opportunities for feedback and a plan that allows the District to move ahead into the future with buildings that are safe, sustainable and responsive to enrollment.

Please participate in the process whatever way you can.

Sincerely,

Sherry Elwood  
Superintendent of Schools

## April 13<sup>th</sup> is Photo Day:

If you have browsed in the hallway the school panoramas for the past 5 years, you would notice that we have typically selected a colour to wear as a theme.

This year's colour theme will be our Dixon colours, so please wear either **green**, **black** or **white**.



### Playground Leaders:

The recent sunny weather means more outside days for students at recess and lunch. It also means that the Playground Leaders will be facilitating games in the schoolyard for primary students. Since early in term two, the Playground Leaders have been meeting to help them prepare for their leadership roles. The Playground Leaders group is made up of Gr. 4 and 5 students who are looking to gain some leadership experience and to become more involved in the Dixon community beyond their classrooms. Mr. Hirn has provided these early intermediate students with safe, fun, outdoor game ideas as well as effective group management strategies so that they can be as successful as possible.



*The Dragon Spirit Club is hosting a....*

## Spring Bake Sale

Thursday, April 7th at recess. All items are \$1.00.

All proceeds will go to our sister school in the Philippines.

Thank you for your support!

### Saleema Noon Schedule:

#### a) Parent Meeting

Monday April 11th 6:30pm Library

**b) Tuesday April 12th Schedule (for students)**

9:00am - 9:30am Divisions 6, 15, 16 (all students)

9:35am - 10:15am Divisions 5, 13, 14 (all students)

10:45am - 12:00pm Divisions 1, 7, 8 (all students) and Divisions 2, 9 (Grade 6 only)

1:05pm - 1:45pm Divisions 4 and 12 (all students) and Divisions 3, 10, 11 (Grade 3 only)

1:45pm - 2:45pm Divisions 3, 10, 11 (Grade 4 only) and Divisions 2 and 9 (Grade 5 only)



***Important Dates***

- Apr 1 Kindergarten and Grade 6 Immunizations
- Apr 5 PAC AGM - 7pm in the library
- Apr 6 PAC Pizza lunch
- Apr 11 Saleema Noon Parent night 6:30 Library
- Apr 12 Saleema Noon - Lessons for students
- Apr 13 Class & Panorama Photos (wear green, black or white)  
Bandapalooza 7:00pm @ Hugh Boyd - Dixon Band students attending
- Apr 15 Assembly at 9am  
PAC Popcorn at recess
- Apr 20 PAC Sushi/Teriyaki lunch
- Apr 22 Professional Development Day - **no school for students**
  
- May 2 Non-Instructional Day - **no school for students**
- May 6 PAC Popcorn at recess
- May 11 PAC Pizza lunch
- May 13 Assembly at 9 am
- May 17 Early Dismissal 2pm - RTA AGM  
PAC meeting - 7pm in the library
- May 20 Professional Development Day - **no school for students**
- May 23 Victoria Day - **no school for students**
- May 25 PAC Hot Dog lunch
- May 26 Parent Appreciation Tea - 1:30-2:30pm
- May 31 Kindergarten Orientation - 9:30am-10:30am  
Track Assembly at 2pm

- Jun 3 Dragon Day - - **EARLY DISMISSAL - 1:30pm**
- Jun 8 PAC Pizza lunch  
Dixon Band Concert 6:30pm
- Jun 10 Social Responsibility Assembly at 9am
- Jun 14 PAC wrap up at Edgewater
- Jun 17 PAC Popcorn at recess
- Jun 20 Recognition Assembly at 1pm
- Jun 22 PAC Taco Luis lunch
- Jun 22 to Jun 24 Camp Jubilee
- Jun 28 Report Cards go home
- Jun 29 Grade 7 Farewell Assembly at 9am followed by the grade 7 get together  
Last day of school

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