



ÉCOLE ÉLÉMENTAIRE ALFRED B. DIXON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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“Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together”

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October 2nd, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017/2018 school year at Dixon! We are really happy to be back to school and once again following a routine. We hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. A warm welcome is extended to our new families, both those in kindergarten and those with older children. We hope that your children will soon make friendships that will assist them with settling into a new school year. Classes have now been formed and we are gearing up for a great year! It is clear that we have a community of staff, students and parents that are committed to excellence.

We have fifteen new staff members to Dixon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our experienced Dixon staff for all of their help, support and kind welcome to all of us who are new to Dixon this year. A special shout out to Mr. Hunter who is currently on sick leave, likely until the end of October. All of the Dixon community wishes him a speedy recovery and we look forward to his return.

We look forward to seeing you in the days ahead!

Sean Harrington, Principal
Vice-Principal

May Wong,

Important NEWS!

Professional
Development

Day is
scheduled for

Friday, October 20th !

Classes are not in session on this day.

TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN

The Terry Fox run took place in the afternoon of Friday, September 15th. We got lucky with the weather and enjoyed a celebration assembly in the gym, followed by a nice run in the sun. Special thanks to Mr. Hunter for all his organization.

Congratulations to all the Dixon Dragons for their participation and fundraising efforts that raised almost \$2500! Thank you to all students, parents and staff who donated to support cancer research.



**THE
TERRY
FOX RUN**
for cancer research

Will your child be missing school?

If your child will be absent from school, please inform the school that your child will be away.

EARLY WARNING can be called at anytime, day or night. Please call **604-668-6613** and leave a message with your child's name, grade level, division number, teacher's name and the reason for the absence. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe!

Student Verification Forms

We have sent home the **student verification forms**. It is extremely important that these be returned to the school, corrected, signed and verified. We absolutely need to have contact information for emergencies. Please return these important forms to the school as quickly as possible

The Weather is Changing!!

Please don't forget to make sure you dress your child for the weather! We go outside most days and we need to be sure your children are prepared. Jackets, boots and a change of shoes/socks are a good idea for preparing for the school day! If your child wears boots to school, please ensure he/she has running shoes to change into once at school.

Eat a Healthy Breakfast!

Start every day off right with a well-balanced, nutritious breakfast. Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Living says a healthy meal has items from three or four food groups. Find a copy of the food guide at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/canada-food-guide/get-your-copy.html>

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Thank you to our families who have been using our drop off loop in a safe and organized way. Here are a few tips to help keep our students safe in the parking lot!

- If you live close by, start your day by walking to school.
- When dropping off your child in the loop, please have them ready to jump out and use the sidewalk into the school. Long delays back up our traffic.
- If your child is in kindergarten or grade one, please use the parking lot off Gormond Road so you can safely park and walk your child into the school.



Turkey Trot!

Dixon has been busy working on its Richmond Food Bank campaign. The Dixon Dragons will be taking part in the annual 'Turkey Trot' on Friday, October 6th.

Students are asked to bring in non-perishable food items or money donations. Our goal is to fill up the boxes in each classroom.

All students are encouraged to wear runners and appropriate clothing as this is a rain or shine event.

Special thanks to Mrs. Evans and the support of all Dixon staff for organizing this event.



Grade 6/7 Camp

Dixon was lucky enough to enjoy three sunny days at Camp Jubilee on September 20th to September 22nd. A great time was had by everyone who attended as they participated in activities such as archery, kayaking, high ropes, rock climbing, low ropes and canoeing.

Special thanks to Mrs. Wong who did the majority of organizing and those staff members who attended camp – Mr. Rostrup, Mr. Martyniuk, Mr. Ray, Mrs. Iwata, Ms. Duthie and Mr. Harrington.



Upcoming Dates!

October 7 Frank Reynolds Memorial Cross Country Meet (Cates Park), N. Van

October 9 Thanksgiving Day –School Not in Session

October 13 PAC Popcorn

October 16 Jazz Band 2:45-3:45, Mondays until Dec. 18

October 16 Quebec Parent Info mtg @ 6:00pm

October 16 PAC mtg @7:00pm

October 18 Richmond School District X-Country Run @ 3:30 pm, Garry Point Park

October 19 PAC Toonie Pizza

October 20 District wide Professional Day – School Not in Session

October 27 PAC Booster Juice

October 31 Halloween

November 2 Individual Photo Retakes, 9:00-11:00am

November 3 PAC Popcorn

November 9 PAC Toonie Pizza

November 10 Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:45am

November 13 Remembrance Day Stat Holiday, School Not in Session

November 15 PAC Dixon Craft Fair & Raffle, 6:30-8:00

November 16 Grade 6 Immunization

November 17 PAC Xyclo Vietnamese

November 20 PAC mtg @ 7:00 pm

November 24 Curriculum Implementation Day- School Not in Session

November 30 Parent Teacher Conferences- EARLY DISMISSAL 12:45pm

