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Dragon News

Welcome back to a new school year at Dixon Elementary. On behalf of our staff, I can say that we are all excited and looking forward to a fun-filled year of new experiences and learning.

A warm welcome is extended to our new families, both those in kindergarten and those with older children. We are confident that your children will soon make friendships that will assist them with settling into a new school year. Hopefully you had a chance to pop into the Library today to meet with other parents at the "Sweet Start" social hosted by our Parent Advisory Council. I look forward to reacquainting with returning families, and opportunities to meet new families.

As excited as everyone was to be back at school today, it's hard to imagine that the first week of school has the potential to be stressful. We understand that it's a transition/change from the relaxing summer to a busy school year, ripe with anticipation of who will be the new teacher, and will my child have their friends in their class. We appreciate your patience as we finalize our numbers, our staffing allotment and our class lists, while at the same time wanting to welcome all children and settle them down to the business of learning together. We intend to get our students into their classrooms as soon as possible, but first we must assess our numbers and ensure balanced classes.

Over the summer we have had some new students register and others move away. The School Board Office will confirm staffing for each school in the district based on our enrollment. At the earliest, students will be in their new classes on Thursday. If enrollment has increased or decreased too much, and we are asked to reorganize Wednesday night, then we are looking at Friday as our first day in new classes.

Upon arrival to school this week, if you see class lists posted outside at the back of the school on rolling bulletin boards, you will know that this is the day that all students (Grade 1 through grade 7) are going into their new classes. As always, watch our school webpage for the most up to date information. dixon.sd38.bc.ca Our kindergarten students have their own gradual entry schedule that was shared at the spring K orientation and (found on our school webpage)

Another newsletter with more information/detail will come out shortly. The next opportunity for everyone to gather as a community will be at our "Meet the Staff" evening on September 17th. Please save the date as your child's teacher will be hosting a formal presentation to parents about who they are and what they have planned for the year. These presentations will be followed by a school-wide social gathering at Dixon.

We hope that this notice answers most of your immediate questions about our "First Week" and serves to assure you that all children are being given a productive and enjoyable welcome to Dixon School.

Sincerely,

Bill Juhasz
Principal