

Dixon eNews - Nov 17, 2016[Webpage](#) [Twitter](#)**Curriculum Implementation Day and Communicating Student Learning**

Friday, November 18th will be a "Curriculum Implementation Day" for the Richmond School District where staff will be learning more about implementing the newly revised BC Curriculum.

For those parents who came to our New Curriculum Open House last spring know that Dixon staff have been delving into the newly revised curriculum for several years now. Through the reception of an Innovation Grant, our staff have since taken an additional step in looking at better ways to communicate student learning (CSL). One piece of our inquiry is to create our own report card template to communicate student learning that is reflective of how teachers are teaching and utilizing the new curriculum.

Like all inquiries, this will be a work in progress. This CSL inquiry will go through a series of feedback loops where we get feedback from students, parents and staff throughout the year. You can see our first draft of our new template at the PAC meeting on December 6th at 7pm. We will be communicating formally about your child's learning on December 15th.

You will notice a few changes:

- Curriculum is integrated, and will be reported that way. Where subjects used to be taught as separate entities, and reported that way, progressive curriculum is mostly taught in a manner such that multiple subjects are integrated into one another. There will be three main cross-curricular categories of reporting: 1) Literacy, 2) Numeracy and 3) Additional Areas of Learning.
- There will be no letter grades for intermediate students or performance indicators for primary students. Instead, the teacher will be providing anecdotal comments about your child's successes and stretches. Assessment comments from the teacher will indicate what specifically needs to be done so your child can get to the next level. (using Assessment "For" and "As" Learning comments)
- The report will have your child's own goal listed, and goals from the teacher.

We will host a formal presentation of this at the upcoming PAC meeting on December 6th, and will be happy hear your thoughts.

Dragon Spirit Club Update (Primary Students)

We will be having a toy drive the week of Dec. 6-9 for the Richmond Christmas Fund, a fund for underprivileged children who may not have the chance to celebrate Christmas.

We will be having a Christmas bake sale on Wednesday, Dec. 7 to raise money for the Richmond Food Bank.

We will be holding the Jingle Bell Run on Friday, December 9th. We will be serving pancakes and hot chocolate to the participants.

Next week we will meet to create posters for these events. We will also prepare who

will be presenting to classes.

Student Council Update (Intermediate Students)

Student Council has once again teamed up with the First United Church in Vancouver. From November 21st-25th we are having a blanket drive for residents of the Downtown Eastside who are suffering from homelessness and the cold. You can help them by donating a blanket in the morning before school at the south basketball court. With every blanket you donate, someone in the Downtown Eastside can rest in its warmth. We are looking for **new** or **slightly used blankets**, and please make sure that they are **clean**. Crocheted and knitted blankets are not preferred as they become heavy when wet.

We are also holding a hot drink sale on Tuesday, November 29th before school in the south basketball court. We will be selling hot chocolate and apple cider. If you donate a blanket, you will get a free drink at our sale. Drinks will be \$2 each, and we ask that you please bring a reusable mug to help the environment. Feel free to ask for more information from any member of the student council. You will see us outside on the mornings of Nov 21st -25th.



Important Dates:

Nov 18 Curriculum Implementation Day - **no school for students**
 Nov 21 K Hearing and Vision Screening 9am
 Nov 25 PAC popcorn at recess

Dec 2 Assembly 9am
 Dec 5 Professional Development Day (**no school**)
 Dec 6 PAC Meeting 7pm (***NEW** date)
 Dec 8 Winter Band Concert 6pm
 Dec 9 Jingle Bell Run 8am to 9am
 Dec 15 Report Cards go home/Winter Concert 1:30pm & 6pm
 Dec 16 Last day of school before Winter Vacation

Dec 19 to Jan 2 Inclusive is Winter Vacation

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