


**Dixon PAC eNews - November 12, 2015**

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**Dixon Craft Fair**



**Dixon Elementary Gymnasium**  
 9331 Diamond Road  
 Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
 6:00-8:30pm

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 Free Admission

Artisans ~ Concession ~ Silent Auction ~ Raffle  
 Cakewalk ~ Gingerbread Houses

**The much anticipated Dixon Craft Fair will be held in the gym on Wednesday November 18th, 6-8:30pm.**

*The Craft Fair is not only our largest fundraiser of the year it's a great community event.*

Bring your family, friends and neighbours! It's a great way to support our school and get a head start on holiday shopping at the same time! Our craft tables are fully booked and there are a number of new vendors this year. Besides browsing fabulous crafts, there will be a silent auction, cake walk, raffle and bake sale. It promises to be a fun-filled evening for the whole family, don't miss it!

We would love to have you! If you're interested in getting involved, there are a number of ways you can help this event be a success. Volunteers are needed and much appreciated!

Some ways our Dragon community can help support the Craft Fair:

1) To **help solicit prizes for the raffle and silent auction**, print off and deliver the donation letter located under the PAC section of our school website: <http://dixon.sd38.bc.ca/parents/PAC/> (click on Dixon Craft Fair). Then email Karen at [fisher-hagel@shaw.ca](mailto:fisher-hagel@shaw.ca) or call 604.761.4168 to let us know which local merchants you have solicited, so there is no duplication. Please drop off prizes to the office marked Craft Fair by Friday, Nov 6.

2) As part of this year's Craft Fair we are **collecting bottles of wine (and cash) toward the creation of a wine auction**. Our theme is Wines Around the World. If you would like to contribute please contact Karen at 604.761.4168 or email [fisher-hagel@shaw.ca](mailto:fisher-hagel@shaw.ca) to arrange pick up of your donation.

3) We also need bakers for the bake sale & cake walk. All **nut-free baking is appreciated**. Please email Tammy at [tofferess@gmail.com](mailto:tofferess@gmail.com) if you can make a contribution.

**Thank you for the many ways in which you support our school.**

## Help Wanted

Dear Fellow Dixon Parents,

For many years, Dixon students have benefitted from hard-working parent volunteers organizing PAC events and programs. Their efforts have helped us build a strong school community, create enjoyable events for our families, and raise funds needed to support our school. In just the past few years, PAC fundraising has supported the purchase of classroom equipment, field trips, library books, learning technology, band instruments and sheet music, track and field equipment, and much more. We sincerely thank all of you who have helped over the years to make all of that possible, both by volunteering your time and talent, and by contributing to fundraising efforts.

### Our Volunteers are Graduating

Some of these fantastic volunteers have already, or will soon be leaving our school as their youngest child moves on to high school. In order to continue to offer community events and fundraise to support our school, **we urgently need more families to get involved to replace the volunteers leaving us.**

### How You Can Help?

We need volunteers to help with all kinds of activities, many of which don't require you to attend meetings to get involved. Email us today at [dixonpac@gmail.com](mailto:dixonpac@gmail.com) to help with any of the following:

- Scheduling Early Warning volunteers and checking the Early Warning line
- Organizing, shopping, ordering, and handing out food for Food Days & Pizza Days
- Helping to organize events like the craft fair and movie nights, including coordinating volunteers, recruiting bake sale bakers, finding silent auction donations, etc.
- Baking for bake sales and cake walks
- Staffing book fairs
- Writing, designing, and/or posting communications about our meetings and events
- Representing our school at Richmond District Parent Association (RDPA) meetings

Not sure how best to help? **Attend monthly PAC meetings** to learn more about what we do. The majority of our PAC executive this year have children in grade 6, and they too will be moving on before long. Without an executive, we cannot apply for and receive Government of BC Gaming Grants, which we spend on items for

students in our school. The more parents who regularly attend meetings, the better able we will be to have a strong executive in the future.

### Early Warning

The Early Warning service run by PAC volunteers helps to ensure our children's safety, by checking classroom absences against the list of students whose families have called in sick. Parents of any child not in the classroom, who haven't called in, receive a call from a volunteer alerting them to their child's absence.

We urgently need new volunteers, both to coordinate the program and to check messages in the morning. We know many parents work in the mornings and aren't able to assist, but if you are able to help please contact us at [dixonpac@gmail.com](mailto:dixonpac@gmail.com). Any and all assistance is greatly appreciated. **Unfortunately, if we are not able to recruit quite a few new volunteers to help with Early Warning by December 1, then we will no longer be able to offer this important service to our school community.**

### Help Keep Our PAC and Dixon Strong

Dixon's PAC is an entirely volunteer organization open to all Dixon families to benefit all Dixon students. Whether or not it continues to contribute to our school community as effectively as it has in the past depends entirely on the interest and efforts of our parents. **We hope to see you soon at our next meeting on Tuesday Nov. 24th, and that you can help with the early warning program or upcoming craft fair on Wednesday Nov. 18th.**

Sincerely,

Megan Morley-Riter  
Co-Chair

Lisa Fisher  
Co-Chair

Patti Bates  
Treasurer

Lyn Yang  
Secretary

## Spark your child's love of reading! Book Fair!

The first of Dixon's three annual Scholastic Book Fair sales will be held from November 16-19 in our school library. Students and parents will be able to purchase books during the following times: From 8:30 until the bell, at lunch from 12:20 until 1:00, and after school from 2:45 until 3:15.

Each purchase will help enrich the school library and your child's classroom with great new resources.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact the PAC or Ms. Avendano at [lavendano@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:lavendano@sd38.bc.ca)

Also available at the Book Fair:

## Craft Fair Raffle Ticket Presales!

You won't want to miss a chance at winning these exciting prizes:

A pair of Canucks tickets

Admin for a day

Playstation 4

Maple Lea Doll

...and many more!

***Learning Together. Working Together. Growing Together***

Contact us at: [dixon@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:dixon@sd38.bc.ca) or 604-668-6608

