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“Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together”



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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Students and Parents:

We wish to extend the warmest of greetings to both those who are new to the Dixon school community and those who are returning. We have many new and talented staff members joining the Dixon team. Mrs. Wong and I are really looking forward to being part of the Dixon community. We have heard wonderful things about the students, families and staff here at Dixon.

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break. We are excited to be back today and look forward to another great school year, full of many possibilities for us all! You may also wish to check out our school website from time to time for current information and links that you might find useful. Classroom locations for students during this first week of school are posted there for your information.

Hopefully you had a chance to pop into the Gym this morning to meet with other parents at the “Sweet Start” social hosted by our Parent Advisory Council.

Many schools in Richmond have experienced large staff changes over the summer. Dixon is certainly included as we have many classroom and resource teachers that will be new to the Dixon community this year. We are all excited to get started.

The recent court ruling that restored guidelines around class size and composition in British Columbia has made our September start a little different as we continue to work hard as a school district to meet those guidelines. One possible delay may be the formation of permanent classes that are usually done at the end of the first week of school. Students will be assigned to permanent classrooms as soon as possible. More information will be going home before the end of the first week of school regarding this process. 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.

Another newsletter with more information and details will come out shortly. The next opportunity for everyone to gather as a community will be at our “Meet the Staff” evening on September 14th. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Sean Harrington and May Wong, on behalf of the Dixon staff

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