



Dixon Elementary School 9331 Diamond Rd Richmond BC.

# The Week Ahead

December 13 - December 17

## Unbelievable!

Our Dixon Community raised over \$2100 with our coin drive! What started off with about \$30 on Monday at the end of the day gradually grew over the week to \$633 on Thursday and then ballooned to over \$2100 on Friday at the end of the day. Division 1 and 7 started off the competition between divisions for which class had the highest dollar value, however, on Friday from way back Division 10 rose to the top with the highest per student donations! Bravo to all our students and especially to our student council for their dedication to helping others in our community. The famous Dixon community spirit is alive and well over this holiday season. Thank you once again! On a side note - the winning class has now won the right to throw creaming pies at willingly staff volunteers of which I am one... looking for adult size muddy buddy!



### Holiday Concert Video Recording Update!

Our students sung their hearts out on Thursday during our video sessions. Special thank you one of our Dixon parents for making some very professional video gear available for our in house expert video-ographer, Mr. McLeod to create a magical video. Once again our community has come together, working and learning together and sharing our successes together! The video link will be sent to families on December 17th.



## Monday

Pokeman Club  
2nd lunch -gym

## Tuesday

Primary Run Club  
8 am

## Wednesday

Intermediate Run Club  
7:40 am

## Thursday

Primary Run Club  
8 am

## Friday

*Holiday video viewing in the gym with buddy classes - 3 viewing times over the day.*

PAC treat for all students - Thank you!

*Happy Winter Break*

**School Opens  
Tuesday, January  
4th, 2022!**

## Jingle Bell Run - Another Success!

**\$733 in cash donations to the Richmond Food Bank!**

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The Jingle Bell Run is an amazing Dixon Tradition that goes back at least twenty years! Ms. Evans has carried on this run over the years and Ms. Maika has added to it. We appreciate their energy and enthusiasm to get our run organized for our community. This includes providing individually wrapped cookies from Steveston Bakery, candy canes and of course the famous hot chocolate! Thanks to our hot chocolate crew behind the scenes! This year we raised over \$700 in cash donations and many boxes of food items for the Richmond Food Bank. Thank you! Our primary students ran around the “monds” neighbourhood while our intermediate students ran the dyke. It was a perfect West Coast winter morning. We had over 160 student runners and their families out to celebrate our community.



We will miss you!



Thank you!

## Congratulations Ms. Wong!

As many of you read in the email sent out on Tuesday, Ms Wong has been promoted to Principal at Garden City Elementary. The success of your children at school is largely indicated by relationships our staff nurture with our students. Ms. Wong has done this in spades over the past five years she has been a Dragon. We thank Ms. Wong for her dedication to our students and staff. We will miss her so, however, we wish her much luck in her next exciting step in her career. Ms. Wong's last day is December 17. Please drive by the drop off next week to wish her a fond farewell!

**January 6, 6:30 pm Parent Zoom! See email sent on Thursday for links!**

**Saleema**  
**Noon**  
*sexual health educators*

Thank you to our PAC for their financial support in bringing Brandi from the The Saleema Noon Sexual Educators to our school. Student presentations are on January 12 and 13th in the library.

Please ensure you check the health declaration each day. Please keep your child home if they show any key symptom or if they have other symptoms. Please send a mask to school with your child each day. Thank you!

## COVID-19

**When should you wear a mask?**  
**All the time!**



Students and adults are to wear a mask indoors at school at all times. Exceptions are when eating and drinking.

| [sd38.bc.ca/covid-19](https://sd38.bc.ca/covid-19)

**RICHMOND**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Travelling? Keep up to date with evolving rules

### Mandatory Daily Health Declaration Process for Staff and Students

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fever (above 38°C)</li> <li>Chills</li> <li>Cough</li> <li>Difficulty Breathing</li> <li>Loss of sense of smell or taste</li> </ul>	<p><b>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home and get a health assessment.</p> <p>Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
OTHER SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sore throat</li> <li>Loss of appetite</li> <li>Headache</li> <li>Body aches</li> <li>Extreme fatigue or tiredness</li> <li>Nausea and vomiting</li> <li>Diarrhea</li> </ul>	<p><b>If yes to 1 symptom:</b> Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p><b>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms:</b> Stay home for 24 hours.</p> <p>If symptoms don't get better or get worse, get a health assessment; contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL	WHAT TO DO
<p>If you returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days</p>	<p><b>If yes:</b> The federal mandatory 14-day quarantine period remains in effect for unvaccinated individuals aged 12 years and older. <u>Anyone aged 12 years and older, who is not vaccinated, is required to self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival.</u></p> <p>The following individuals are EXEMPT from the 14-day quarantine period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully vaccinated individuals (staff and students) qualify for exemption from the mandatory 14-day quarantine period and Day 8 testing requirement (though must still complete the pre-entry testing requirement and randomized arrival testing if required)</li> <li>Unvaccinated students under 12 who were accompanied by travellers who qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption need to comply with instructions from Canadian Border Services.</li> </ol> <p>Individuals who have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days should refer to the following Government of Canada website for the most current information: <a href="https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid">https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid</a></p>
CLOSE CONTACT	WHAT TO DO
<p>Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?</p>	<p><b>If yes:</b> Please follow the instructions provided by Public Health. You can call 8-1-1 anytime to get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next. Pay attention to how you are feeling. If it becomes harder to breathe, you can't drink anything or feel much worse, seek urgent medical care at an urgent care clinic or emergency department.</p>

## Upcoming Important Dates

December 20 -

January 3

January 6

January 12/13

January 16

January 17

January 31

February 17

February 18

February 24

February 21

March 14 - March 25

April 15

April 18

Winter Break

Body Science Presentation for Parents 6:30 pm zoom presented by Saleema Noon sponsored by our PAC - Thank you!

In class Body Science Workshops

Ice Breaker 8 Km Run - Steveston

PAC meeting

Professional Day #4

Mid Year Summative Assessment posted

Professional Day #5

Conferences Early Dismissal 12 pm

Family Day

Spring Break

Good Friday

Easter Monday

# PAC News

Subscribe to the Dixon PAC newsletter to keep up to date on PAC activities and upcoming fundraisers:

<https://sd38.us15.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=3764e2c0622f6741db5a75b9b&id=a048d31383>

## PAC FAQ

Did you know that you are a Dixon PAC member? All parents and guardians of students registered in the school are able to participate and are members of the PAC.

### What is a PAC?

A PAC (Parent Advisory Council), through the BC School Act, is the official collective voice of the parents and guardians of a particular school's student community. The PAC will often:

- Provide input to the school.
- Learn about (and participate in) school-based activities.
- Advocate for all students of the school community.

A school must also have a PAC to be eligible for certain funding grants.

### What happens at a PAC meeting?

The key topics are:

- Administrators update - the principal and vice principal provide an overview of what is currently happening in the school and what future events are being planned.
- PAC Treasury Report: the PAC treasurer reviews the PAC budget. If PAC funding is requested, a vote to use PAC funds may take place.
- Fundraising: the PAC fundraising representative provides an update on hot lunches, movie nights, the annual craft fair, dine-to-donate, sales, etc.

### How long does a PAC meeting last?

We aim to have most meetings completed within an hour.