



Dixon Elementary School 9331 Diamond Rd Richmond BC.

The Week Ahead

October 25 - October 29



The Great Pumpkin Run, Thursday October 28th

We are excited to hold our second annual **Dixon Pumpkin Run on Thursday, October 28th**. This exciting and fun event will include a school cross country running race for each division, a pumpkin for every student, and a couple of goodies to help celebrate the end of October.

The Cross Country course will be all contained on our school grounds and parents are welcomed and encouraged (physically spaced out, of course) to come and cheer on your child as they run over hay bales and through the fields, rain or shine. Parents are encouraged to wear a mask in order to keep our school community safe and asked to spread out to prevent crowding and please wave to you children from our viewing areas.

This event will be lots of fun with our own Dixon Pumpkin Patch, music, aerobics warm-ups and a fun running course – What a Wonderful School Community Event!

Please see the schedule below for your child's "race" time. The course will be 800m to 2km, depending on age.

Session A: 9:00am to 10:30am – Divisions 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 6, 5

These divisions will run separate races during the mornings. While one group is running the other classes will cheer and show our Dragon pride.

Session B: 10:50am to 11:50am – Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10

Dress for the weather! All students should be running in proper running shoes (no rain boots) and each student should bring a **full change of clothes** in case it rains.

Please also pack a **full water bottle** and bring a labeled **reusable bag** (shopping bag) to carry home a pumpkin.

Let's all wear Orange and Black to show our Dixon spirit!

Thank you so much to our PAC for their support with the cost of the pumpkins.

Monday

Intermediate Cross Country

Tuesday

Primary Cross Country

Wednesday

Intermediate Cross Country

Thursday

The Great Pumpkin Run and Pumpkin Patch - wear Orange and Black

Friday

Student Council Halloween Event

Costume Contest

Photo Booth

Zoom Halloween Dance

Our student council has organized an amazing day for our students on Friday, October 29th. All students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes. Student council is holding a costume contest for best homemade costume and best group costume in each class! As well, there will be an outside photo booth at lunch for students to have their picture taken! Each classroom will have a creatively decorated door. Our student council is going to take lots of photos and share the costume results and have a Halloween dance on a "Zoomly" with the whole school. This means that classroom teachers connect each classroom via TEAMS to share our Halloween fun. I also heard rumour of the some packaged candy treats being handed out. Thanks again to our senior students for organizing such a fun day for our dragons. Please make sure all costumes are appropriate for school we have some kindergarten students who are 4 years old. Please leave all replica weapons - guns, swords etc at home. An alternative to dressing up is to wear Orange and Black.



CORE COMPETENCIES - WHAT ARE THEY?

Communication encompasses the skills of communication and collaborating. Examples of these collaborating "Do" skills are...

I can work with others to achieve a common goal: I do my share

I can take on roles and responsibilities in a group

I can work with a group to plan, carry out, and review ideas and activities

The skill continuum of being able to collaborate grows with our students as they move through different stages of development. As are students move through school being able to negotiate learning with others is crucial to success. Collaboration might be one area students might choose a goal for their learning.

Next week - Critical Thinking....



Dragon Fly Garlic and Herb Sale November 8

After school our staff will be selling garlic from our very own garden along with dried herbs! The sale will take place in the Friendship garden. Garlic bunches, Peppermint tea, thyme, calendula, and lavender will be for sale to raise funds to support our Dragonflies and our school community garden.



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Upcoming Important Dates

November 1	Kindergarten 2022 Registration opens
November 5	FSA closes
November 8	Photos Re-takes
November 8	Herb and Garlic Sale - Dragonflies/School Garden Fundraiser
November 10	Remembrance Day Zoomly/Video
November 11	Remembrance Day - School Closed
November 12	PAC hot lunch - Pizza Hut
November 18	PAC hot lunch - Taco Luis & Booster Juice
November 22	Professional Day # 3 - Students do not attend
December 9	PAC treat day - TCBY Frozen Yogurt
December 20	Winter Break
January 3	

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.

Mandatory Daily Health Declaration Process for Staff and Students	
KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Difficulty Breathing Loss of sense of smell or taste 	WHAT TO DO If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and get a health assessment. Contact a health care provider or 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.
OTHER SYMPTOMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea and vomiting Diarrhea 	WHAT TO DO If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better. If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. 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.
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	WHAT TO DO If yes: 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> The following individuals are EXEMPT from the 14-day quarantine period: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 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. 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: https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid
CLOSE CONTACT Have you been contacted by public health and notified that you are a close contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	WHAT TO DO If yes: 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.



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.



Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2017, turning 5 in 2022. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2022. Online registration opens on November 1, 2021.

Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November - January) for the best chance at attending their catchment school. All registration applications completed any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions via emails from the school by February 4, 2022.

Instead of in person information evenings this year, we have posted short videos that provide our new parents with information about the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options - Early French Immersion and Montessori. These videos are available in English and Mandarin. **Please view the videos at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.**

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities via Zoom on November 17 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on the Kindergarten Registration website closer to the meeting date <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

2021 Richmond Christmas Fund REGISTRATION INFORMATION



About the Christmas Fund

The Richmond Christmas Fund is a non-religious, non-discriminatory program operated by Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives. We assist low-income individuals and families living in Richmond, BC, who do not have the financial means to celebrate the holidays.

Please note that the Christmas Fund is not a government program, and is supported almost entirely by donations from the community. The program exists thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors and volunteers.



What You'll Receive

The Christmas Fund provides eligible individuals and families with grocery vouchers: one per family member, up to a maximum of four vouchers per household. Families with children aged 11 and under will also receive a selection of new toys and books, while youth between the ages of 12 and 17 will be given gift cards.



How to Register

This year, Christmas Fund registration involves three steps:

- 1) Prepare Eligibility Documents for Your Household
- 2) Schedule an Online Registration Session
- 3) Pick Up Your Items During Your Assigned Day and Time

Please refer to the back of this sheet for a complete list of eligibility documents and a link to sign up for a virtual registration session.

If you have questions about the registration process, the required documentation, or your eligibility for the program, call 604-279-7035 or e-mail christmasadmin@rcrg.org.

If you're not able to register online, please contact us, as you may be eligible to attend an in-person registration session.

