



Dixon Elementary School 9331 Diamond Rd Richmond BC.

The Week Ahead

January 17 - January 21

Welcome Back!

Dear Dragon Families,

We had a good first week back at school after an extended break. Our students and staff are grateful to be able to continue to have in person school where we can learn and connect. Our students have done an outstanding job with our enhanced Health and Safety procedures this week. Ask students about the “Mrs. Wallace video” where we reviewed keeping in your personal bubble, correct 20 seconds with soap hand washing, walking on the right side of the hallway and wearing a mask correctly at all times inside our building. Thank you to our community for your ongoing support in these unprecedented times of the COVID 19 pandemic.

I would also like to recognize the dedication of all of our Dixon staff for continuing to provide a nurturing learning environment despite the constant changing landscape before us. Our staff is always working to ensure our health safety protocols are in place while at the same time supporting the emotional well being of our students.

As I have mentioned before, we will get through these times and be in a better place, when we all work together and go forward with kindness and compassion for one another. #togetherbetter



Monday

PAC Meeting 7 pm
see zoom link
below

Tuesday

Wednesday

Primary Running
Club

Thursday

Lego Club at
Second lunch

Friday

Entries due for
Toonie Talent
Show

Sunday

Dixon Run Garry
Point Park

Toonie Talent Show also known at the Dixon Talent Show

We are looking forward to our annual Talent show. This annual tradition is an event our students look forward to all year. The entry forms are available at school or I have attached one here. Individuals or groups can participate. We ask that students participate in a maximum of two performances. We ask that all the

entries and music be screened by parents for appropriateness - especially music lyrics. All of the entries will be filmed at home and submitted to Mrs. Evans by Friday, January 28th to bklingston@sd38.bc.ca .

There are many apps that can be used via zoom or face time to create group videos without actually being together such as PicCollage. Good luck with your talent show videos.

Talent Show Entry Timeline

- 1. turn in form by January 21st
- 2. Email talent show film to Mrs. Evans by January 28th
- Classes will view a compilation of the videos between February 1 & February 4th.



Toonie donations can be made online through SchoolCashOnline. The money raised will be in support of our sister school project in the Philippines through Mr. Santelices. Thanks to the Dixon Dragons who are working hard to help children beyond their School Community.

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!

Dixon's Winter Challenge 1 km and 8 km Challenge!

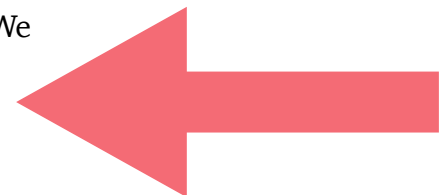
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23rd. Garry Point Park. We have a parent creating really cool medals for the finishers and food and treats will be ready to go! Our Primary Run Club has been training hard for their run and many of our Intermediate students and parents have been training for the 8 km. Look for updates from Ms. Maika

Saleema Update

Despite the tight timelines our community had a zoom meeting with Sarah from the Saleema Noon Group of Sexual Educators. Our staff and students watched videos with Saleema and participated in Question and Answer sessions with Brandi. We thank Saleema Noon and her group of sexual educators for giving our students scientific body knowledge.

Reporting Absences

We ask that our parent community please follow the Health Declaration. We are awaiting a new updated Health Declaration that includes "runny nose" and sore throat. Please keep your children home if they are showing any symptoms of sickness. We ask that you leave a message with reason being away as "illness".



To Isolate or Not Isolate?

I have attached the BC CDC instructions for close contacts. There has been a lot conflicting information in the media the past few weeks regarding isolating if one is a close contact of a positive covid case. I am attaching a document dated Jan. 7th from BC CDC for families to reference. If your family is unsure about what to do in differing circumstances please always call 811.

PAC News January Meeting

The next Dixon Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting be held on Monday, January 17th at 7:00pm via Zoom. Join the meeting:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j64097265242pwd=UUladvlZNDJRSmNhd3dxeEJieEphQT09>

Meeting ID: 640 9726 5242 Passcode: JRQX@9!j

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.

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

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Mandatory Daily Health Declaration Process for Staff and Students

KEY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Difficulty Breathing Loss of sense of smell or taste 	<p>If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: 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"> Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea and vomiting Diarrhea 	<p>If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p>If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: 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>Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?</p>	<p>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></p> <p>The following individuals are EXEMPT from the 14-day quarantine period:</p> <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. <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: https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid</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>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.</p>

Upcoming Important Dates

January 16	Ice Breaker 8-Km Run—Steveston postponed April 10th
January 17	PAC meeting
January 23rd	Dixon Winter Run - Garry Point
January 31	Professional Day #4
February 17	Mid Year Summative Assessment posted
February 18	Professional Day #5
February 21	Family Day
February 24	Conference on TEAMS - Early Dismissal 12 pm
February 28	PAC meeting & RCMP Parent Internet Safety Zoom
March 3	Dragon Run at school - Kilometre Club Wind Up
March 14 - March 25	Spring Break
April 11	PAC meeting
April 15	Good Friday
April 18	Easter Monday
May 16	PAC Meeting
June 20	PAC Meeting

