



Dixon Elementary School 9331 Diamond Rd Richmond BC.

The Week Ahead

Monday

Pokeman Club is back! 2nd lunch

Band Div. 1, 2, 7, 8

PAC meeting in person/hybrid/zoom
7 pm Library

Tuesday

Badminton gr. 6/7

Track 3:15 Minoru

Wednesday

Track High Jump 7:45 am gym

Class photos and Panorama

Band Div. 1, 2, 7, 8

Grade 6/7 Camp Jubilee Meeting in person - library 7 pm - 7:20 pm

Grade 7 Celebration Planning Meeting- 7:30 pm Library

Thursday

Badminton gr. 6/7

Track 3:15 Minoru

Friday

Easter Friday - no school

Saturday

Sun Run Training 9:30 am
Steveston Starbucks

Sunday

A Challenge! For Earth Day!

Ms. Orzen and I are challenging Dixon Dragons to walk or roll to school! We recently discovered that the majority of our students live within a 20 minute walk to school - that includes students in both programs - French Immersion and Neighbourhood! Can your family walk to school? Ms. Orzen and I recognize this is not always possible, however, we challenge students to walk or roll at least one day a week and then try to increase it to two days a week. Students who live in the “monds” or in Edgewater should for sure be walking or rolling to school. Usually I see four or five bikes at the back of the school and a couple out front. We have about 320 students and only seven ride their bikes to school. Being able to walk safely along the side of the road is an important life skills for our all dragons.... Take on the challenge! I will be riding my bike at least once a week to school!

Class Photos & Panorama

Are back.... After two years we are able to have class photos again. On Wednesday, April 13th Artona will be here to take class photos and the school panorama. Class photos will be in the morning and then we will start right away with our Panorama Whole School immediately after our class photos are finished.

PAC Hot Lunch - new dates added!

Please note that new hot lunch dates have been added to the school calendar - June 3 and June 16. Orders can be made in Munch-a-Lunch for these new dates. Also, a friendly reminder that cutlery and plates are not provided

April 11th PAC meeting - Hybrid Online and in person 7 pm.

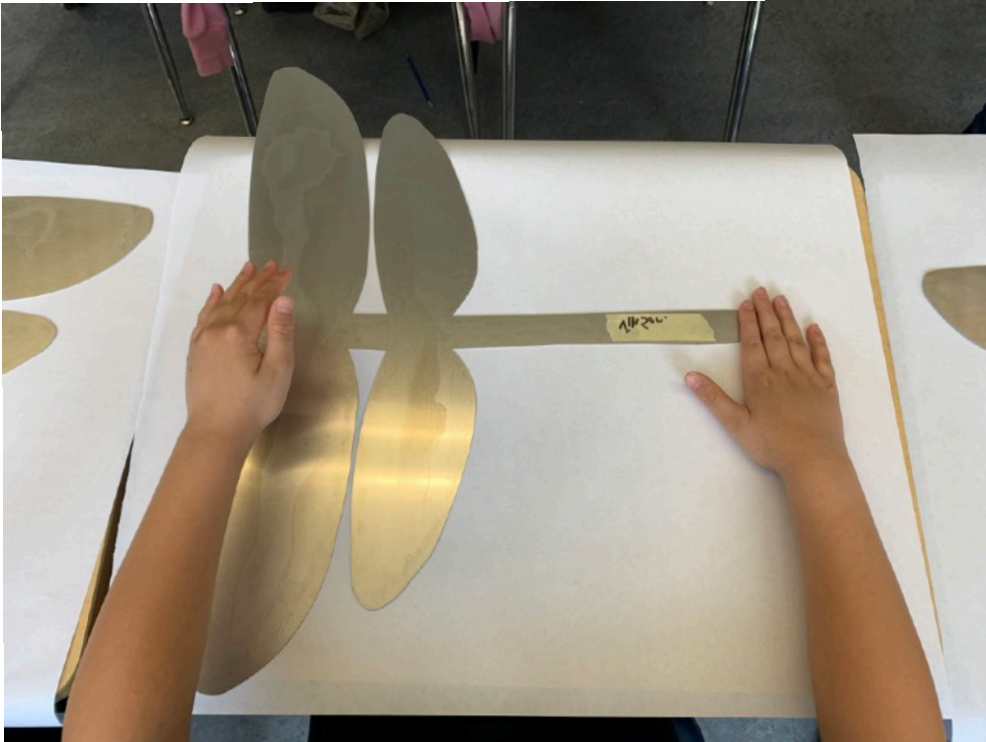
The next PAC meeting will be held on **Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm** in the Dixon school library. Please join us for our first in-person PAC meeting in two years!

The meeting will also be available via Zoom at:
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for hot lunches in order to reduce waste. Please ensure your child brings their own if needed.*



DRAGON FLY **3-D MURAL** **PROJECT**



We are excited to be collaborating with artist Delores Atlin and her assistant to create a 3-d dragon fly mural for our school. Six of our most senior classes are collaborating and working together to create 3-D dragonflies out of metal. Stay tuned for more updates. Special thanks for our PAC for their support with this project and to the Richmond School District Arts for their support.

At the track please be aware of pick up times and be prompt with pick up if you leave the track. This week Ms. Maika had to wait with three students whose parents did not come to pick up. We are very lucky to have track club, parents if you can't pick up your child please have a friend pick up. Note the 4:30 pm pick up time is at the field. Young students cannot find you in the parking lot - you must park and come into the track to collect your child

Sun Run Training team will continue to meet Saturdays at 9:30am from Steveston Starbucks only now that track has started.

Big Dates for Dixon Runners:

Sunday April 10th - Steveston Icebreaker 8km and 1km Kids Run

Sunday April 24th - Vancouver Sun Run 10km

Track and Field Team: Practices begin April 3rd.

Schedule: Sundays at Minoru - 9:30am to 10:45am Tuesdays and Thursdays - 3:15 to 4:30pm * prompt pick up please Wednesdays at Dixon - 7:45-8:30am high jump only

Meets - April 27th Vancouver Elementary Championships all day at UBC

May 27-29th BCEC Meet at Minoru

Welcome Back!

There have been some changes
while you were away.



Mask Friendly Environment

Masks

It's your choice!

Wearing a mask is a personal choice. Parents/caregivers will share their preference on mask wearing with their children. Everyone's choice is supported and will continue to be respected.

Visitors

All visitors on school business will soon be welcome!

Appointments are greatly appreciated, but drop-in visitors on school business will be welcome. Signing in at the school office is required as always, but there's no need for visitors/spectators to leave their contact information. Spectators invited to events are welcome at the school/site too.

Distance

It's your choice!

Who you have lunch with is up to you! Although there are no longer any special capacity limits or distance requirements in lunchrooms for students or staff, spreading out from others is encouraged. Of course, anyone's choice to maintain distance will be supported and respected.

In classrooms, the layout of desks will be determined by the teacher – so they can get creative! Continuing to spread out makes sense.

In gyms, auditoriums, and other areas, multiple classes and people attending events can come together – for now, at 50% of the space occupancy. This limit will be removed in the coming weeks.

Field Trips

Day time field trips are a go!

Day time field trips within BC can be planned and enjoyed! Proof of vaccination will be lifted in the coming weeks, but some places may still have their own rules that we'll all need to respect. As always, field trips will be planned to be inclusive.



Wearing a mask is a personal choice.
Let's all continue to be kind to one another.

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Dixon Dragon's Sun Run Team

Come join 40,000 other keen runners on **Sunday, April 24th** and Run in **Canada's Largest 10km Road Race**. This year the Sun Run is back in person.

Dixon is putting a **Youth Challenge Team** together for grade 5-7 students, parents, and staff.

Training is on Saturdays at 9:30 am to 10:45 am from Steveston Starbucks and Wednesdays at 7:40 am to 8:35 am from Dixon. No running experience necessary but you need to make a commitment to weekly practices.

Please email: Mrs. Maika at rmaika@sd38.bc.ca if you would like to join.

Upcoming Important Dates

April 10	Ice Breaker 8 km Good Luck Dragons!
April 11	PAC Meeting -Hybrid/In Person in library
April 13	Class Pictures and Panorama Photo am
April 13	Camp Jubilee Day trip info night and Grade 7 Celebration
	Parent Meeting - in person - library or gym TBA
April 14	Fresh Slice Pizza Day
April 15	Good Friday - school closed
April 18	Easter Monday - school closed
April 21	Taco Luis
April 24	Sun Run - Good luck Dragons!
April 27	Vancouver Elementary Championships - UBC
April 28	Pizza Factory Pizza Day
May 6	PAC Dilly Bars
May 12	Welcome to Kindergarten - afternoon
May 16	PAC Meeting
May 17	Grade 6/7 Day trip to Camp Jubilee
May 19	Takeya Sushi
May 20	Professional Day
May 23	Victoria Day
May 26	Pizza Factory
May 27 - May 29	BC Elementary Track and Field Championship - Minor
June 3	Hot Lunch - for Dragon Day!
June 3	Dragon Day 1:30 pm early dismissal
June 9	Fresh Slice Pizza
June 15th	Band Concert for parents in Div. 1, 2, 7, 8 1:30 pm
June 16th	Hot Lunch PAC
June 20	PAC Meeting
June 24th	Recognition Assembly
June 28th	Grade 7 Celebration
June 29	Last Day of school - 2:45 pm dismissal



City Nature Challenge

April 21
7:00 - 7:45 pm

Find out about how to participate in this international event in which people around the world document wildlife in home cities. This workshop covers details about the iNaturalist app and how to use it for the challenge. To register, 604-276-4300.

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.