



Dixon Elementary School 9331 Diamond Rd Richmond BC.

# The Week Ahead

## Monday

Easter Monday - school closed

## Tuesday

Badminton gr. 6/7

Track 3:15 Minoru

## Wednesday

Track High Jump 7:45 am gym

Band Div. 1, 2, 7, 8

## Thursday

Track 3:15 Minoru

## Friday

Badminton gr. 6/7

Earth Day Assemblies 2x

## Saturday

Sun Run Training 9:30 am  
Steveston Starbucks

## Sunday

Track Minoru

## Happy Long Weekend!

We wish all of our community a wonderful long weekend. There are so many celebrations for all of our families in the month of April

Happy Vaisakhi  
Happy Easter  
Ramadan Mubarak

## ~~Class Photos & Panorama~~

Postponed to Monday, May 16 in the morning.

## **PAC Hot Lunch - new dates added!**

Did you order????? Log into Munch a lunch and make one less lunch!

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

Step 2 - This week students started the design process by using stickers to create the foundation layer of their design. The stickers protect the metal from any paint - to those spaces are negative spaces that will be metal. The dragonflies then received a primer coat of paint!



Are you walking to school at least once a week? We saw one family who made a change this week! Can you walk? How many meters is it from your house to school?



Good Bye Ms. Mills - our beloved Kindergarten grade one teacher is heading off on leave to prepare for the arrival of her baby. We wish Ms. Mills and her family nothing but the best! We look forward to baby updates! Welcome Ms. Kinsey Li. Ms. Kinsey will be here until the end of this school year. We look forward to learning along side Ms. Kinsey

Our Dedication PAC fundraising Team has two Promotions - Please support our PAC by ordering your spring plants and your yummy doughnuts!

#1 Orders Due April 27th

Growing Smiles Plant fundraiser!

<https://dixonelem.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

Order by Apr 27 for Pickup May 11.

We are selling beautiful plants to help raise money for our programs. Plants are a great way to encourage our friends to get out into the garden while supporting a healthy fundraising event. Please check our website at Growing Smiles Fundraising for more information.

Forward to the link to your family and friends to support Dixon Elementary.

[dixonelem.growingsmilesfundraising.com](http://dixonelem.growingsmilesfundraising.com)

Apr 27 - Growing Smiles order deadline

May 11 - Growing Smiles/Krispy Kreme pickup (donut ordering TBA!)

June 24 - End of year BBQ! All families invited 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Details to come!

Volunteers needed, please contact [dixonpacfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:dixonpacfundraising@gmail.com)

- drive to Krispy Kreme Delta May 11 and pickup donuts (large vehicle/truck/van required!)

- Help out on June 24 end of year BBQ!

# 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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*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 24<sup>th</sup> - 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 27<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Elementary Championships all day at UBC

May 27-29<sup>th</sup> BCEC Meet at Minoru

## Upcoming Important Dates

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| April 15              | Good Friday - school closed  |
| April 18              | Easter Monday - school closed  |
| April 21              | Taco Luis  |
| April 22              | Earth Day Assemblies   |
| 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 16                | Class and Panorama Photo   |
| 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 /Community Picnic   |
| June 28th             | Grade 7 Celebration  |
| June 29               | Last Day of school - 2:45 pm dismissal   |
| June 30 - September 5 | Summer Vacation  |
| November 23rd         | Dixon Craft Fair ....it's back.... Stay tuned for how your family can help make this an even bigger success than in the past!!!! Mark your calendars |

# 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.