



Dixon Elementary School 9331 Diamond Rd Richmond BC.

The Week Ahead

Monday

Band Div 1, 2, 7, 8

Boyd Band Concert
1:40 Div. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9

Tuesday

Wednesday

Band Div. 1, 2, 7, 8

McMath Grade 7 visit

Thursday

Friday

Dragon Day - early
dismissal 1:30 pm

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Rain out Dragon Day

1. Dragon Day Friday June 3rd

DRAGON DAY – Space Theme

Dixon Dragon Day is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd. Rain out day will be Monday, June 6th.

Our students are grouped into 32 Family teams - kindergarten to grade 7. Our grade 7 leaders run our stations, while our grade 5/6 students guided their teams from station to station. Our Dragon Day is focused on team work and participation and cooperation. Your child will know their colour and their team name. We are looking forward to another amazing fun day at Dixon.

Bike parade - we encourage students to decorate their bikes with their team colours - we have a very low key very slow bike parade around the paths of the school. Scooters and skateboards are welcome, we ask all students to wear a helmet. Please leave all electric scooters, bikes or hover boards at home.

If you have not ordered hot lunch please send a lunch to school with your child. Parents are welcome to come and watch our Dragon Day. At lunch, students are allowed to eat outside with their families. We dismiss at 1:30 on Dragon Day.

For a successful day please.....

- Wear sunscreen, wear a bike helmet if you are in the bike parade, wear a hat, wear running shoes - no crocs or boots, dress in your team colours and dress in layers. We will run Dragon unless it is pouring rain. We will make an announcement over our Twitter account and post on the school website if we are cancelling our Dragon Day.

Dragon Day Agenda: (all times are approximate)

7:50 – 8:35am Student leaders arrive to set up stations.

8:35 – 8:45am	Bike/Scooter Parade and Slow Bike Race participants put their bikes and scooters in the appropriate place. Grades K-7 on North Basketball. <i>Our bike parade will start the North basketball court and parade past the Annex and down path around the pool house and pool and back up the trail and back to the North Basketball court.</i>
8:45am	Students report to classes for attendance
9:00	P.A. announcement for staff and students to head to the Gym to line up in teams (students participating in the Bike/Scooter Parade and Slow Bike Race can bring their helmets with them).
9:15am	“Welcome to Dragon Day” message followed by Bike/Scooter Parade (Gr K-7) and Slow Bike Race (Gr 6-7). Students: bikes/scooters will be stored in Gym after Bike/Scooter Parade and Slow Bike Race are over.
9:50am	Preschool RACE – on the field after slow bike parade
10:00am	Teams sent to their first station and first activity begins. Approximately 10 minutes per station. Music will signal the rotation to the next station.
10:45am	Nutrition Break after 4 rotations, teams stay put for this break.
11:05am	Four more rotations to complete the circuit.
11:50am	Station clean-up (all students help at the station they end on).
12:00pm	Lunch: Students find their classroom teachers and teachers distribute Food Day orders in their classrooms (students who are eating with family members may bring their food outside to eat together). Unless students are eating with their families all students are in their classrooms with their teachers. Quite time in classrooms. Teacher supervision.
12:30pm	Students move out to the field and “House Teams” reassemble and sit in a rectangle. Tug of War for all grades K – 7
1:25pm	Ribbons awarded and students collect their belonging from class.
1:30pm	Dismissal

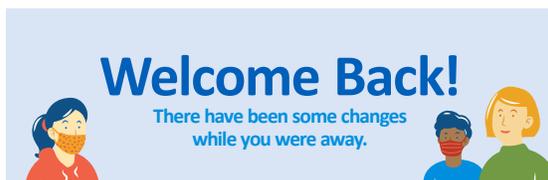
Looking Ahead to Next Year

In the Spring of each year, we begin our planning for the coming year. We have preliminary staffing meetings with board office personnel where we look at possible scenarios for organization in the fall. At Dixon, our team relies on student information from many sources to help us in determine the best placement for all the students. This includes information about your child's strengths and stretches, their social relationships, their interests, their learning styles, and previous placements. Class placements are made as a team of the current year's teacher, resource staff, and administration. When placing students, the following are a few of many considerations:

- A child's placement in the class in relation to previous years (single grade, combined class)
- Ministry composition guidelines
- Classroom balance
- Learning requirements and supports
- Placement recommendations made by teachers (classroom, resource, speech and language pathologist, administration, counsellor, etc.)
- Social Responsibility strengths and stretches
- Social Emotional strengths and stretches

If you feel there is **any new information** required by the school to help determine the appropriate learning environment for your child, please 1st speak to your child's classroom teacher and if you wish please submit this information to Ms. Wallace by email to kwallace@sd38.bc.ca by Friday, June 3, 2022.

Thank you for understanding that it is not possible to request specific teaching personnel. This year we will not be taking any friend requests as our team is fully aware of friendships and what learning environments are best for our learners. Please understand that with limited placement possibilities, input is always considered but never guaranteed. All information provided will be shared with our staff and taken into consideration. Please be aware that final decisions regarding placement is a school-based decision.



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

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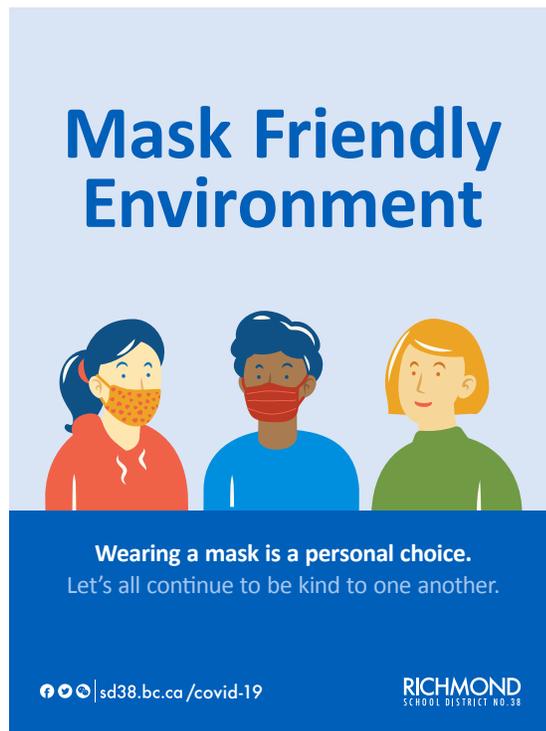
Who you have lunch with is up to you! Although there are no longer any special capacity limits or distance requirements in lunchrooms for students or staff, spreading out from others is encouraged. Of course, anyone's choice to maintain distance will be supported and respected. In classrooms, the layout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





Are you walking or riding 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?

Bike to School Week
May 30 - June 3rd

Upcoming Important Dates

May 30	Boyd Concert Band performance
June 1	McMath Day for Grade 7s going to McMath
June 3	Hot Lunch - for Dragon Day!
June 3	Dragon Day 1:30 pm early dismissal
June 3	Deadline for Parent information for Class Placement
June 6	Rain out Day for Dragon Day
June 9	Boyd Grade 7 Day for Grade 7s going to Boyd
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 23rd	Recognition Assembly
June 24th	Community Picnic
June 28th	Grade 7 Celebration
June 29	Last Day of school - 2:45 pm dismissal
June 30 - September 5	Summer Vacation
September 6	First Day of School !
November 23rd	Dixon Craft Fairit's back.... Stay tuned for how your family can help make this an even bigger success than in the past!!!! Mark your calendars

Gormond Back Lot! Reminders to only the use the designated parking spots - and to travel in one direction only - enter the parking lot, turn right and keep traveling in a counter clockwise direction. Please do not create extra parking spots on either side of the designate spots as it creates safety concerns for students .

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.

Bike to School Week - Most of our Dragons live within a 20 minute walk - we challenge Dragons to ride their bikes to school during Bike To School Week May 30 - June 3. Get your bike and tuned up - Our goal is to have at least 125 Dragons riding their bikes to school on any given day between May 30 and June 3. Which classes will have to most riders? Winning class will get popsicles!!! We have 322 students can we get over 50 % of our students riding their bikes to school?

Seismic Upgrading Preparation Updates

Dixon will be seismically upgraded late next Spring - 2023. In preparation each week there may be contractors on site.