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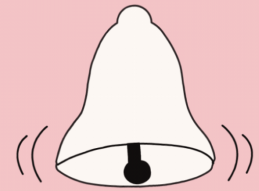
# DIXON DRAGONS!

**My School September 22nd 6 pm - 6:30 pm**

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Meet My School is on Thursday, September 22nd at 6 pm - 6:30 pm. Meet my school is an open house for families to come into school and meet our staff and see their child's classroom. Our staff is excited to welcome families into our school for the first time in two Years! We are updating our format to an open house meet and greet. Teachers will have overviews available. This evening is a time to meet staff and see the school. It is not a time to ask specific questions about learning. We have parent teacher conferences in October!

- ☒ Stay home if you are sick.
- ☒ Wash your hands often or sanitize!
- ☒ Masks are a personal choice



**REMINDER**

## Run Club

8:00 am Meet in the Undercover Area  
Parent volunteer Runners Needed Please  
**Primary Thursday This Week!!!!**  
Intermediate Mondays and Wednesdays

No School on Monday  
National Holiday



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- SEPTEMBER 19 – SCHOOLS CLOSED TO OBSERVE FUNERAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH
  - SEPTEMBER 21 – 6 PM GRADE 6/7 TEAMS MEETING FOR CAMP
  - SEPTEMBER 22 TERRY FOX RUN 1 PM
  - SEPTEMBER 22 MEET MY SCHOOL – IN PERSON – 6 PM CLASSROOMS
  - SEPTEMBER 22. **PAC WELCOME BACK BBQ -ORDER ON MUNCHALUNCH – SEE INSTRUCTIONS**
  - SEPTEMBER 23 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY # 1 – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
  - SEPTEMBER 26 PAC MEETING – IN PERSON – 7 PM LIBRARY – ALL PARENTS WELCOME
  - SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 5 NAVARATI
  - SEPTEMBER 25 – 27 ROSH HASHANAH
  - SEPTEMBER 29 ORANGE SHIRT DAY – PLEASE WEAR YOUR ORANGE SHIRT
  - SEPTEMBER 30 NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
  - OCTOBER 3 – NOVEMBER 7 FOUNDATIONS SKILLS ASSESSMENT GRADE 4 AND 7
  - OCTOBER 4 – YOM KIPPUR BEGINS AT SUNSET
  - OCTOBER 5, 6, 7 GRADE 6/7 CAMP AT CAMP ZAJAC
  - OCTOBER 11 THANKSGIVING – SCHOOL CLOSED
  - OCTOBER 12 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PICTURES – AM
  - OCTOBER 20 EARLY DISMISSAL 12 PM FOR LEARNING CONFERENCES
  - OCTOBER 21 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY # 2 – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND
  - OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN
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- 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

Our Amazing PAC supports our School in so many ways. Come out to our first PAC meeting on Monday, September 26th at 7 pm in the school library. Our PAC is in the planning stages of our Dixon Craft Fair on November 23rd. Come out and see how you can support our school.

### PAC Meeting Dates

Monday, September 26

Monday, October 19

Monday, November 28

Monday, January 16

Monday, February 27

Monday, April 17

Monday, May 15 - Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 19

All meetings start at 7 pm in our school library. Our goal is to keep the meetings on about an hour in length.

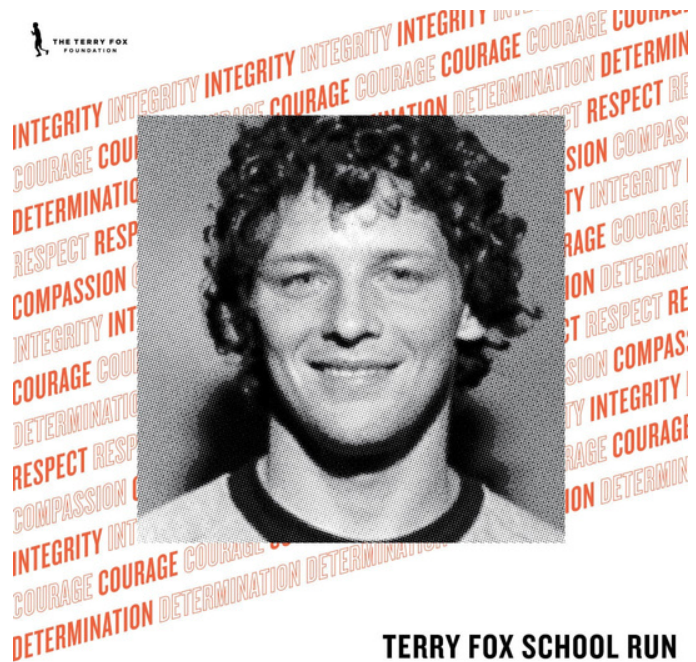


If your child has a life threatening allergy please return the Emergency Action Plan to the Office, it was emailed to all families at the end of August. Thank you

Dixon Early Warning  
Please call if your child is sick  
or away for another reason  
604 668 6613

## Making A Difference for our Community

We are excited to announce that our school will be proudly taking part in the 2022 Terry Fox School Run, scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 22nd at 1 pm. This year our run has special significance for our Dixon Community as we have two former Dragons battling cancer! This year's run is dedicated to Markus Hill and Morgan Cicatiello. Their bravery and courageousness in their battle is an example all! We encourage you to donate online at TerryFox.org, or donate on CASHONLINE and we will forward donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. Let's go Dragons! Let's show that we can make a difference in the fight against cancer. The Terry Fox Run is the world's largest cancer fundraiser in the world! K/1 students will run around the track on our school grounds and grade 2 and up students will run around the "monds" neighbourhood. We encourage all Dragons to wear their Dragon wear on Thursday



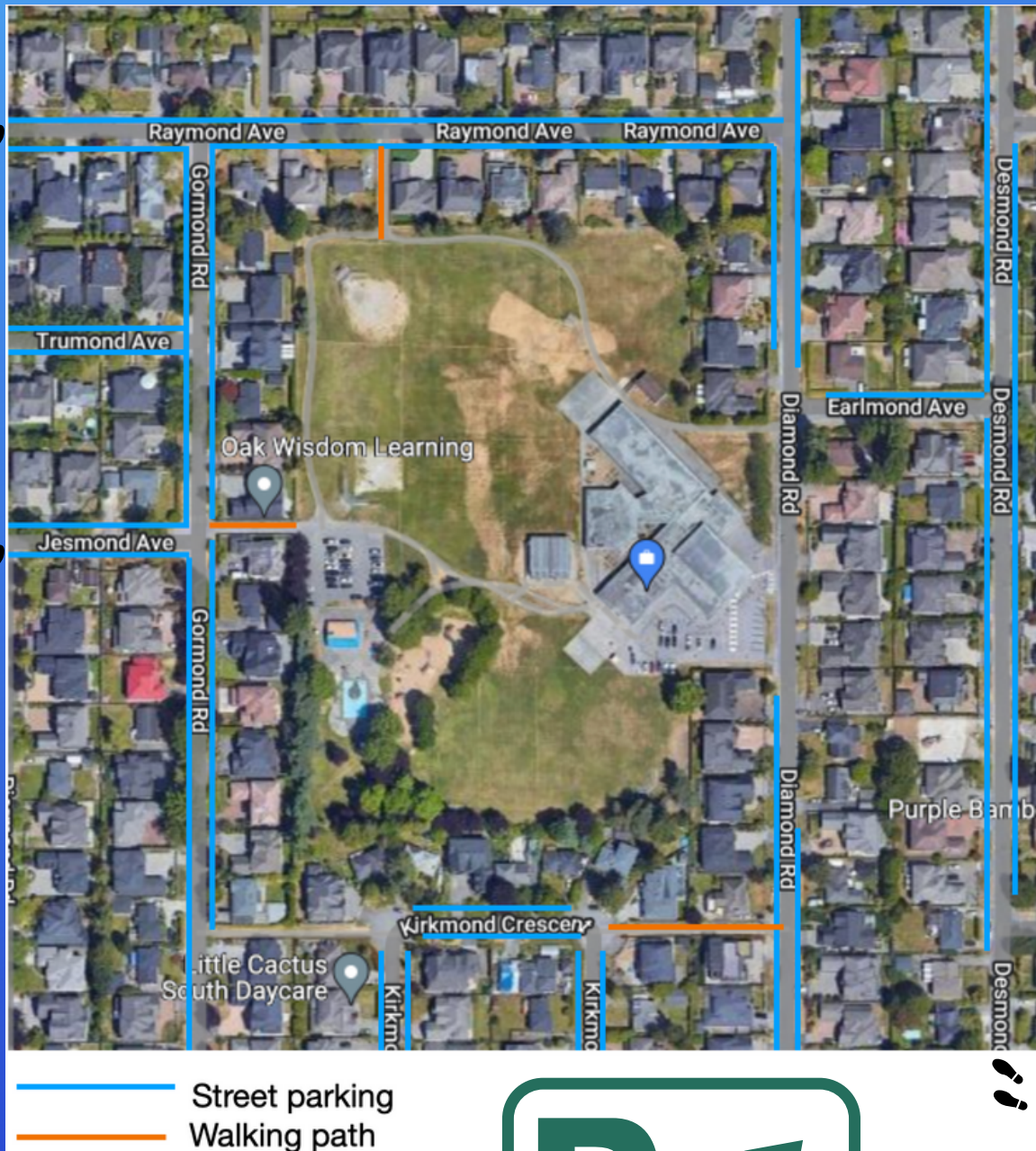
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BzyHYZgMz8>

Check out the inspirational Terry Fox vidoes on YouTube

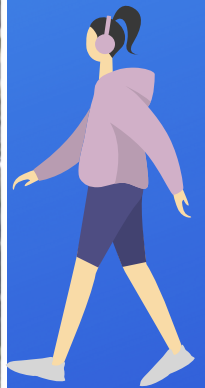


# Parking at Dixon

Please park in the blue areas and walk your child to their outside meeting spot. We have limited parent parking in the Gormond back parking lot and no parking at all at the front entrance of the school off Diamond. Seismic Upgrading will take away parking spots. Some staff will park in the Gormond Lot. This lot is very congested. We suggest parking along one of the side streets and walking into the school grounds.



Please walk in!



# PAC Food Days Sept 2022 – January 2023

## Welcome to our new and returning Dixon families!

Starting in September, we are offering hot lunches and snack days. All lunches and snacks will be ordered online through MunchaLunch. This term we will be offering pizzas by the slice rather than individually packaged pizzas.

To encourage sustainability and liter-free lunches, we once again ask students to bring their own cutlery on hot lunch days, as well as plates for pizza days. These items will **not** be supplied.

### MunchaLunch

For the September to January school period, MunchaLunch ordering will be **OPEN** as of **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**. We encourage parents to place orders for all available food days in one session to avoid missed days and disappointment. Orders may be paid by credit card or PayPal account. Orders will close **7 days** (1 week) in advance of the respective date. All orders that have not been paid for by then will be cancelled/removed from the system.

### How to Login/Register for online ordering:

Go to <https://munchalunch.com/schools/Dixon/> or click on the MunchaLunch icon on the Dixon school website (<https://dixon.sd38.bc.ca/>).



### NEW users

- Click the "Register Here" button. The system will guide you through.
- After adding your children, click the yellow "Order Lunch!" button to start placing your order.

### RETURNING users

- Click the "Login Here" button to access your account.
- You will get this message: "Before ordering, please update your child's grade & classroom for 2022-23". Select "All Grades/All Classes" for now. If your child has been assigned a classroom already, please update with their classroom. This can also be done in the "My Family" → "My Children" section of the system.





Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Ms. Wallace, [kwallace@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:kwallace@sd38.bc.ca) you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



**ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 29TH**

Dear Dragon Families,

I am happy to report our students are settling into their new learning communities. At Dixon, our learning communities are combined grade classes consisting of students in two consecutive grades grouped together in one class. Combined classes are common both locally and internationally, with “one out of every five Canadian students enrolled in a multi-grade classroom” according to at least one study. All our students will be in a combined class for every grade at school in Richmond. In some rare occasions due to numbers there may be single grade. This year we have one class out of fifteen classes in this situation.

Organizing classes to best meet the needs of all students is a complex process. While practical factors such as shifting enrolment, class size and composition influence the formation of classes, the Dixon is committed to creating balanced classes that focus on students’ learning strengths and the needs of the whole child.

There are academic, as well as social, benefits to combined grade classes. Studies indicate that children in combined classes do as well academically as children in single grades.

Research has shown that combined classes:

- allow students learn from one another,
- provide models for younger students,
- help older students see what they have already learned,
- provide opportunities for a greater range of learning,
- encourage students to work together,
- promote social responsibility,
- help students to become independent and
- foster a positive attitude toward school.

Parents often ask how students are assigned to combined classes and what reasoning goes into deciding whether a student should be placed with older or younger students. It is often assumed that the “brighter” students are placed with older children and those who are less able are placed with younger children. This is not an effective way to compose classes and does not occur. There is a misconception among some of our community that students the older grade in a combined class have more academic needs or perhaps need to review curriculum from the lower grade. This is false and wrong. Our combined classes teach to the child and their strengths and stretches. We work very hard to change up students so that in some years they are the older in a combined classes and sometimes they are the younger. In every classroom, there is a wide range of skills and abilities as children mature at different rates in various aspects of development. Teachers are aware of these individual differences and structure learning activities according to the needs of each learner.

Teachers are skilled and trained to provide instruction to diverse classes of students, working to meet the learning needs of each child regardless of their grade level.

Combined classes offer enhanced opportunities for all students to demonstrate confidence, positive self-concept, and a strong sense of belonging. Combined classes can help students form broader and more varied friendships as older students provide role models for younger students. Sometimes the teacher/student relationship can be enhanced if the same teacher teaches a student for more than one year, leading to increased feelings of security for returning students and a smoother transition in September because the teacher already knows their learning styles and needs well. Teachers in combined classes, like those in straight grades, follow the curriculum requirements defined by the Ministry of Education.