DIXON DRAGONS THE WEEK AHEAD

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What's going on this week?

Feb 14-22: Kindness Week (See flyer on next page) Feb 16: **Early Dismissal at 12pm** for Parent-Teaching Conferences Feb 16: McMath Gr 7 Parent Info Night @ McMath Secondary 6pm Feb 17: District Pro D Day - **No School for students** Feb 20: Family Day - **School Closed**

Please remember that students are allowed into their classrooms at 8:45am and must be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:45pm.

Teachers and staff unfortunately cannot offer student supervision outside of these regular school times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Mrs. Wallace or Ms. Orzen. They are happy to help however they can.



Dixon's Carnaval was today! Students did activity stations like beading their own "ceinture fléchée" and tried poutine & deep-fried Oreos. Thank you to Mr. Jang, Mr. Maika, Anthony, Mme. Yick, and all of our parent volunteers for making this schoolwide event so great!

Dixon Clothing Library

Using the <u>Student and Family Affordability</u> <u>Fund</u>, we are looking to gather items for a clothing lending library. If a student does not have access to important clothing like a raincoat or dry pants, they can borrow something from the lending library.

Before we purchase clothing we want to reach out to see if you have any <u>very</u> <u>gently worn clothing for Grade K-4 sized</u> <u>students</u> for donation. Items like warm and/or waterproof coats, boots, and pants.

We also want to see if any parent is interested in volunteering to help us to set up the clothing library. Please email Mrs. Wallace @ kwallace@sd38.bc.ca if you're interested.

Check out the district flyer on Page 3 of this week's newsletter for information on a **FREE** virtual community session on equity and antiracism hosted by Abhi Ahluwalia on Feb 16th.

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Student Council Presents...

Kindness Week

February 14th - 22nd

Tag! You're it! Now, how can you help to spread kindness?



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- wear pink or red to celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th
- participate in our school-wide game of kindness tag all week long
 - wear pink on the 22nd to stand up against bullying!
- school assembly on Feb. 22nd pink t-shirt day... special recognition for a few students

CRITICAL THINKING BY DESIGN.

A Focus on Equity and Anti-Racism

Parents/caregivers play a vital role in education. When you are involved the learning experience is strengthened for the whole school community. When a student is safe, cared for and included they can achieve to their highest potential. We all have a role in helping support an inclusive school community where students can show up as their authentic selves and be treated with dignity, kindness and respect based on their identity including their race, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity (SOGI).

This session is designed to challenge participants to think critically about bias, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. Participants will engage in experiential learning designed to raise equity consciousness and highlight the bias we all have and to better understand how we can use this awareness to create a safe, caring and inclusive environment promoting dignity and respect for all.

SD38 Sponsors an unlearn. Community Session Facilitated by: Abhi Ahluwalia, Founder of unlearn. Richmond School District (SD38) Date: Feb 16, 2023 Time: 7:00pm - 8:15pm PST Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://sd38.zoom.us/j/61347802653

Webinar ID: 613 4780 2653 Passcode: 6000

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- Feb 16: McMath Grade 7 Parent Info Night 6pm
- Feb 17: District Pro D Day No school for students
- Feb 20: Family Day School Closed
- Feb 23: Pink Day
- Mar 3: Movie Night 6pm in the gym students with parents welcome
- Mar 9: Learning Summary #2

- Mar 9: Hot Lunch
- Mar 11-26: Spring Break School Closed
- Mar 30: Hot Lunch
- Apr 13: Hot Lunch
- Apr 27: Hot Lunch
- May 5: Movie Night 6pm in the gym students with parents welcome
- May 11: Hot Lunch
- May 25: Hot Lunch
- Jun 1: McMath Grade 7 Orientation
- 💋 Jun 8: Hot Lunch
- Jun 16: Movie Night 6pm in the gym students with parents welcome

Important PAC Dates

All PAC meetings start @ 7pm in the library. Our goal is to keep the meetings on about 1 hour in length.

- Feb 27: PAC Meeting
- Apr 17: PAC Meeting
- May 15: Annual General Meeting
- Jun 19: PAC Meeting

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates

February

- Black History Month
- Feb 1: World Hijab Day
- Feb 15: Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
- Feb 18: Maha Shivaratri (Hinduism)
- Feb 20: Family Day
- Feb 22: Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 22: Ash Wednesday (Christianity)