

THE WEEK AHEAD

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What's coming up this week?



- May 9-11:** Grades 4-6 Hop On Bike Camps
- May 11:** Welcome to Kindergarten for Next Year's K's
- May 11:** Hot Lunch



welcome to kindergarten

On May 11th we are welcoming 41 September 2023 kindergarteners to our Dixon Community.

We are excited to meet our newest Dragons for the first time!



Grade 7 Year End Celebration

- Want to help? Send an email to dixongrad2023@gmail.com
- Deadline to submit pictures for the Grade 7 Yearbook is **May 8th**
- If a family member or friend would like to make a donation towards the Grade 7 Year End Celebration, **please share this link with them**

We are just under two weeks away from our District Track Meet at Minoru. We are excited to have students in grades 3 to 7 participating. Grade 3-7 parents should have received a yellow track notice to sign & return. On the notice, we ask you to let us know your child's transportation plan on the notice as well.

Reminders

- Parking at Minoru is 3 hours only and will be full. Give yourself plenty of time to park outside of Minoru and walk in.
- Students must check in with Ms. Wallace or Ms. Orzen when arriving at the track. We expect all students to arrive by 9am
- Parents must check out their child or the children they are driving with Ms. Wallace or Ms. Orzen.
- Fun! The track meet is a learning experience for our students and we emphasize fun and sportsmanship at all times.
- Pack a lunch with lots of snacks, wear a hat and put on sunscreen
- No cell phones – keep them at home. All calls to home can be done through Ms. Wallace or Ms. Orzen
- Stay on site – students are expected to be at their event, watching an event or be in the stands. For safety we ask all students go to the washrooms at the Arena with a buddy or to the outside entrance washrooms at the pool.
- Parents may pick up their child from the track at the end of the day please check out with Ms. Wallace or Ms. Orzen. Some students have one event however we expect students to stay at the track and cheer on their fellow Dragons.



Our VCH Public Health Nurse invites you to fill out **this survey**. This survey will help VCH get a better picture of the community's health and well-being.

We've had a few parents inform us that they haven't been receiving our emails. Please be sure to check your spam & junk folders and ensure that the school's email is on your 'Safe Senders List'. If your email address has changed, please be sure to inform the office.

Please read the yellow notice very carefully. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.

- Ms. Wallace



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Dear Dixon families,

There is an urgent need for volunteers to run the Dixon PAC next year. Without volunteers, there is a chance that there will be no PAC next year.

What does that mean? The reality is that, without a PAC, our school is at risk of losing thousands of dollars from both government PAC grants and fundraising money. That money is used to purchase classroom supplies and fund field trips, school improvement projects, guest speakers, sports equipment, musical instruments, and MANY more essential items that all of our children benefit from.

The time to step up is now. If you can fill one of the roles described below, please reach out to dixonpac@gmail.com as soon as possible. All volunteer roles can be shared and training/orientation is available. Thank you!

PAC Executive Positions

Volunteering for a PAC executive position is a great opportunity for parents and guardians who would like to volunteer but are not available during school hours. The PAC is especially in need of volunteers for the Chair and Treasurer executive positions. These positions must be filled to hold official status as a PAC.

1. The President/Chair:

- Prepares for and runs PAC meetings;
- ensures that policies and procedures are followed;
- acts as a signing officer,
- serves as the principal spokesperson of the Council.

2. Treasurer:

- Book-keeping/accounting experience is recommended.
- Keeps financial records and renders financial statements to the Officers, Members, and others when required;
- acts as a signing officer,
- assists the Executive to prepare a budget and tentative plan of expenditures for the Council.

3. Vice-Chair

- assists the Chair and, in the absence of the Chair, shall preside at meetings and otherwise perform the duties and functions of the Chair; and
- performs such other duties as the President may from time to time direct.

4. Secretary

- records the minutes of the meetings of the Members and Executive;
- issues and receives correspondence on behalf of the organization;
- has custody of all records and documents of the Council.

If you are able to fill one of the positions listed below or would like to nominate another parent (with their permission) for a position, please contact the Dixon PACat dixonpac@gmail.com as soon as possible. All roles can be shared.

Food Day Volunteering

5. Food Day Coordinator - Order Management:

There is an opening for a volunteer to manage the backend hot lunch days ordering system. This volunteer does not need to be on-site during lunches. Please contact the Dixon PACat dixonpac@gmail.com if you are able to help.

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PAC Frequently Asked Questions

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:

- PAC Treasury Report: the PAC treasurer reviews the PAC budget. If PAC funding is requested, a vote to use PAC funds may take place.
- PAC Spending: Based on the needs of the school, the PAC votes on how to allocate grant funding and fundraising money.
- 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.
- Fundraising: the PAC fundraising representative provides an update on hot lunches, movie nights, the annual craft fair, dine-to-donate, sales, etc.

SWIS CALENDAR - MAY 2023

To register click on the activity photo

Families

May 2	May 3	May 4	May 8 & 15	May 16	May 16	May 17
Adult Conversation Evening Circle 	Preparing to Graduate 	Child Resources and Subsidy 	Nobody is Perfect 	Energy Saving Workshop 	Adult Conversation Evening Circle 	Getting Ready for Kindergarten 
May 17	May 17	May 18	May 25	May 30	Every Friday AM	
Family Arts Project 	Kare4Kids 	Group Summer Activities 	Nature Park Field Trip 	Adult Conversation Evening Circle 	Adult Conversation Circle 	

Youth SWIS Activities

May 13 Lynn Valley Field Trip 	May 16 Girls Supporting Girls 	May 25 Improv Games 	May 27 Grad Celebration 	Every Thursdays 	Bi-Weekly in Schools Youth Connected Lunch Program 	
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Important Dates Ahead

- May 9-11: Hop On Bike Program
- May 11: Hot Lunch
- May 11: Welcome to Kindergarten @ 1:30pm
- May 18: District Track Meet at Minoru
- May 25: Hot Lunch
- May 25: Hugh Boyd Grade 7 Orientation
- Jun 1: McMath Grade 7 Orientation
- Jun 8: Hot Lunch
- Jun 14: School Wide Trip to Jericho Beach
- Jun 16: Movie Night 6pm in the gym - students with parents welcome
- Jun 28: Grade 7 Year End Celebration



Important PAC Dates

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

- May 15: Annual General Meeting
- Jun 19: PAC Meeting



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates May is...

Asian Heritage Month

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

- May 5: Dutch Heritage Day
- May 5: National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
- May 5: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- May 22: Victoria Day
- May 25-27: Shavuot (*Judaism*)
- May 26: Buddha's Birthday (*Buddhism*)