

THE WEEK AHEAD

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What's going on this week?



Welcome to the TWA's **What's Going on this Week** section! We don't have any important dates this week but be sure to read this section for future week's upcoming events!



School Traffic Safety Reminders as we head into a new school year...



Reminders for Drivers:

- Stick to the Speed Limit
- Scan Crosswalks and Intersections from Left to Right as You Approach
- Leave Your Phone Alone
- Notice if Other Drivers are Slowing Down or Stopping
- Give Yourself Enough Stopping Distance
- Watch for School Buses



Reminders for Pedestrians:

- Cross Only at Marked or Controlled Crosswalks and Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Street
- Make Eye Contact with Drivers Approaching the Crosswalk
- Double-Check Lights and Signals are Working at Controlled Crosswalks. Make sure that the flashing traffic lights are operational and haven't timed out before crossing.

Reminders for Parents:

- Let Your Child Enter and Exit Your Car on the Side Closest to the Sidewalk. It's safest to drop off and pick up as close to the sidewalk as possible. Do not allow your child to cross mid-block.
- Before Starting Your Car, Check for Small Children Hidden From Your View



What if my child is sick and can't attend school?



It's important to ensure ANY person entering the school completes a daily health check. A daily health check means checking yourself or your child for new symptoms of illness. If you or your child do not pass this daily check, please stay home until you're feeling better. Please call the school's early warning line to inform us if your child will be absent.

We request that students who have been sick may return to school after they've been symptom free for at least 24 hours.

If a teacher or staff observes a student with new or worsening symptoms of illness, we may call home for the student to be picked up early.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our community safe and healthy!

Student and Family Affordability Fund (SFAF)

[Click here](#) for more information about the SFAF grant that the school district received last fall to support students and families. This fund offers assistance to families who may need financial support in paying for things like school fees, field trips, school sports or extracurricular activities.

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How will I pay for school fees, fieldtrips, etc?

SchoolCash Online is an online fee payment system where parents pay for school supplies, field trips, school clothing, or other fees. Attached to this week's TWA email you will find a brochure on how to get set up on SchoolCash Online. Please email dixon@sd38.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Richmond School District's Responsible Technology Use



The Richmond School District's *Responsible Technology Use* pamphlet should be attached within this week's TWA email – separate from The Week Ahead, though. It has important messaging for students and families about how to be a *good digital citizen*.

Coming Up this month: Dixon's Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Foundation is a Canadian Foundation dedicated to raising funds for cancer research, inspired by Terry's Marathon of Hope in 1980. Dixon school's Terry Fox Run will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 1:15pm. You can make a donation for the Terry Fox Foundation to SchoolCash Online starting next week. Our school goal is to raise \$700. We will be running rain or shine so dress for the weather. Thank you for all your support!



Important Dates Ahead

- Sep 20: Meet My School @ 6pm
- Sep 21: Terry Fox Run @ 1pm
- Sep 22: Pro D Day - No School for Students
- Sep 26 - Oct 3: Ride the Road for Grades 5-7
- Sep 29: Orange Shirt Day - observing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 2: School Closed - in lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 6: Turkey Trot
- Oct 9: School Closed - Thanksgiving
- Oct 10: Photo Day
- Oct 17: District Cross Country Fun Run
- Oct 19: Early Dismissal for Learning Update @ 12pm
- Oct 20: Pro D Day - No School for Students
- Oct 26: Pumpkin Run
- Oct 30: Immunization Clinic
- Nov 7: Photo Retake Day
- Nov 13: School Closed - in lieu of Remembrance Day
- Nov 20: Pro D Day - No School for Students
- Nov 23: Dixon Craft Fair - Time TBA
- Dec 1: Jingle Bell Run
- Dec 14: Winter Musical @ 1pm
- Dec 21: Learning Update #1 Published to MyEd
- Dec 22: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - PJ and Movie Day
- Dec 25 - Jan 5: Winter Break



PAC Meetings

Stay Tuned!

First PAC Meeting will be Monday,
Sep 25. Time TBA



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates

September is...

- Sep 4: Labour Day
- Sep 10-16: Mennonite Heritage Week
- Sep 15-17: Rosh Hashana
- Sep 19: Ganesh Chaturthi
- Sep 23: International Day of Sign Languages
- Sep 24: Kol Nidrei
- Sep 24-25: Yom Kippur
- Sep 24-30: Gender Equality Week
- Sep 24-30: International Week of the Deaf People
- Sep 26-27: Mawlid-al-Nabi
- Sep 29: Sukkot begins
- Sep 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation