THE WEEK AHEAD

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What's going on this week?

Dec 11: PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Dec 14: Snow Day Winter Concert @ 1:30pm and 6:30pm

(doors open at 1pm & 6pm)

Dec 11-15: Annual Coin Drive - see below for what coin

we're collecting each day

Cold and flu season is in full swing! **We've noticed that a** lot of students have been coming to school sick.

It's important to ensure that 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.** Symptoms include: fever, stuffy or runny nose, cough, vomitting or diarrhea. 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!

Jingle Bell Run - IMPORTANT message: We have had an overwhelming response in RSVPs! We have reached event capacity and can no longer accommodate any more students or families. If you did not submit your RSVP form by Dec 5th, we ask that you do not attend this event.

Holiday Coin Drive at Dixon

We are encouraging the Dixon School Community to work together to raise money to support families in need in our community and to make their holiday season merrier. Next week, with help from Student Council, we will be kicking off this year's coin drive with Nickel Day on Dec. 11th, Dime Day on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, Quarter Day on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, Loonie Day on Thursday, Dec. 14th and Toonie Day on Friday, December 15th. Our coin drive goal for this year is to beat \$1000 and

December 15th. Our coin drive goal for this year is to beat \$1000 and there is a fun incentive offered to the students if we succeed. A running total will be on display in the hallway so everyone one can check how their class is doing. Every coin will be donated to families in need in our community, so we encourage everyone to please,

DONATE! DONATE!

We thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting our community!



The Snow Day Winter Concert is this Thursday, Dec 14th at 1:30pm & 6:30 pm. Doors open to parents/families at 1pm and 6pm respectively. Please drop students off at school at 6pm to their classrooms & pick them up from classrooms following the end of the concert at 7:15pm. We ask that parents excuse their children from extra curricular activities on Dec 14th so that we might have all our Dragons together at our evening show. Families are encouraged to attend the afternoon show as the evening show is very well attended.

<u>Click HERE</u> to place your order for <u>Dixon spiritwear</u>. The online store is open for orders until Jan 5th

Orders may take 3-5 weeks to be delivered after the deadline so you can expect orders to arrive sometime in February.

Sample sizes are available to try on near the office until Dec 14th!

On December 21st you will receive your child's second learning update. The second written update is sent to you through the MyEd Parent Portal. Parents/Guardians who are new to Dixon will receive an automated email with their user and temporary password - please be sure to check your junk and spam folders. Passwords can be reset through the platform. The Richmond School District continues to move towards electronic learning summaries for viewing on MyEd for all learners. We understand that accessing the report can be challenging for some families and as such we are printing a copy for every learner for our first term. Please try to log in to your MyEd Parent Portal to view and SAVE your child's Learning Update. They are only available for the duration of the current term and will not be accessible when the following term's learning update is published.

Please take time to go over your child's learning update to celebrate their strengths and plan for next steps for their stretches.

CLICK HERE for instructions on accessing the MyEd Parent Portal.

Clothing Lending Library

Has your child outgrown their boots or coat? With rainy, cold, and muddy weather well under way, we're looking for rain boots or winter boots and coats for the clothing lending library.

Last year with the help from the PAC, we set up the clothing lending library where students can visit the rack in the EA hallway if they forgot their coat or if they need warm or dry clothing. All clothing from the lending library is gently used and donated generously from our students and families or the SFAF (Student and Families Affordability Fund).

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2019, turning 5 in 2024. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2024. Online registration opens on November 1, 2023. Please visit our website www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window, which spans from November to January, in order to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 2, 2024.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with disabilities and diverse abilities on Zoom held on November 8th from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A link to the Zoom is available on

www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten



The lost and found table will be set up next week to display all of the lonely coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, and other things that have been left at school. Be sure to stop by to see if anything belongs to your child. It will be set up outside the gym, in the hallway. **Any items remaining on the last day of school will be donated.**

Important Dates Ahead

- Dec 14: Winter Musical @ 1:30pm and 6:30pm
- Dec 18: Schoolwide fieldtrip to Winter Wonderland (Skating @ Minoru Arena)
- Dec 21: Learning Update #1 Published to MyEd
- Dec 21: Hot Lunch Dairy Queen
- Dec 22: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PJ and Movie Day
- Dec 25 Jan 5 (inclusive): Winter Break
- Jan 8: First Day Back to School
- Jan 18: Hot Lunch Taco Luis
- Jan 29: Pro D Day No School for Students
- Feb 5: Toonie Talent Show (virtual)
- Feb 16: District Pro D Day No School for Students
- Feb 19: Family Day (School Closed)
- Mar 7: Learning Update #3 Conferences Early Dismissal at 12pm
- Mar 15-28 (inclusive): Spring Break
- Mar 29: Good Friday (School Closed)
- Apr 1: Easter Monday (School Closed)



PAC Meetings

Where?

Dixon Library

When?

Dec 11th @ 6:30pm-8pm



Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates

December is...

Dec 2: International Day for Abolition of Slavery

Dec 3: International Day of Persons with

Disabilities

Dec 6: National Day of Remembrance and

Action on Violence Against Women

Dec 7-15: Hannukah

Dec 8: Bodhi Day

Dec 9: International Day of Commemoration

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Dec 10: Human Rights Day

Dec 21: Winter Solstic (Northern Hemisphere)

Dec 24: Christmas Eve

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Dec 25: Christmas

Dec 26: Kwanzaa Begins