

DIXON DRAGONS

THE WEEK AHEAD

DEC 18-22

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What's going on this week?

Dec 18: School-wide fieldtrip to Winter Wonderland Skating at Minoru

Dec 21: Jingle Bell Run @ 7:50am

Dec 21: Hot Lunch - Dairy Queen

Dec 21: Learning Updates published to MyEd

Dec 22: Last Day of School and Pajama + Movie Day!



Dear Dixon students and families,

As we wind down 2023, I'd like to wish all of you a restful, relaxing, fun-filled winter break with friends and family. Whether you are going on a relaxing vacation or sticking close to home, I hope you take time to 'fill your cup' and do things you enjoy with loved ones. Take care and we'll see you back at school on Monday, Jan 8th!

- Ms. Wallace and Ms. Orzen



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, vomiting 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!

We're looking forward to our annual Jingle Bell Run and breakfast on Thursday morning which benefits the Richmond Food Bank!

Due to capacity restrictions, if you did not submit your RSVP form by Dec 5th, we ask that you do not attend this event.



Click [HERE](#) to place your order for Dixon spiritwear. 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.



Check out the lost and found!

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.



We have now activated the SMS/text messaging communication feature for schools with the goal of improving our ability to deliver time-sensitive information to parents/caregivers, including emergency notifications and important school messages. Approximately 50% of our parent/caregivers have not yet subscribed to receive text messages. Please continue to remind parents in your school communications that if they have not yet opted-in to receive text messages, they are encouraged to do so by sending a text message to the number 978338 with 'Yes' in the body.

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 our District website: www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten.



The City of Richmond Community Bylaws have advised us their officers have observed an increase in drivers stopping their vehicles on marked crosswalks during pick-up and drop-off times. Vehicles stopped on marked crosswalks create challenges for pedestrians to cross safely, cause sightline obstructions, and make it difficult for drivers of oncoming vehicles to see them, posing a significant safety risk – especially during this time of year with less daylight. We ask that drivers not park in front of the school along Diamond Road in areas marked no parking and no stopping. When there is a car parked and two cars are trying to go by it creates a dangerous situation. With no sidewalks and many people walking to their cars or walking to their homes in the neighborhood, we ask that cars please observe the traffic signs and always drive well below the 30 km speed limit.

Bylaw enforcement officers will be issuing tickets for vehicles stopping on marked crosswalks and may issue tickets for vehicles parked in not stopping and no parking areas.



Important Dates Ahead



- 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 7:** Body Science Parent Session with Saleema Noon @ 7:30pm via Zoom
- **Feb 12:** Body Science with Saleema Noon (for students)
- **Feb 14:** Body Science with Saleema Noon (for students)
- **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?

TBA



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 and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and the Prevention of this Crime
- Dec 10: Human Rights Day
- Dec 21: Winter Solstice (Northern Hemisphere)
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve
- Dec 24: Quviasukvik Begins
- Dec 25: Christmas
- Dec 26: Kwanzaa Begins