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vacation, appointments, or family matters **please leave** voicemail on the Early Warning Line @ 604-668-6613. You may also email the school @ dixon@sd38.bc.ca. It is important that if you inform your child's teacher, that you also include the office in your message. In the event that your child's teacher is away or isn't able to read the message in time, the office will not be notified that your child's absence is excused.

The second session of our Parent Education Series 2024/25 is coming up on Tuesday, January 21. "Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids" will be presented by Hannah Beach on Zoom from 6:30–8:00pm This session is open to all parents and staff! **Register HERE** to receive the zoom webinar link



Planning for next school year 2025-26 has begun. Your Grade K-6 child should have brought home a notice titled **Notice of Intent to Attend**. Forms such as this one allow us to project next year's class sizes and composition. <u>Please read over this form</u> <u>carefully, complete and sign it and return it to</u> <u>your child's classroom teacher as soon as</u> possible. This form was due on January 17th.

Reminder about accessing your MyEd Parent Portal to view and download your child's Learning Updates... Please be sure to download and save your child's Learning Update to your personal device. MyEd will only store one term's reports at each time so when Term 2 approaches, Term 1's will be archived and no longer accessible.

If you have been unable to access your parent portal account, please refer to the <u>MyEd Parent Portal page on</u> <u>our website</u> for assistance. The Richmond School District is moving in a direction where all learning updates will be communicated electronically so it's important to be able to navigate your parent accounts.

Making The Most of Our Time Together

During the pandemic, lots of handwashing and supervision of students eating was a big part of our day. As most things have returned to "normal", we are working to bring other left-over in the way we do things at school, back into place.

Beginning on February 3, we will be having students eat their **recess snacks** outside. This enables us to use teaching time more efficiently. We know that some of our students have lovely packed snack kits that they access at recess. We are going to suggest that parents either look at packing something different (hand-held options like a piece of fruit, granola bar, etc.) and/or label your child's containers so that if they get set down outside, they can be returned.

Important Dates Ahead...

Jan 22–23: Taiko Drumming Workshop Jan 23: Hot Lunch – Libby's Kitchen Jan 27: Pro D Day – No School for Students Feb 10: Maple Man Presentation Feb 13: Learning Conference #2 Early Dismissal @ 11:50am Feb 14: District Pro D Day – No School for Students Feb 17: Family Day (BC) - School Closed Feb 18-21: Toonie Talent Show Feb 24-28: Kindness Week Feb 26: Pink Shirt Day Mar 3: Professor Wow Presentation Mar 7: PAC Movie Night Mar 14: Last Day of School Before Spring Break Mar 17-28 inclusive: Spring Break Mar 31: First Day Back to School

PAC Meetings

Who? 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? 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.

Where? The Dixon Library

When? Monthly, typically Mondays @ 6:30pm. See dates below:

- Sep 16 (Pre-Budget)
- Oct 15 (Budget)
- Nov 18
- Jan 13
- Feb 18
- Apr 14
- May 12 (AGM)
- Jun 16



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Dates

January is...

Jan 1: Ochetookeskaw - Kissing Day - Hand Shaking Day Jan 4: World Braille Day Jan 5: Guru Gobindh Singh Birthday/Prakash Jan 13: Maghi Jan 14: Mahayana New Year Jan 15: Black Excellence Day Jan 17: Raoul Wallenberg Day Jan 21: Lincoln Alexander Day Jan 24: World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture Jan 27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day Jan 29: Lunar New Year Jan 29: National Day of Remembrance of the City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia Jan 29: Day of Remembrance and

Action on Islamophobia (in the province of BC)