



# Hixon Elementary School

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## Principal's News



"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"

December is here! This is a busy time of year getting ready for holiday celebrations and activities. While classes will be taking part in special activities, our focus is still on the educational goals, therefore sticking to our routines both at school and at home is very helpful.

With the winter weather upon us, please ensure that your children have full winter gear. Snow pants, boots, mitts and hats are required for the sliding hill (if the snow ever arrives). Students will be outside unless the temperature is colder than  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  when combined with wind chill. An extra pair of mitts should be packed for those who love to play in the snow, so cold hands will not be a concern. We do have a selection of extra clothing here at the school and we can always use more mitts, snowpants and socks!

Over the next few weeks, **Communicating Student Learning** documents will be coming home with your child. Please remember that you will not be receiving Report Cards this year until the end of June, 2019. Instead, communicating student learning will be ongoing throughout the year. Teachers have been working hard to ensure these progress reports are effective and timely. All assessments are strength based and provide a snapshot of what your child can do and what they are working towards. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the reporting teacher.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our performance on December 19th. Students should be here at 5:00 and the performance will start at 5:30.

*Mrs. Zummack*



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## Calendar of Upcoming Events



### December

- 19 Christmas concert day
- 21 Communicating student learning reports sent home
- 22 Winter vacation starts (Dec22-Jan6)

### January

- 7 Back to school
- 28 NID – no school for students

### Bell Schedule

- 8:15 Supervision begins
- 8:25 Warning bell
- 8:30 Morning classes begin
- 10:00-10:15 Recess
- 11:45-12:30 Lunch
- 2:22 Dismissal

### **Book Fair**

The book fair was another great success!! Many thanks to everyone for their support!! ☺

### **Christmas Food Hamper**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to put in Christmas food hampers for needy families. The option to participate is voluntary. If you are able, please bring your donations to school and place them in the Christmas Hamper Food Donation box, located near the office.

### **Christmas Concert**

Students are already practicing their music and lines for the upcoming school Christmas concert. Please watch for additional information from teachers regarding costumes/dress code needed for each class. This year, the school Christmas concert will be Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Please ensure your child arrives at the school by 5:00pm.

### **PAC**

PAC has been busy with pre-Christmas fundraising. Thanks to everyone who has supported their efforts!! The next fundraiser will be the bake sale and raffle at the school Christmas concert. Donations of desserts would be greatly appreciated. As always, all parents and guardians are welcome to the PAC meetings. This is a great way to get involved with your children's school. **Reminder: NO hot lunches until Jan 23, 2019.**

### **Winter weather dress**

Please be sure that your children are dressed warmly. Proper boots, hats, snow pants and jackets are required for students to play comfortably outside. Students will be outside unless the temperature is colder than -20°C when combined with wind chill. An extra pair of mitts should be packed for those who love to play in the snow, so cold hands will not be a concern. We do have a selection of extra clothing here at the school and we can always use more mitts, snow pants and socks!



## **Student Attendance**

Successful students attend school regularly and arrive on time! It is very important that your child comes to school every day and is on time. Students who arrive after 8:30am must report to the office. If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the school office at 250-998-4377 by 8:30am.

## **Bus Students**

Students not going home to their regular stop must provide a note from their parents with instruction to the office. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Huidobro at 250-998-4377. **Last minute phone calls and messages may not reach us before the bus leaves.** To avoid confusion and stress for your child, please send a note or write a note in your child's planner anytime there are different plans for after school. Thank you for your understanding

### **NOTICE FROM OUR TRANSPORTATION DEPT**

#### **SCHOOL BUSES – WINTER WEATHER**

1. Students shall not be expected to wait for a school bus more than fifteen minutes past the scheduled pickup time. If the bus has not arrived by that time, students should return to their homes or another prearranged place of shelter.
2. Parents are encouraged to arrange for someone to accompany small children to and from bus stops during extremely cold weather. Kindergarten students must be accompanied to and from their stop by a designated adult at ALL TIMES.
3. Parents are urged to develop emergency procedures with their children should they become stranded in cold weather. Please ensure that children have access to locked homes or other designated safe locations in case of a bus delay or other emergency.
4. Student baggage on school buses per Motor Vehicle Regulations 26/58, 35.14 (1) (c) (d) and (e)): Equipment such as skis, poles, toboggans, crazy carpets, sleds, skateboards, etc., are not allowed on regular school buses. If a school program requires this type of equipment, other arrangements must be made to bring it to school. Skates must have skate guards or be carried in a gear bag. If an item including band instruments and equipment bags cannot be held on a student's lap, it cannot be brought on the bus.
5. Students are reminded to keep a safe distance away from all moving vehicles and not to "hitch bumper rides" on buses or any other vehicles.
6. Snow plows: The Ministry of Transportation and Highways warns students of the danger of playing near moving snow plows, particularly when the plows are throwing snow. The snow is thrown a considerable distance with great force and contains gravel and other particles that could inflict serious injury.