



Hixon Elementary School

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Principal: Mrs. Brenda Anderson

September 4, 2019

If you believe it, you can achieve it!

<http://hixon.sd57.bc.ca>

From the Principal's Desk

I am excited to be the Principal at Hixon this year! I am also very excited to welcome Ms. L. Lynds as the teaching Vice-Principal at Hixon. We are looking forward to getting to know the students, parents and community here at the school!

We hope you had a wonderful summer break. Students we are happy to see you back at school energetic and excited to learn. A new adventure in your academic journey awaits you and we look forward to a great learning experience with you.

Getting back into routines and structures of the school day is important.

Thank you to all the staff, parents, students and community for making Hixon a wonderful school. Parents support ensuring that students are getting enough sleep, developing healthy living skills (nutrition and physical activity) and completing assignments are paramount to a student's life long learning. We appreciate this support from parents and want to say thank you for the great partnership.

We look forward to seeing you at our first open house! If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely

Mrs. Brenda Anderson, Principal

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September

4	First day of school 8:30-10:00
5	First full day of school
24	Terry Fox run
26	Open House – time TBA
27	NID – no school for students
30	Photo Day

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

October

14 Thanksgiving holiday
25 NID – no school for students

Fees

This year at Hixon school fees amount to \$10, and include cultural performances and student planners. Cultural fees go towards bringing in the many wonderful cultural performances your children get to see. All students in Grades K-7 also receive elementary planners. Please send or bring your school fees directly to Mrs. Huidobro. She is in the office from 8:30 – 2:30 Monday through Friday.

School Supplies

Please do not purchase school supplies for September. The school will once again be providing supply packages for all students. The classroom teacher may ask for a few individual items not provided in the package. We request all students have non-marking indoor shoes.

Individual Student Photos

Individual student photos are scheduled for Monday September 30th. Class photos will take place in the spring.

PAC

All parents/guardians welcome!! Notices will go out when we have a date for the first meeting.

Policies and Links

Below are links to the School District's policies regarding Student Conduct, Acceptable Use of Networks, Winter Weather and Healthy Food Choices in Schools.

[Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct](http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/5131%20District%20Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf)

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/5131%20District%20Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf>

[Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks](http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/6179.pdf)

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Policylisting/Documents/6179.pdf>

[Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather](http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3541.35%20Winter%20Weather.pdf)

<http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3541.35%20Winter%20Weather.pdf>

[Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools](http://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3542.3%20Healthy%20Food%20Choices%20in%20Schools.pdf)

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WELCOME BACK!

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Mrs. Needoba and I am thrilled to be the new Teacher Librarian at Hixon Elementary for the new school year! I hope you all have had a wonderful summer.

I have been planning a few new things for this year, including a program called "Sharing the Love of Reading." There will be a table set up near the library that will have a variety of books on it; everyone is invited to donate used books in good condition and/or take a book to read. 😊 Be sure to check it out!

Schedules will be set in the next week or so for class library times. It would be wonderful if students could use a reusable bag to bring their library books back and forth to the library on their Library Day. If you have a reusable bag, please send it with your child's name on it to use for Library books to their classrooms. If you have extra bags, please bring them to the school if you would like to donate them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school!

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Needoba

*A book is a gift you can
open again and again.*

—Garrison Keillor



SHARING THE LOVE OF READING

What is this?

Hixon Elementary is proud to begin its first year of involvement in the "Share the love of Reading" program. This program allows students and parents a central location where they can bring their used books and donate them so that others might enjoy them too! Moreover, you may also find a new book that you can read for yourself, or for your child.

Donations may be made during regular school hours at Hixon Elementary. If you are unable to do so during this time, or if you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Needoba at the school. We encourage any and all students and members of the community to take part in this program. Donations are not required for books to be taken, but they sure do help!

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**

-- Dr. Seuss



**HIXON
ELEMENTARY
BOOK
SHARING
PROGRAM**

**DONATE
AND/OR TAKE
A BOOK!**

**ANY
SCHOOL/AGE
APPROPRIATE
DONATION
WELCOME!**

**LET'S GET THE
COMMUNITY
INVOLVED!**

**SHARE THE
LOVE OF
READING!**



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INFORMATION**

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2019- 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

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August 5: BC Day

SEPTEMBER

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September 2: Labour Day
September 3: Non-Instructional Day
September 4: Back to school
September 27: Non-Instructional Day

OCTOBER

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October 14: Thanksgiving
October 25: Non-Instructional Day (Provincial)

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November 11: Remembrance Day
November 28: Non-Instructional Day

DECEMBER

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Dec. 23 - Jan. 3: Winter vacation

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January 8: Back to school
January 27: NID - Aboriginal Day of Learning

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February 17: Family Day

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March 16-27: Spring Break

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April 10: Good Friday
April 13: Easter Monday
April 24: Non-Instructional Day

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May 18: Victoria Day

JUNE

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June 25: Last day of school
June 26: Administrative day

JULY

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July 1: Canada Day

LEGEND:  School/Statutory Holidays
 Non-Instructional Days



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Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) FAIR NOTICE FOR PARENT COMMUNITY

What is a threat?

- an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something
- may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet or made by gesture.

Duty to report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

The purposes of a student threat assessment are:

- to ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
- to ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat.
- to understand the factors contributing to the threat maker's behaviour
- to be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
- to promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What behaviours warrant a Student Violence Threat Risk Assessment to be initiated?

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but are not limited to

- serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- verbal/written threats to harm/kill others (clear, direct, and plausible)
- online threats to harm/kill others
- possession of weapons (including replicas)
- bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- fire starting
- sexual intimidation or assault
- gang related intimidation and violence.

Collection Notice

The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws, and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online source is only obtained from open source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

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What Parents and Students Need to Know?

- any threat must be reported to the school principal
- investigation may involve the student services counselor, the police or other community agencies
- Investigation may involve locker or personal property searches
- Interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- parents of students who are directly involved will be notified
- threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action
- an intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats



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Fair Notice regarding social media information

A search by school officials of a student under their authority or a search of student property may be undertaken if the school has reasonable grounds to believe a school rule has been or will be violated, and that the evidence of that violation will be found in the location or on the person of the student being searched. Students know that their teachers and other school authorities are responsible for providing a safe learning environment and maintaining order and discipline at school. As a result, they must know that, where reasonable grounds exist, this may require searches of students, their lockers and their personal effects and the seizure of prohibited items.

Students should also be aware that the schools may collect, use and disclose personal information about students for the purposes of investigating and addressing student misconduct, safety and maintaining order and discipline in school. Such collection and use of student information may include information that is obtained from witnesses or collected from other secondary information sources (e.g. social media). All personal information of students collected by the school will be collected in compliance with and under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ss. 26(a),(b), and(c)) and the School Act. Questions about the collection, use or disclosure of student personal information should be directed to the Data Management and Privacy Officer.

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Fair Notice for Students

What behaviours initiate a student threat assessment?

A student threat assessment will be initiated when behaviours include, but are not limited to, serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm/kill others, internet website/MSN threats to harm/kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats and fire setting.

Duty to report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours.

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to.

What is a Site-Specific Threat Assessment Team?

The school has a site-specific threat assessment team that includes the principal(s), counsellor(s), teachers and a member of the police.

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- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all.

What happens in a student threat assessment?

All threat making behaviour by a student shall be reported to the Principal who will activate the protocol for the initial response. Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

Can I refuse to participate in a threat assessment process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However, if for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parent / guardian, the threat assessment process will continue in order to promote a safe and caring learning environment.

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