



Hixon Elementary School

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Principal: Mrs. Brenda Anderson

September 18, 2020

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

From the Principal's Desk

Wow – where do I even start!!! So glad to be back at school and excited to see parents and students last week at orientation and back to school full time on Monday!!

We will be spending the first couple of weeks going over safety protocols, emotional well being and what our school looks like to be safe. Masks will be supplied to students if and when needed and we will keep them at the school in order that students are safe. Students are free to wear their own masks and we welcome them to do so. Washing of hands will be done multiple times throughout the day and hand sanitizer is readily available. We welcome our custodian, Mrs. Colebank who we will now see working during the day to keep our building safe. We also welcome Mrs. Edmonds and Ms. Pereira who will be joining our staff as Indigenous Education worker and Supervision Assistant respectively.

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. As returning students know, we are a PBIS (Positive interventions Behavior Support) and focus on BRAVE – BOLD; RESILIENT; ACCOUNTABLE; VERSATILE AND EMPATHETIC (yes we have changed our acronym from STARS to BRAVE). For the first few weeks of September students will spend time working on what BRAVE looks like inside, outside and everywhere in our building. Please talk to your child(ren) about what it means for our school.

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 continuing to work alongside you for the safety and well-being of your child!

And remember... we got this... we are here for your children and you, and do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything.

Sincerely

Mrs. Brenda Anderson, Principal

Ms. Lynds, Vice-Principal



Please note the new bell schedule:

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September

- 22 Terry Fox run
- 23 Individual student photo day
- 25 NID – no school for students
- 30 Orange Shirt Day

October

- 12 Thanksgiving holiday
- 23 NID – no school for students

2020/21 Bell Schedule

8:15	Supervision begins
8:25	Warning bell
8:30	Morning classes begin
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30	Afternoon classes begin
2:12	Dismissal



New Bell Schedule for 2020-2021 School Year

Hixon Elementary bell schedule has changed for the 2020-2021 school year. Please note the new dismissal time.

Please be advised, morning supervision starts at 8:15 am. Please do not drop your children off before that time. Also, there is no supervision by school staff after 2:27 pm.

New Staff at Hixon

Please welcome our new staff to Hixon!

Cristina Pereira – part-time custodial and morning and lunch supervision.

Tangena Edmunds – Aboriginal Education Worker

Student Verification Forms

Student verification forms have been sent home. Please make any necessary corrections to these forms by writing on the form. Please return the signed and dated form to the Hixon Elementary School Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Fees

School fee forms will be sent home soon. This year at Hixon, school fees amount to \$10.00. This includes \$7.00 cost recovery for student planner and a \$3.00 cultural activity fee. Please return completed forms with payment to the school as soon as possible. Thank you!

School Supplies

This year the school will supply students with most supplies. We will notify you if something in particular is needed.

Headsets

We are asking parents to supply their children with an audio headset if possible. Each child needs their own headset as sharing is not allowed due to Covid.

Student Photo Date

Student photos will be taken on September 23, 2020. This year, Mountain West has transitioned photo ordering to a very streamlined online system, with orders shipped straight to students' homes right away, discounts, and no late fees.

Lates/Absences

Please call the school at 250-998-4377 if your child will be absent or late for any reason. We will attempt to contact families whenever there are unknown absences. Please leave a message on the answering machine if no one answers when you call.

Bus Students

Please ensure your bus students are registered with School District No 57 Transportation Department at: (250)561-6802. As per the School District No. 57 Re-Start Plan Stage 2 – COVID 19 safe work procedures, all riders must be registered.

Courtesy Bus Service for 2020-2021

School bussing is designed to serve children residing along specific routes. Students may register on ONE bus route only, their RESIDENT route. Parents wishing their children to use the service as a COURTESY to or from a CHILD CARE stop or a 2ND ALTERNATE FAMILY address must complete a "COURTESY" transportation request form and return it to their school. Their school will then forward all "COURTESY" requests to transportation for approval.



School District No. 57 Policies

Please see the links below to access the School District No. 57 policies for Student Code of Conduct, Acceptable Use of Networks, Winter Weather and Healthy Food Choices in Schools. We encourage parents to review these policies with your child(ren) on an annual basis. Teachers will be reviewing Acceptable Use of Networks in class as well as the Hixon Student Code of Conduct (which is found in the student planners), with the students in September.

Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct

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

Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks

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

Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather

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

Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/3542.3%20Healthy%20Food%20Choices%20in%20Schools.pdf>

VTRA Fair Notice for Parents

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Documents/VTRA%20Fair%20Notice%20to%20Parent%20Community%20Letter.pdf>





2020 - 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

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August 3: BC Day

SEPTEMBER

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September 7: Labour Day
September 10: First day of school
September 23: First full day of Kindergarten
September 25: Non Instructional Day

OCTOBER

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October 12: Thanksgiving
October 23: Non Instructional Day

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November 11: Remembrance Day
November 23: Non Instructional Day

DECEMBER

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Dec. 21 - Jan. 1: Winter Break
December 25: Christmas Day
December 28: Boxing day stat

JANUARY

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January 1: New Years Day
January 4: Back to school
January 29: Non Instructional Day

FEBRUARY

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February 15: Family Day

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March 22- April 1: Spring Break

APRIL

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April 2: Good Friday
April 5: Easter Monday
April 23: Non Instructional Day

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May 24: Victoria Day

JUNE



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June 4: Non Instructional Day
June 25: Last day of school
June 28: Administrative day

JULY

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July 1: Canada Day

LEGEND:  School/Statutory Holiday
 Non Instructional Day