



Hixon Elementary School

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From the Principal's Desk

Greetings for the 2021-2022 school year

Hadih tekooke: (hi friends)

I am delighted to join the students, staff, parents and community of Hixon Elementary School. A warm welcome to our new families and to all our returning students. We also welcome Mrs. Reed Stang who will be teaching Grade 4-7 and Mr. John Forbes our school Vice Principal and Kindergarten to Grade Three teacher.

I begin by sharing about myself. Before joining Hixon, I was a Principal in Osoyoos and Oliver, BC and the District Principal for Support Services in the south Okanagan. Just over a year ago, I joined School District 57 in the Indigenous Education department and have been working with school teams throughout the district. I am passionate about inclusive, safe and compassionate learning environments.

I have a Bachelor of Arts from Simon Fraser University, a Master of Child Study and Education from OISE/University of Toronto, a Master of Educational Studies from Western University and additional qualifications in special education and inclusive education. I have taught grades Kindergarten through 12, working in both regular and special education classrooms.

As a mother of six children ages 11 - 21, I appreciate the importance of ensuring that school is a caring and energizing place for our children. I believe school contributes to the education of the whole child supporting their social/emotional, academic, physical, and artistic selves. I also believe that when the Indigenous principles of learning become the fabric of a school, all students benefit. Hixon includes a wonderfully committed team of professionals who model their own commitment to learning and exploring with your children. As a staff, we are continuing our professional development in the areas of Truth and Reconciliation, wellness, literacy, and numeracy.

Again, I welcome each student and their family to our school as it is this partnership of family and school working together that makes our community fabulous. If you are a new parent to Hixon, please consider attending our Parent Advisory committee meetings or volunteering for the events that will be returning this school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shendah Benoit



Calendar of Upcoming Events

September

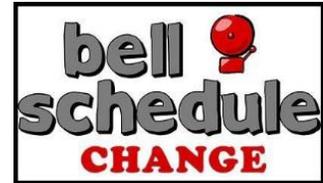
- 6 Labour Day holiday
- 7 Back to school
- TBA Terry Fox Run
- 24 Non-instructional day – no school for students
- TBA Orange Shirt day
- 30 Day of Truth and Reconciliation holiday (no school)

October

- 11 Thanksgiving holiday (no school)
- 19 Individual student photos
- 22 Non-instructional day – no school for students

2020/21 Bell Schedule

8:10	Supervision begins
8:20	Warning bell
8:25	Morning classes begin
10:00-10:15	Recess
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30	Afternoon classes begin
2:22	Dismissal



New Bell Schedule for 2021-2022 School Year

Hixon Elementary bell schedule has changed for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note the new start and dismissal times.

Please be advised, morning supervision starts at 8:10 am. Please do not drop your children off before that time. Also, there is no supervision by school staff after 2:37 pm.

Student Verification Forms

Student verification forms will be sent home soon. 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 are attached. 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.

Student Photo Date

Student photos will be taken on October 19, 2021. As of last 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.

School FOIPOP

The school "Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy" form has been changed slightly. Please complete the attached form and send back to the school with your child.

School Safety and Security

The safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for Buckhorn Elementary and Hixon Elementary Schools. We continue to implement and practice a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn. Please see the attached orange sheet which describes the six drills practiced within our school. Staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of each procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. Please take the time to speak with your son/daughter about safety drills and reinforce the importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning.

