



# Hixon Elementary School

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**Principal: Rob Lewis**

**Vice Principal: Mr. John Forbes**

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## From the Principal's Desk

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope that you had a restful summer and that everyone is returning to school feeling re-energized. Please welcome new staff **Mr. Rob Lewis** (Buckhorn and Hixon Acting Principal) and a welcome back to returning staff, **John Forbes** (Primary Grades K-3, Vice Principal); **Ms. Reed Stang** (Intermediate Grades 4-7) and **Ms. Brittany Harkin** (Learning Assistance/ Resource Teacher/Library-Learning Commons/ELL K-3), **Mrs. Tammy Huidobro** (Senior Secretary); **Mrs. Chelsea Brownscombe** (Educational Assistant) and **Mrs. Tammy Colebank** (Custodian).

Welcome to all new families to the Hixon School Community! For your information, newsletters will be sent home at the beginning of each month and they always contain important information describing what is happening in the school so please take the time to read them. As well, you can find all newsletters posted on the Hixon website at: <http://www.hixon@sd57.bc.ca>.

We will be having our Open House and BBQ on **Wednesday, Sept.22th from 2:30 to 4:30**. Come out and meet the teachers and staff!

There are many benefits to getting involved in your child's education. Parents are most welcome to volunteer in a variety of ways in the school and participate in the PAC (Parent Advisory Council); the first PAC meeting for Hixon are to be determined. If you would like to help out around the school, please be sure that your Police Record Check (formerly called the Criminal Record Check) is completed and signed by the principal and that your Volunteer form is completed with Mrs. Huidobro at the office.

Getting back into routines and structures of the school day is important. As returning students know, we are a PBiS (Positive Behavior interventions Support) and focus on BRAVE – BOLD; RESILIENT; ACCOUNTABLE; VERSATILE AND EMPATHETIC. 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 student are getting enough sleep, developing healthy living skills (nutrition and physical activity) and completing assignments are paramount to a students lifelong 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

Mr. Rob Lewis, Acting- Principal

Mr. John Forbes, Vice-Principal



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **September**

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

### **October**

- 10 Thanksgiving holiday (no school)
- 12 Individual student photos
- 21 Non-instructional day – no school for students

### **November**

- 1-4 Early dismissal days (dismissed at 1:22pm each day)
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 25 Non-instructional day – no school for students

### 2022/23 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
<b>2:22</b>	Dismissal



## **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!

## **New Staff at Hixon**

Please welcome our new staff to Hixon!

Rob Lewis – Acting Principal for Hixon and Buckhorn Elementary Schools

To be determined – Aboriginal Education Worker



## **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 12, 2021. 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. Please complete the attached form and send back to the school with your child.

### 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>

Financial Hardship

<https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Board/Policies/Documents/5101%20Financial%20Hardship.pdf>

