



Hixon Elementary School

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Principal: Mrs. Brenda Anderson

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If you believe it, you can achieve it!

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

From the Principal's Desk

The weather continues to be wet and cold. Please make sure your child(ren) continue to wear warm clothing to school as they will be outside during breaks and for some class time as necessary.

Many activities have taken place and will be taking place at Hixon. We have had a Remembrance Day Assembly, Halloween Costume Parade, Physical Literacy visit and cultural presentations.

Our BRAVE focus is BOLD. Please continue to talk with your child on what this looks like, feels like and sounds like at the school. We are also focusing on using our WITS - walk away, ignore, talk it out or seek help. WITS was emphasized last year and we continue to focus on this in all areas of the school.

And finally, thank you for working in partnership with the school to ensure your child(ren) are getting enough sleep, healthy snacks and lunches and limited game screen time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anderson, Principal

Ms. Lynds, Vice-Principal



Calendar of Upcoming Events

November

- 17 Spirit day – wear your Hixon Hawks attire
- 20 NID – no school for students
- 24 Spirit day – wear your Hixon Hawks attire

December

- 4 Primary report card writing – No school for Ms. Lynds class
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Winter Holidays

January

- 4 Back to school

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



POLICY 3541.35

WINTER WEATHER

REGULATIONS:

1. Schools shall not be closed because of cold or inclement weather.
2. The decision to keep a student at home for the day because of winter weather conditions shall be made by the parents.
3. School bus service will not be cancelled because of cold weather.
 - 3.1. Students shall not be expected to wait for a school bus for more than fifteen minutes past the scheduled pick-up time. If the bus has not arrived by that time, students should return to their homes or to another prearranged place of shelter.
4. Notwithstanding Regulation 1, school closures may be required for reasons other than winter weather. See Policy 6114 (Emergency Situations in Schools).

Approved: 1982.12.14

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Winter Weather Info

- On days when student attendance is reduced substantially because of cold or inclement weather conditions or because travel is considered treacherous, regular scheduled instruction may be modified for those students who attend school.
- In advance of the cold weather months, schools should consult with parents and clearly communicate to parents what educational alternatives the school will offer in the event of low attendance caused by excessively cold weather.
- Temperature alone does not warrant an “in day” although the guideline that has been used for quite some time has been (-20). Taking into consideration the many factors of inclement weather such as wind, rain, particulate matter, snow and temperature, the Principal shall make the decision as to keeping the students indoors. Safety of the students is always a priority.

Financial Hardship policy

Section 82 (3) of the School Act authorizes a board of education to levy fees for goods and services provided by the board. This authorization is subject to Section 82 (4) of the Act, which requires a board to have “established policies and procedures to facilitate participation by students of school age ordinarily resident in British Columbia who would otherwise be excluded from the course, class or program because of financial hardship.

Please be aware that Hixon does have a financial hardship policy. All requests for support will be considered by the school. We will consider but not be limited to, deferred payment.

Indoor Shoes

Please check with your child regarding indoor footwear. In the event of a fire drill (or real emergency), students need to be prepared to go outside (i.e., have indoor shoes on).

Dogs

Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Daily Health Check

An updated daily health check was sent home with all students the last week of September. This form is also available on the Hixon Elementary website, www.hixo.sd57.bc.ca. Please continue to do the daily health check with your children before sending them on the bus or off to school. Thank you!

HELLO NOVEMBER!

September and October have flown by and we are now into November! This month we are going to be focusing on Remembrance Day and being BRAVE.

Here are our updates in the Library:

- ❖ The school signed out **285** books last month! We are becoming great readers at our school!
- ❖ We have new protocols in place to continue to keep our Learning Commons a safe space.
- ❖ Students have been enjoying their Learning Commons time. 😊
 - Primary students have Library on Tuesdays and Intermediate students have Library on Wednesdays.
- ❖ We have new books! New books will be displayed on a regular basis.
- ❖ We are working on being **BRAVE** (**B**old, **R**esilient, **A**ccountable, **V**ersatile, and **E**mpathetic).
- ❖ We will start new incentives this month! Some returning incentives will come back (My Reading Log) and some new ones will make their appearance! We can't wait!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Needoba

