

Dixonville School News

October 2021



Dixonville School Vision Statement

To be the first choice in education for our communities students and families

Dixonville School Mission Statement

We foster a safe, caring, and student- centered learning environment where students flourish and develop independence



Special dates

October 25- No School PD Day

October 29th- Halloween Festival

November 10- Remembrance Day assembly

November 11th- No School Remembrance day

November 12th- No School

November 22nd- No School PD Day

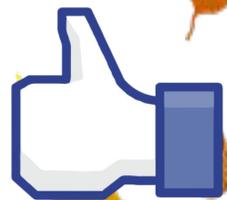
November 23- Parent teacher interviews

November 24- Parent teacher interviews

November 25- PAC MEETING 3:45

Dixonville School provides regular updates and notices on Facebook!

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Principal's Message

It's been a very busy start to the school year and it is hard to believe that we are already halfway through October! I am happy to report that our fantastic student population are working hard and doing their best to navigate through these challenging times. With the weather starting to change we all need to start thinking about finding our winter jackets, touques, gloves and boots.

Our teaching and learning team have been busy working with students, with a special emphasis on assessment and the building of literacy and numeracy skills. We are working hard to meet diverse learning needs in an inclusive and fair manner, ensuring that all students will flourish and develop independence.

October saw the start of our Sports Group Program and I am very impressed with the turn out and enthusiasm so far. Our student-athletes have gotten a taste of what football and volleyball are all about. This week, students will be playing floor hockey! Also, starting this week, every Friday, select students - who have been recognized for displaying outstanding behaviour and representing the Dixonville School values of hard work, kindness, safety and caring - will get the opportunity to enjoy a pizza lunch with myself. I am very much looking forward to spending time with and rewarding these students for their exceptional efforts.

Dixonville School's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Annual General Meeting took place on October 21st. Thank you to all the parents who attended and have stepped up to take on important roles. Our next PAC meeting will take place on November 25th and I encourage all parents who are interested in taking an active role in their children's education to attend! Our Parent Advisory key positions are as follows;

Chair- Kent Russell

Vice Chair- Amanda Flett

2nd Vice chair- Aarin Sorensen

Secretary- Cassie Proskurniak

Our school year is off to an excellent start. Thanks to staff, volunteers, students and parents for a wonderful first couple of months!

Sincerely,

Britain Olishefski



Superintendent message



School Bus Safety Week - October 17-23, 2021

October 15, 2021 - It's School Bus Safety Week and this year's theme is "Bus Rules Rock!". School bus safety rules help keep our students safe. Student safety is always the Division's priority however this week of awareness helps to better educate our students, families, staff and community members regarding the importance of school bus safety. This is also a great opportunity for us to thank our school bus drivers, school and transportation staff and community partners for their assistance in keeping our students safe on the way to and from school.

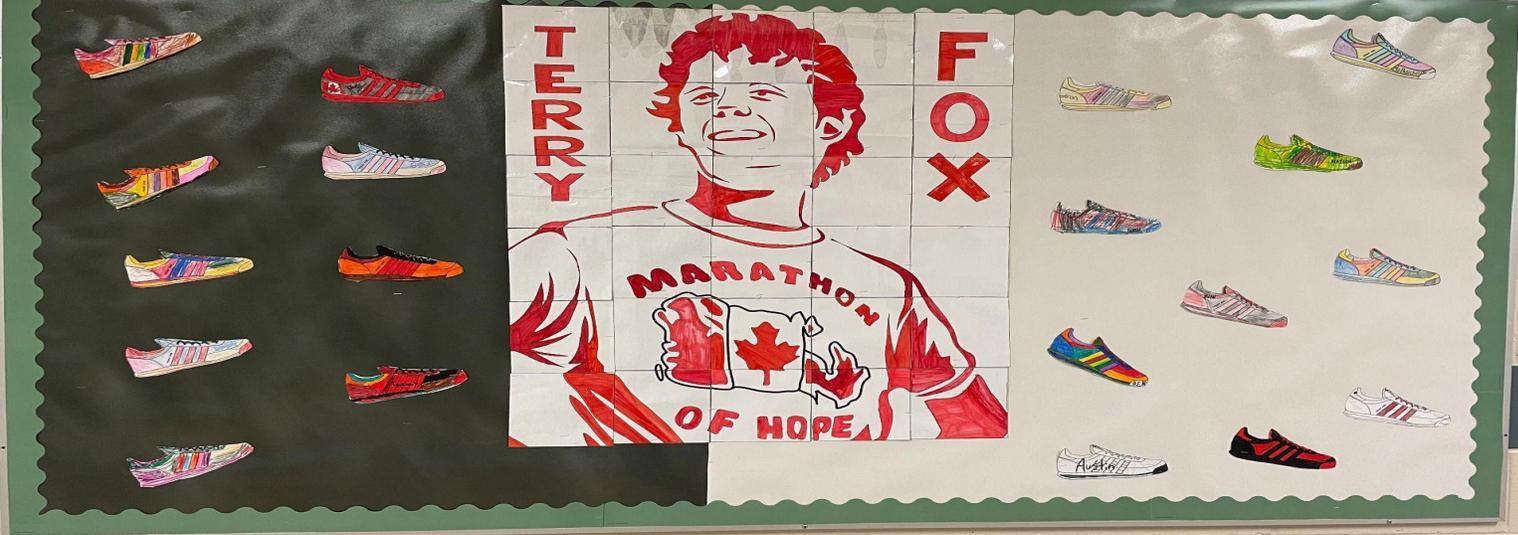
As a part of School Bus Safety Week, the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) students from kindergarten to grade six throughout the province are encouraged to participate in the School Bus Safety Week poster contest. Students are invited to create posters that visually outline the theme "Bus Rules Rock!" demonstrating proper school bus safety behaviour.

I am happy to say that Peace River School Division (PRSD) will be sharing their Transportation Department's 'Be Safe! Follow School Bus Safety Rules' document with staff to help in educating K-6 students on school bus safety. We encourage everyone to follow school bus safety rules. Every time you are near a school bus, be aware, be careful and be safe.

PRSD thanks its professional school bus drivers, staff, students, families, community organizations and community members for their commitment to ensure student safety.

Each day PRSD transports approximately 2495 students to 24 schools with a total service area of 11,860 kilometers.

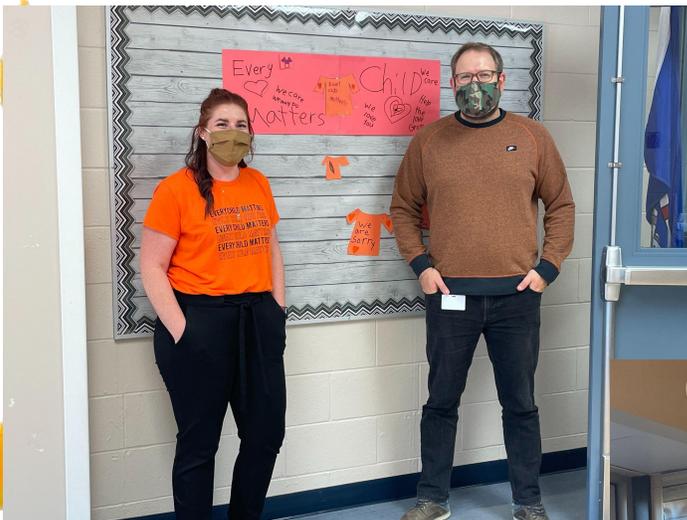


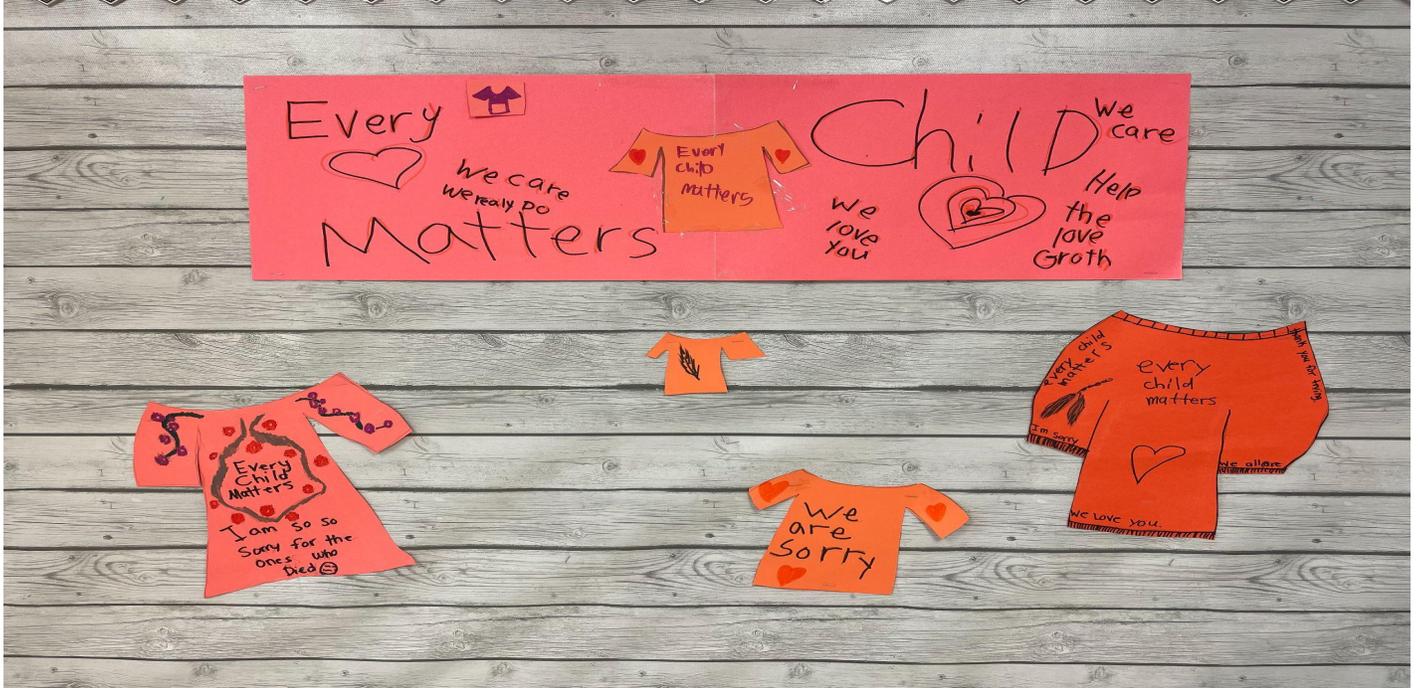


On September 28th our students participated in the Terry Fox run. The weather was great and all of our students put in a great effort! After the run we all enjoyed a bbq hot dog luncheon. Our students raised \$111.00.



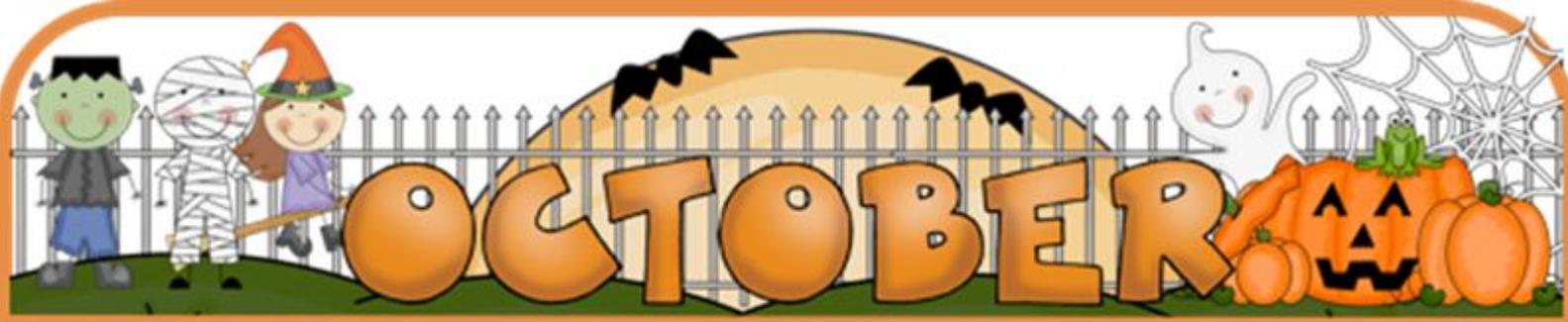
Our school honoured the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 29th by wearing our orange shirts. It is important for us to honour the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.





Mrs. Buchinski's 4-6 classroom created orange shirts of their own and hung them throughout our school as they honored the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.





Kindergarten Happenings

Literacy

We are excited to be able write these letters x,a,d,t,s along with printing cvc words with the letters we have learned to date. We will be working on identifying words that rhyme and producing new rhyming words. Please help your child with this at home.



Numeracy

In math we are continuing our work comparing and ordering numbers from 0-5 and learning to read, write and count through 10. Please take any real world opportunity to help your child to count objects up to and including 10.



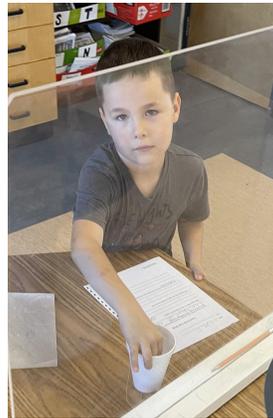
Social

We will continue to study the theme "I am Unique". We will create self-portraits showing their hair colour and style. We will also discuss what makes us unique.

October in 1/2/3

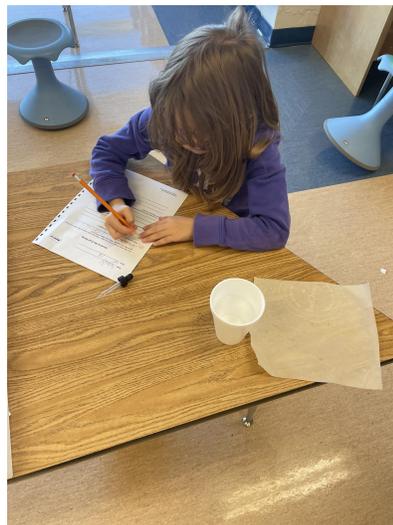


We have been hard at work in the 1/2/3 room. We have divided into both reading and writing groups in LA to focus on improvement at each individual students level. In math we are working on numbers to 20, 100 and 1000!



In Science the Grade 1 students are learning about Seasonal Changes and Grade 2/3 students are Exploring Liquids. We are all having a blast making a mess in the water with the 2s and 3s.

In Social Studies Grade 1 students continue to learn about our community while the Grade 2 and 3 students are learning about the past in a variety of communities across Canada.



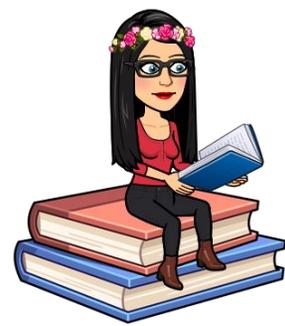
Thank you Dan and Louise Brister of Northern Lights fruit and Vegetable company!

They generously donated a couple pumpkins to science for our grade 1,2,3 classroom.

Here is the aftermath from their EXPLODING PUMPKIN experiment and their PUKING PUMPKIN. These students LOVED this experiment.



Grade 4/5/6



At the start of the year, students set out a goal to read 100 books by Christmas. Needless to say they crushed their goal and as of October 22nd, they have read 102 books!! Looks like I need to keep my end of the bargain and give them a popcorn and movie party!



Grade 4/5/6 got into the Halloween spirit and decorated the classroom!

In Social Studies this month, students have been focusing on current events, and forming their own opinions. They have been also reading or listening to articles that are factual and opinion based, and learning the difference.

Grade 4&5s are learning about the different Canadian Regions, and their characteristics.

Grade 6s are learning about Democracy, and how citizens participate in decision making.



In Language Arts we have been very busy reading narratives and figuring out if they are factual or opinion. Students have been identifying the main idea and focusing on how the author organizes their ideas, and supports them with details. Next week, students will be writing an article of their own.

← In the picture to the left, students are creating their very own word wall. The process is if students do not know how to spell a word they grab a dictionary and neatly write it on a cue card, posting it on our wall.



I would like to extend an invite to all Dixonville School families. The Grimshaw Legion has reached out to our school today regarding the "No Stone Left Alone" program.



The Royal Canadian Grimshaw Legion #253 wishes to invite all schools in the Dixonville, Grimshaw and Berwyn area to help us place poppies by the Veterans headstones on Saturday, October 30 at 1:00. We will start at 1:00 at the Grimshaw Cemetery and then proceed to Berwyn Cemetery. Barb Lyseng will be in charge 780-625-4257 of this group. We will also be starting at 1:00 at the Dixonville Cemetery and proceed to Briarcliffe Cemetery. Margo Sims 780-618-1830 will be in charge of this group. Social distancing will be installed.

Thanks for your participation.

This is organized in conjunction with No Stone Left Alone Memorial Foundation.

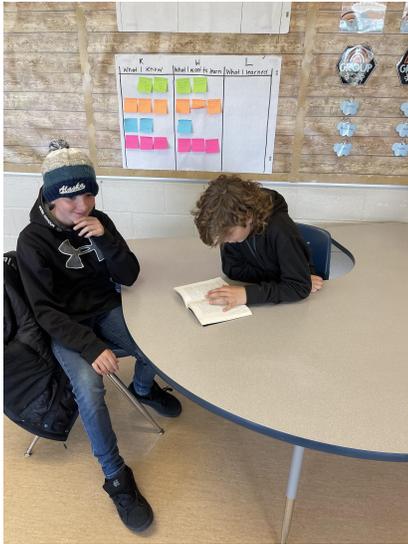


Purdys Chocolate fundraiser is underway! Thank you to those supporters who have already placed orders we appreciate it VERY MUCH!! Below is the web address to our online fundraiser. We are still waiting on physical copies of the catalogues (I have posted a digital catalogue web address below also) but as soon as I have the physical catalogues I will get them out to students to take home.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1156792-87093>

https://fundraising.purdys.com/gnfassets/resources/web/fundraising/2021_Christmas_Fundraising_Catalogue_Digital.pdf

Grade 7/8/9

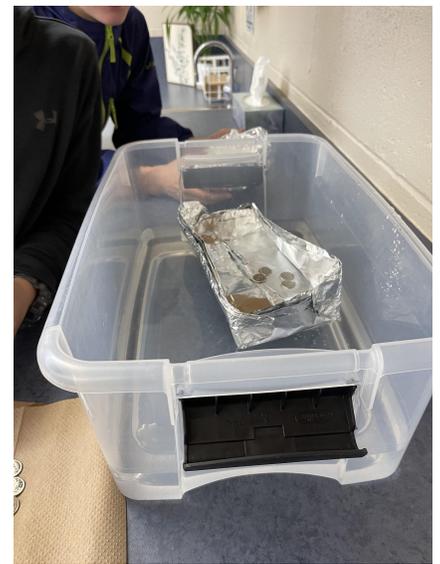


Happy Fall!
The 7/8/9s continued to show how hard work working they are for the month of October!



In Language Arts, the 7/8/9s have completed their novel *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. It was so awesome to see all the students get into the book and share their thoughts! We are working on a final project for the novel, and I am so excited to see what they will come up with! We continue to do daily work with reading and writing, and the students have settled in well to their routine. We will begin a descriptive writing unit, as well as introduction to genre for reading for the rest of October and into November!





The students have been working so hard with their science units that we are nearing the end!

The 7/8s had a chance to make penny boats (well, dime boats now!) for their buoyancy and density lessons. They were able to put their knowledge of density and their math skills to test and predict if their boats would sink or float with a given amount of dimes. So cool!

The 9s have been learning all about the periodic table and how to name different chemical compounds!

We will be done both units by the end of October and moving onto the next! The 7/8s will be starting Cells and Systems, and the 9s will be starting Environmental Chemistry!



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THANK YOU TO ALL THE KIND PEOPLE WHO SENT THEM TO OUR SCHOOL :)

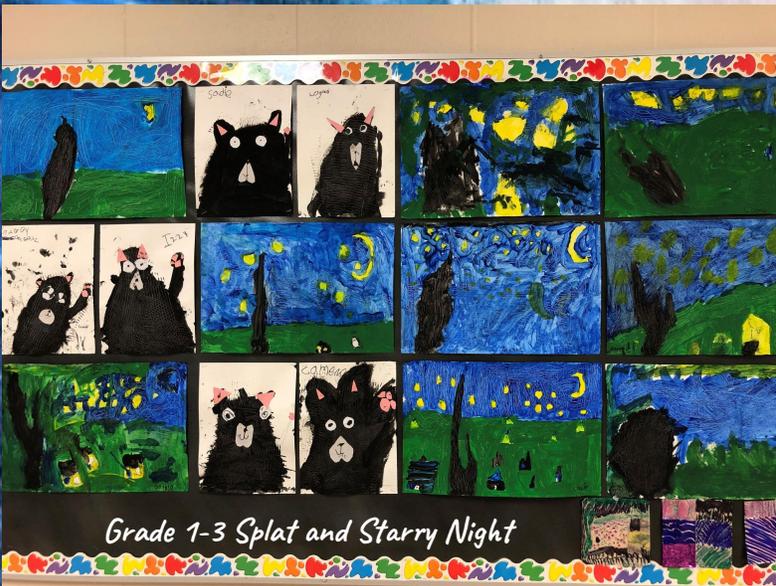
ART

Again this year, each art class will be looking at different works of art once a month and starting a discussion around it. They are encouraged to talk about things like what elements they see in each piece, how it makes them think or feel, and what story they believe the artist is telling.



Grade 4-6 Metal Tooling

As we move into November, all students have started work on a Remembrance Day poster. There will be permission forms coming home that parents can sign and return if they wish their child's poster to be submitted to the Royal Canadian Legion for their annual poster contest.



Grade 1-3 Splat and Starry Night

This month, Grades 1-3 examined Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, and created their own version, using a fork to create movement. They also painted *Splat the Cat*, first breaking down their drawing into basic shapes

The Grade 4-6 class finished their metal tooling texture projects, and the results are fantastic!

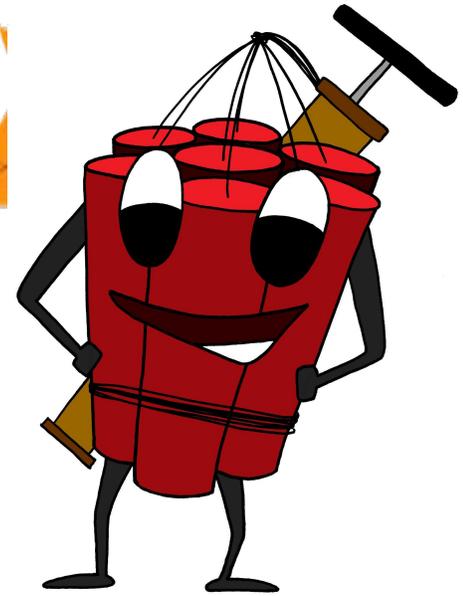
Grades 7-9 completed their Bren Bataclan paintings, and studied composition in art with collages.



Grade 7-9 Bren Bataclan inspired work

DIXONVILLE SCHOOL DYNAMITE SHOUT OUTS!

Thank you going out to the Dixonville L.I.F.E. AG. Society for their sponsorship of our Schools hot lunch program. The Dixonville L.I.F.E. AG. Society sponsors one hot lunch each month for all of our students to enjoy!



Thank you to the Dixonville Golden Age Inn ladies for doing a huge muffin bake for our students for their morning breakfast program! They are such a big hit with our students

Thank you going out to the Margie Sorensen, Diane Spirig and Janis Erickson who sponsored the Schools last hot lunch in June.

Dixonville school is so grateful for the outpour of parent and community support! We appreciate you all very much!

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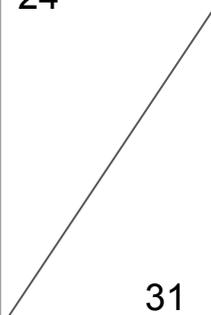
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3	4 School picture day	5	6 After school sports program-volleyball 3:45- 5:00	7 Pizza hot lunch sponsored by Dixonville LIFE AG Society	8 No school	9
10	11 No school- Thanksgiving	12	13 After school sports program-volleyball 3:45- 5:00	14 Chicken Burger hot lunch sponsored by Dixonville School	15	16
17	18	19	20 After school sports program-floor hockey 3:45- 5:00	21 Hot dog hot lunch Sponsored by Dixonville Golden Age INN	22	23
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Pizza hot lunch sponsored by Dixonville L.I.F.E. AG.Society

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After school sports program- archery 3:45- 5:00
Chicken Burger hot lunch sponsored by Dixonville School

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NO school Remembrance day

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After school sports program- basketball 3:45- 5:00

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Hot dog hot lunch sponsored by Dixonville Golden age Inn

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No School PD Day

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After school sports program- basketball 3:45- 5:00

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Sloppy Joe hot lunch Sponsored by R & R Road Limited

PAC MEETING 3:45

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