

Dixonville School News

November 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

November 22nd-
No School PD Day

November 23-
Parent teacher
interviews

November 24-
Parent teacher
interviews

November 25- PAC
MEETING 3:45



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Principal's Message

It has been a great start to November at Dixonville School! There have been many important topics to explore, celebrate and reflect on this month including **Remembrance Day**, **Parents Matter Week** and **Metis Week**. Wednesday, November 10th was a very special day as our school population got together to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day is a important time of the year, where we recognize and remember all those who fought and died in the line of duty to keep us- and our country, Canada- free. During our moment of reflection- students were encouraged to think about our past generations and the sacrifices they made for us. They were asked to reflect on what a great country we live in. Although there may be times where we may feel like we need more, try to remember that we live in a country that is safe, a country where citizens are involved in decision-making and a country where everyone is welcome and accepted.

If it wasn't for those who fought and died in the wars we might not live in a country like this. Thank you soldiers. We Remember.

Before the end of the month, our teaching and learning teams are looking forward to touching base with parents/guardians regarding their child's/children's progress. Report cards are to be mailed out on Friday, November 19th. Our office will be in touch with families to arrange parent/teacher phone call interviews that are to take place on Tuesday, November 23rd and Wednesday, November 24th.



Superintendent message

Have you ever heard these terms from your child(ren)'s school - RCAT, WAT, MIPI NCAT, and F & P BAS? These are all acronyms for local assessments that are used in all of Peace River School Division's (PRSD) schools to support students' learning needs and achievement. Teachers use these powerful tools to determine how students learn and to develop personalized instructional activities. Strategic use of local assessments also helps to improve student performance on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma Exams.

Assessment Legend:

RCAT = Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool

WAT = Writing Assessment Tool

MIPI = Math Intervention/Programming Instrument

NCAT = Numeracy Common Assessment Tool

F & P BAS = Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 1 and 2

To help enhance your understanding about why local assessments are powerful tools in supporting your child(ren)'s learning, I would like to share some details about why we use them and what benefits our students receive from their use.

The local assessments listed above help teachers to determine their students' level of knowledge and skills in the core areas of Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments will tell a teacher if there are any learning gaps with key concepts in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to provide targeted lessons and useful accommodations to help the student learn important skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments are done at the beginning of the year and then again later in the year to assess progress. The frequency that these assessments are administered allows Teachers and Educational Assistants to give targeted interventions and accommodations immediately after the assessment is completed.

All schools within PRSD have school teams made up of Teachers, Educational Assistants, I-Coaches, and Principals. These teams make up our School Division's Collaborative Response to meeting your child(ren)'s needs. These school teams receive support from Divisional I-Coaches, Program Coordinators, Assistant Superintendents of Teaching and Learning and Learning Supports, and even me!

Local assessments are powerful tools in contributing to our mission to ensure every child is literate and numerate, not most students, but every student!

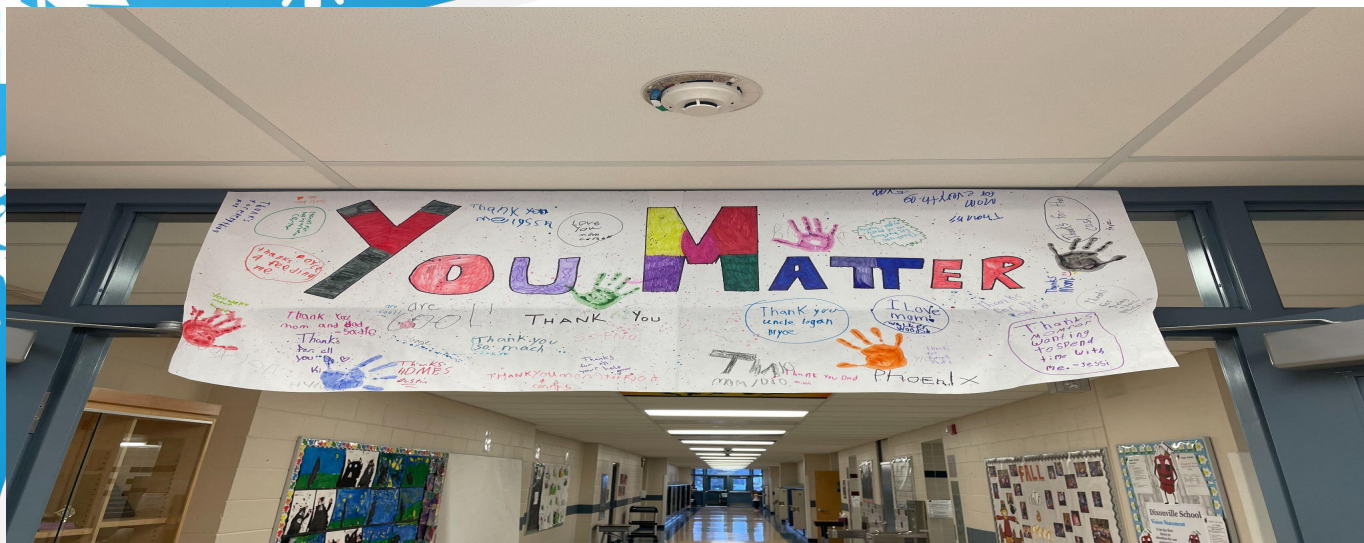
To further explore the power of local assessments, I encourage you to go to our website and read [PRSD's Three-Year Education Plan for 2021-2024](#). We look forward to continuing to collaborate with all parents in achieving our collective goal of success for all students.



Remembrance Day 11/11/21

Our school hosted a Remembrance Day ceremony this year on November 10th. We had special guests join us from the Grimshaw Royal Legion as well as Mrs. Gladys Bruce who is a local veteran. It was fantastic to see all of our students so engaged in such a powerful ceremony. Each class was able to contribute something special to the ceremony.

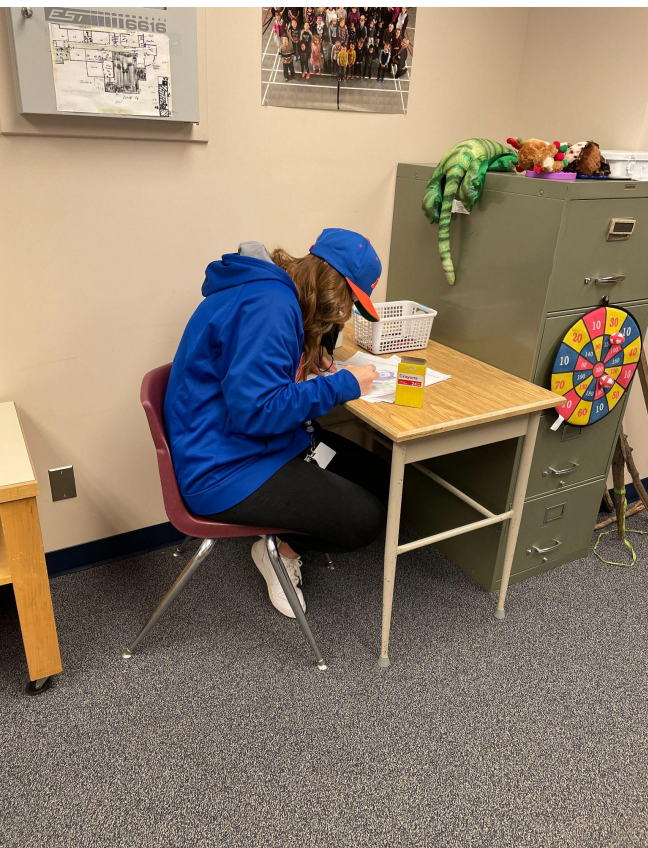




Parents Matter Week November 15th- November 19th. This year for Parents Matter Week our students made a HUGE banner for our schools entryway showing their appreciation to their parents and guardians for everything that they do!

We followed through our week with different classroom activities centered around why our parents/guardians matter to us. Some of these activities included letters and postcards to our parents/guardians thanking them for everything that they do.

Last year “Dress like your parent/guardian Day” was a huge (hilarious) hit so we decided to do it again this year! We just love how creative our students and staff can get!



Kindergarten News

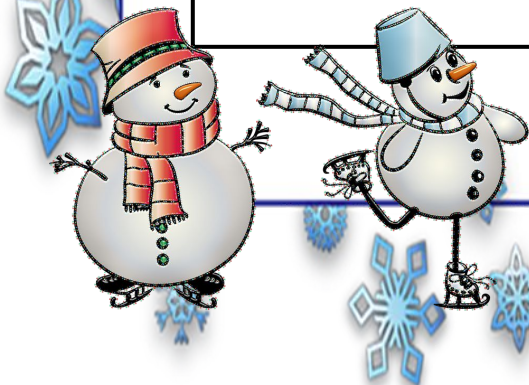
Literacy

We are becoming quite the letter detectives! Your child can spot the letters, M, O, T, R, A, H, P, B, S, D, X and U. They are also learning which letters are vowels and which ones are consonants. We continue to look for words that begin with any of these letters. You can also help at home by looking for all those letters and practicing their sounds. We participate in whole group reading daily. This is called Shared Reading. This is where we practice concepts about print skills. For example, learning that reading is left to right, pointing to individual words and turning pages in the book from front to back. In December, we will read and write about Christmas. These stories will be both fiction and non-fiction. Many students already know the difference!



Numeracy

We are continuing to work on comparing and ordering numbers from 0-5 and learning to read, write and count through 10. We will build and compare sets of objects and describe relationships among them using terms more, less, and equal.



NOVEMBER



November in 1/2/3

We have been hard at work in the 1/2/3 room. The students continue to work on reading in small groups and practicing at home. In writing we are learning all about and how to use the element of suspense. In math we have started working on addition to 20 (Grade 1), 100 (Grade 2) and 1000 (Grade 3).

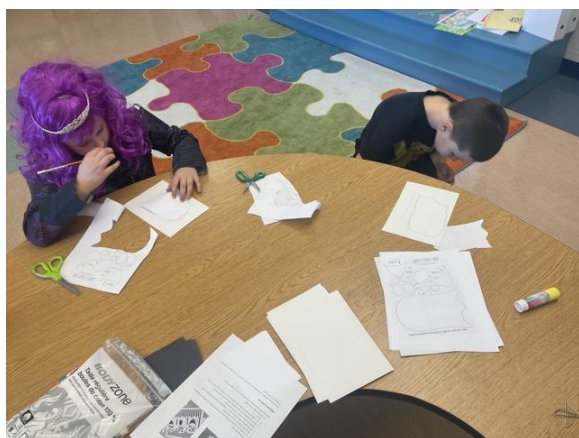
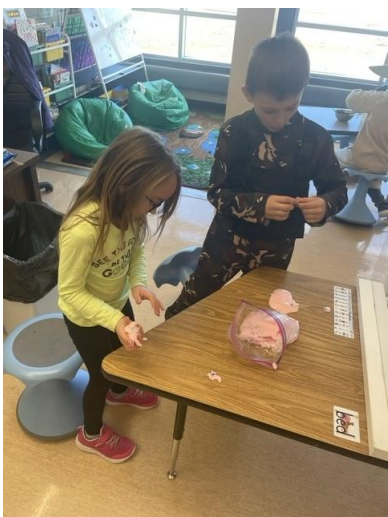
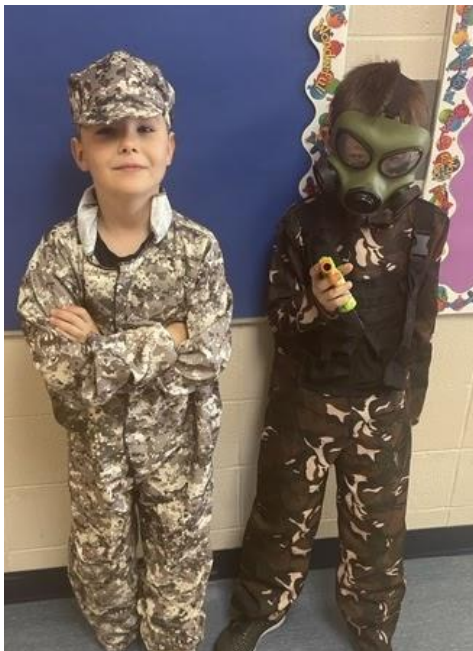
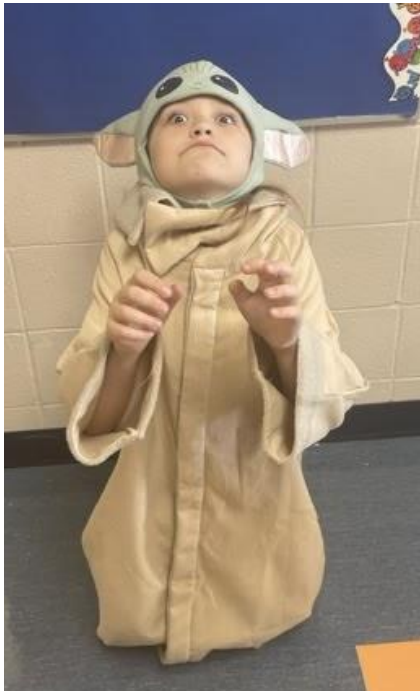


In Science we will all continue working on the Exploring Liquids unit. Students have been having so much fun playing and experimenting with a variety of liquids. In Social Studies we are learning about Rural and Urban Communities and the similarities and differences in these communities.

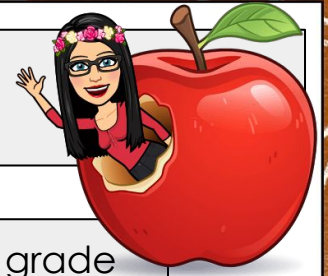
We would like to welcome Mrs. Fedorowicz into our classroom. She is a student teach joining us for the month of November and into December. As well she will be back in February through April. She will be helping and taking on teaching responsibilities in the classroom. Mrs. Bullen will also be in the room so it will be great having both working with students.



Halloween Pictures from 1/2/3



Grade 4/5/6



November has been such a busy month for us here in grade 4/5/6. I can't believe three months have already passed. Our classroom has been beginning to feel like a family, and it makes my heart full to see everyone working together. Since the beginning of the year, students have been working hard to be classroom leaders and independent learners.



Our classroom mascot, Penelope, made her very first appearance during Halloween. Everyday she hid in a different place in the classroom during the week of Halloween!

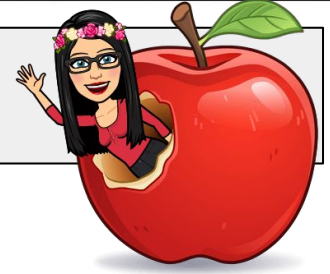


Students were enjoying the fresh snow during their first recess of the day!



Our Social 4/5 students have been working extremely hard to create their 3D map of Canada, and all their amazing regions. Students had to identify their assigned region's resources, landforms, climate, and animals. I am beyond proud of their creation!

Grade 4/5/6



Grade 6 Science have been building and testing their parachutes, in their Flight unit. Soon students will be building gliders, and manipulating them in order for them to turn and flip.

Our grade 4's and 5's had a great time learning all about electricity and circuits this month. The grade 6's even joined in the fun as well! They learned how electricity needed to be in a continuous loop, as well as what happens when components are added and removed.



Metis Week

November 15-19 Metis week, and we celebrated in school. Students listened to the Metis anthem, they discussed what it means to be Metis, they learned the traditional Metis finger weave, and got to wear their moccasins for a day! Needless to say, finger weaving was an all time favorite, and we will most definitely continue learning this skill.

Grade 7/8/9



Wow! November already! The school year is flying by. There has been so many exciting things happening in the 7/8/9 room!

We want to wish a warm welcome to our new friend, Austin L!

Congratulations to our new student council president Skylar Dawson and our student council vice president Kiara Woods! The rest of the 7/8/9 class will make up the student council members! I have been so impressed with the participation from all the students!

We are so excited to plan lots of fun spirit day activities for the remainder of the year, and are already thinking about our next big holiday - Christmas!



In Language arts, the students have started a narrative writing unit. We are currently working on what makes up a narrative story, and how to distinguish this from other types of writing. To help with this unit, we are focusing on the short story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty". The students will soon be doing their own pieces of writing!

We are also continuing with our comprehension strategies, focusing now on making connections. The students love their independent reading time, and are excited to start a new read aloud for class, *Freak the Mighty*! We will use this novel to help with the reading comprehension skill we are currently working on, and others!



Our new science units are well underway!
The 7/8s have started Cells and Systems, and are currently learning all about the cell! We are working on distinguishing the differences of plant and animal cells and will even be building our very own out of playdough!
The 9s have started Environmental Chemistry, and have been learning all about organic and inorganic compounds, and how these work within the environment! They have completed an assignment about the pros and cons of using pesticides in the environment. We will be moving onto water and air quality next!

ART

Each week we start Art Classes with a fun Art Joke of the Week. Students come up with so many great answers. Sometimes the joke even gets more laughs than groans!

Why did the artist rob a bank?

He did it for the Monet!

All students worked hard on their Remembrance Day posters, and those that were submitted to the poster contest have been sent to the Grimshaw Legion. Good luck to all our fantastic artists!



With the coming of December, students have begun work on Christmas art projects. Each class will be looking at many different techniques, including mixed media, and kiragami.

Grades 1-3 looked at Mola fabric panels, and created a Christmas stocking in the same style.

Grades 4-6 created a mixed media Christmas tree painting, with both watercolor and tempera paint.

Grades 7-9 chose a Christmas carol, and created a mixed media collage with mod podge, paint, and wallpaper.

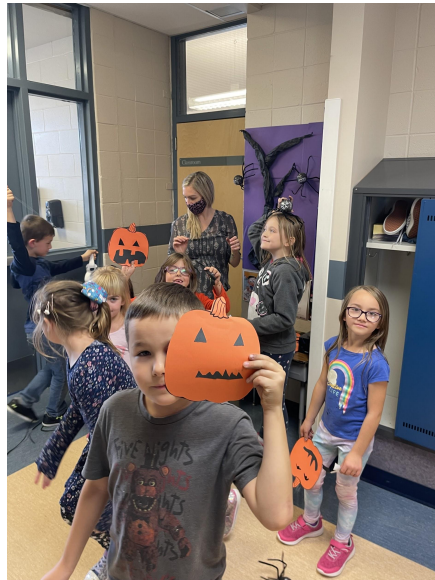


Student Council Activities: Halloween!

The school participated in a scary locker decorating contest! Each class was given 1 hour to decorate a locker as scary as possible! Each class produced some pretty scary creations! A poll was sent out to all students, which named the 7/8/9 locker the scariest! Great work Dixonville School!



1/2/3 Locker!



7/8/9 Locker!

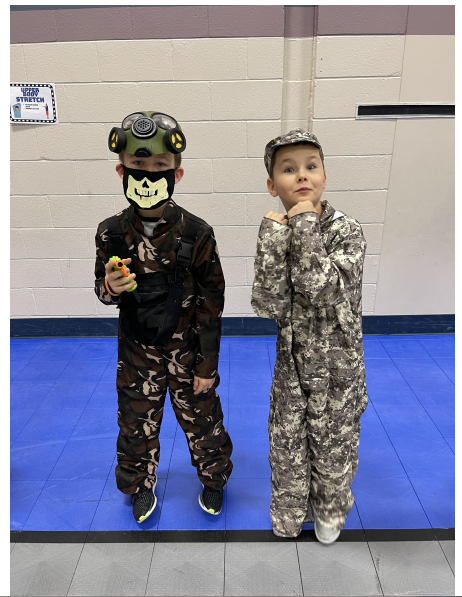


4/5/6 Locker!



Student Council Activities: Halloween!

Dixonville
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rocked the
Halloween
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at our
parade this
year!





Purdys Chocolate fundraiser is now closed! Thank you very much to all of our supporters!

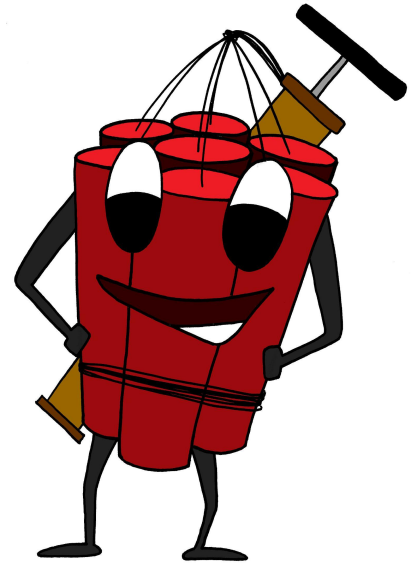
Our students made a profit of **\$1808.63**

Profits from fundraisers such as this one, go directly back to our students and helps provide the finances for extra curricular fun activities such as our school field trips to the ski hill or swimming trips to the Peace River pool!

We thank you all for your continued support!



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 for sponsoring one of our schools hot lunches for the month of November and doing another great muffin bake off!! Our students look forward to the muffins each morning as part of our breakfast program.

Thank you going out to R&R Road Limited for sponsoring one of our schools hot lunches for the month of November!

Thank you to the Weenink family for sponsoring our monthly milk program! Their generous donation was able to supply our student with milk for the entire month of November.

If you are interested in donating to our milk, breakfast or hot lunch program please give us a call at the school office.

Thank you to Bill Woods for taking in our bottles for recycling! It is very much appreciated!

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



Wish everyone in the community the best of the season, and help Santa fill goodie bags for the kids! Donations are being accepted at the Post Office. Your name will be posted on the Community Christmas Card outside the Post Office and the money is used to help Santa with the goodie bags given out at the Dixonville School Christmas Concert. Unfortunately the Concert is not open to the public this year. If you would like a video of the concert emailed to you, contact Cassie at the school (780-971-3770) or proskurniakc@hotmail.com



November 2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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7	8	9	10 After school sports program- archery 3:45- 5:00 Chicken Burger hot lunch sponsored by Dixonville School	11 NO school Remembrance day	12 No School	13
14	15	16	17 After school sports program- basketball 3:45- 5:00	18 Hot dog hot lunch sponsored by Dixonville Golden age Inn	19	20
21	22 No School PD Day	23	24 After school sports program- basketball 3:45- 5:00	25 Sloppy Joe hot lunch Sponsored by R & R Road Limited PAC MEETING 3:45	26	27
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December 2021

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Red and
Green Day

Dress like
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Wear an ugly
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Sweater

After school
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program-
Skating
3:45- 5:00

Formal Dress
for Christmas
Concert

Hot dog hot
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sponsored by
the Dixonville
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SWIMMING
FUN DAY

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CHRISTMAS BREAK

January 2022

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