

# Dixonville School News

May 2022



## Special dates

May 30th- June 3rd- culture week

June 9- divisional track meet T.A. Norris

June 21- AMA Fun Run

June 23rd- Award ceremony

June 24th- Fun swim

## **Dixonville School Vision Statement**

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

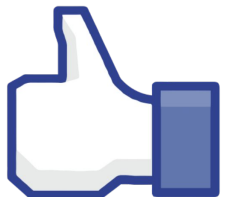
## **Dixonville School Mission Statement**

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



Dixonville School provides regular updates and notices on Facebook!

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students enjoying the schools newest game “Crossnet”

# Principal's Message

Summer is finally here! We are officially on the home stretch of the school year! Students need to remember that although we are in the last month of the school year, there is still work to be done, courses to be finished and exams to be written. Don't take your foot off the gas!

Grade 6 and 9 students prepared hard for the English (Part A- Writing) Provincial Achievement Test that took place on May 16th and 18th. This was their first of six PATs that they will be writing this school year- the other ones will be written in June. Best of luck to our students who are writing these exams!

I would like to extend a big Dynamite thank you to the Manning Chamber of Commerce, Paul Rowe School and Stat Energy for hosting our grade 789 students during their Career Day on April 28th. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about the different career paths available to them- both by visiting booths at the Job Fair and by seeing first hand the operations at Stat Energy.

Another thank you needs to go out to all of our visitors to our Open House on May 12th. We had an excellent turnout and it was so wonderful to see our students show their family and friends the great things that they have been doing at school.

We are very excited about our 2022 Awards and Grade 9/Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, June 23rd. The ceremony will take place in the gymnasium at 10am. Dynamite Day activities- organized by the Parent Advisory Council- will take place that afternoon in the school yard. We are looking forward to a great day of honouring our students and celebrating our school spirit!

Upcoming dates:

Monday May 30th - Friday June 3rd	Culture Week
Monday, June 6th	PD Day (no students)
Thursday, June 9th	Grade 456 Divisional Track Meet
Thursday, June 9th	Grade 789 Indigenous Blanket Exercise
Tuesday, June 14th	Grade 6 Science PAT
Wednesday, June 15th	Grade 6 Math PAT (Part A & B)
Thursday, June 16th	Grade 6 and Grade 9 ELA (Part B) PAT
Friday, June 17th	Grade 6 and Grade 9 SS PAT
Monday, June 20th	Grade 9 Math PAT (Part A & B)
Tuesday, June 21st	Indigenous Peoples Day
Tuesday, June 21st	Dixonville School Trackmeet
Wednesday, June 22nd	Grade 9 Science PAT
Thursday, June 23rd	Awards, Kindergarten/Grade 9 Grad (AM)
Thursday, June 23rd	Dynamites Spirit Day (PM)
Friday, June 24th	Fun Swim
Friday, June 24th	Last Day for students- report cards mailed home



# Superintendent message

## Education and Mental Health Awareness Week

The Peace River School Division is passionate about achieving student success and we continually use our Three-Year Education plan as a vehicle to drive our efforts. Our first two goals ensure our students receive outstanding teaching and learning in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, but I want to take some time to highlight our division's third goal: All students are successful through inclusionary practices and engaging culture. From May 2-6 all our schools will be celebrating Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week. I believe our third goal will demonstrate our commitment to our students overall educational experience and our ongoing dedication to supporting students' mental health.

This inclusionary goal is further divided into multiple educational outcomes, which include, "We believe in the importance that our students are meeting high expectations in

learner outcomes that reflect their individual academic needs and interests," and also, "We understand that our students' physical and social emotional wellness needs and interests are met and their academic engagement is increased by ensuring they are learning in a safe and caring environment that celebrates diversity." As you can see our third goal does an excellent job at intertwining education and mental health together for our students within the Division.

To achieve these outcomes, PRSD continues to support and implement Wrap Around Services which include trained Social Workers, Project Peace Workers, and Youth Enhancement Support Workers to all divisional students. The school division also meets our student learner outcomes by providing a Collaborative Response to education that ensures we accurately assess where students are at in their learning journey. We also provide targeted instruction in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy to ensure students continue to learn and be successful.

During Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week, our students and staff will participate in activities and learning opportunities that highlight the importance of education and mental health in our lives, families, schools, community, and the world. To that end, I am happy to report that we have four teachers within the school division that are volunteering their time to teach Ukrainian students through virtual lessons. This selfless act truly signifies the importance of public education and why we should celebrate our division's ability to meet the educational needs of all children. It also highlights the need for us to understand how important mental health is when thinking about a student's academic achievements.

Thank you to students, parents, staff, community members and organizations for your support - the work you do makes a difference, and we appreciate you.

Adam Murray

Superintendent of Schools



# New Tetherball

By: Carlene and Sophia



Thank you Mr. O for putting up our Tetherball, near the playground. We can play with it at recess and sometimes during gym. Thank you Ms. Cassie for purchasing our Tetherball. It is open for all students to play with at recesses and sometimes during gym, it is also available after school. All of the kids love to play with the fun new Tetherballs.

# Butterflies

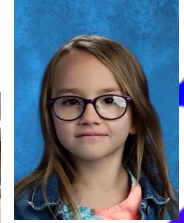
By: Jess and Gabby



We're getting butterflies they will ship to us on May 30th from Education Station in Edmonton. We are raising them from larvae to butterflies. Once they're old enough we can set them free. They're going to be so cute/neat! Here are some facts about the painted lady butterfly;

- They can be found in many places around The World
- They can fly fast and far!

# Dodgeball Tournament



By: Carson and Sadie

Students in Grades K-9 played on 3 dodgeball teams with 13 people on a team. The games were in the gym during lunch recess. "Miss P's Minions" was the winning team of the dodgeball tournament. It was so fun! We had 3 games per round and 3 rounds. Round 1 was Doctor Dodgeball, Round 2 was Backboard Dodgeball, the 3rd Round, was Ultimate Dodgeball.

# Bike Rodeo



Bike Rodeo is on Friday May 27th. The RCMP are coming to the school to check our helmets and do presentations on Bike Safety with representatives from Public Health. We are excited for this fun afternoon.



# Grade 4/5/6 Classroom Update

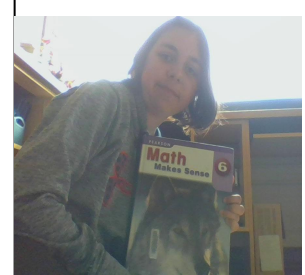
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## MATH!!!

BY: JESSI

Sadly, math is coming to an end. 😞 To summarize the math year, I'll talk about the fun we had learning together. To start off the year the class did data and analysis. Next we went into place value, and played Games to start class, like mystery numbers. Later on grade 4/5 was learning decimals, meanwhile grade 6 learned about ratios. Soon we had some fun with fractions, and together learned that they can actually be fun. Then we went into multiplication and division, the key to all math. Finally to wrap up the year gr.4 did geometry. Gr.5 did measurement, and last but not least, gr.6 did polygons. Gr.5's have 1 more unit to complete, and gr.6's have 3 more units.

THANK YOU MS.P FOR A SPECTACULAR YEAR!!!



This is our mosaic art !



This is shrink paper but not ours

## Art

By Zakira Woods



Hi my name is Zakira. I will be talking about art! Last newsletter Mrs.Cayley, our Art teacher, introduced us to mosaics. The word is weird but the art is amazing. I will show you a pic after! Then for Mother's Day we did drum roll please... Dalalalalal Shrink paper! If you do not know what shrink paper is, it is plastic that shrinks in the oven. It is very cool! All of the kids did amazing! Oh and Mrs.Cayley does an art joke at the beginning of class! Thank you Mrs.Cayley for being our teacher. We all enjoy art and you being our teacher!

# Grade 4/5/6 Classroom Update



## !SCIENCE!

By Melyssa

Hi my name is Melyssa and today I will be talking about science. What we are doing in science is wetlands, and we started learning about wetlands on May 24, 2022. We have learned about what animals live in the wetland and also what are wetlands. We have created a jam board and we have done a presentation where we talked about what we think it is. Thank you for this year Mrs. Buchinski, it was amazing!!

## Heath

By Brielle



Heath in the grade 4/5/6 class, we are learning about drugs, and what could harm you and what can't. But still you should not do drugs. We also got a support stuffed toy called Slumberkins, it is so fluffy and awesome. We have Mrs Vanessa on Tuesdays. She does really fun activities. She introduced us to a new art activity in heath, it is called paint pens. We also made mental health cards made for people that have PAT exams and anyone who needed it.

## Music

By Shelly



In music we sing songs and play guitars. The song we are on is 'fishing in the dark'. It is a very good song. I like 'riptide.' It is my favorite. Not everyone loves to sing but mabey likes to play the guitar. I love to sing but my friend does not. My favorite part of music is to sing. Mrs. Buchinski is very good at singing. We always do a go noodle or something like that to wake up.

### Nicholas' Name Poem

N:nice  
I:inteligente  
C:caring/creative  
H:helpful  
O:OwO  
L:laughable  
A:aspiring  
S:silent



## Gym

By Conner Lohr

My name is Connor Lohr, I'm going to tell you about gym. It's fun, and has exercise. We play ultimate dodgeball, british bulldog, and more. I like gym.

# Entertainment

## Horoscopes

**Leo:** July 22 -aug 23.

You will get a crown in 24 hour.

**Taurus:** April 20-may 20.

You will get a bunch of luck from a friend.

**Gemini:** May 20-june 21

You will get a twin.

**Cancer:** June 20-july 22.

You will be a cool kid.

**Virgo:** Aug. 23 to Sept. 22

You will get 10,0000 million dollars in the mail.

**Libra:** Sept 22 to Oct 23

You will get something special.

**Scorpio:** Oct 23 to Nov 21

You will live for 100 years.

**Capricorn:** Dec 21st to Jan 30th

Take the time to appreciate those who mean the most to you.

**Pisces:** Feb 19th March 20th

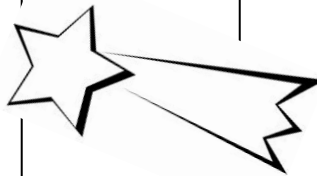
You will find something to hope to find.

**Aquarius:** Jan 20 - Feb 18

Someone is thinking of you.

**Aries:** March 21 - April 19th

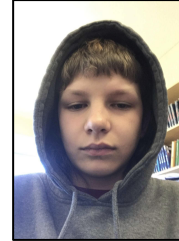
All the hard work will not go unnoticed this month.



## Question of The Month

By: Abby and Sydney

*What's your favorite movie?*



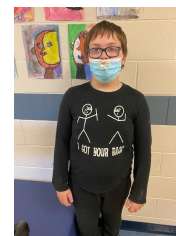
**Evan:** I like the movie Up, because of the balloons.



**Brooke:** Sing1. I like it because of the music.



**Izzy:** Ballerina, because of the dancing.



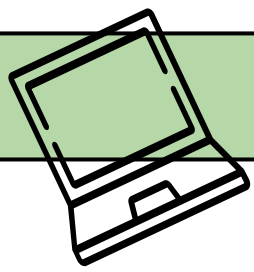
**Conner:** Sonic, because it is on Roblox.



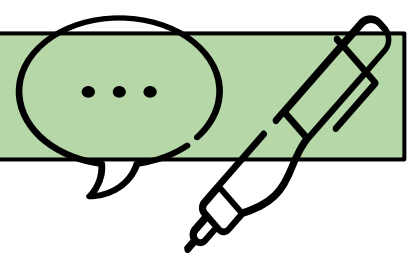
## **Interview with Mr. Mitten and Murphy**

By Taylor and Abby

We had the pleasure to interview Mr Mitten and Murphy the dog. Mr. Mitten is a Social Worker, and we know him because he comes to our school with his dog Murphy. He was raised in Ireland, and later followed his dad to Ontario, Canada, and in March 2014 he moved to Peace River, Alberta, where he now lives. Mr. Mitten loves his job and he hopes to do it for a long time. Murphy is an emotional support dog, and Mr. Mitten's pet. Murphy was adopted by Mr. Mitten 5 years ago. The adoption agency said when Murphy was only 2 months old he was found in a dumpster. Mr. Mitten and Murphy travel to 9 different schools and work with 78 different students this year. Murphy helps by calming people down in stressful situations. He is a certified emotional support dog, and is Mr. Mitten's best friend. It is so nice to have them visit us at Dixonville School, to talk to and to help find ways to figure it out.



# 789 Classroom News



## Manning Job Fair

By Ben V and Hayez K



The Manning Job Fair was held at Paul Rowe High School in Manning. It took place on April 28th, 2022. All Dixonville grade 7 to 9s went to the job fair. An example of one of the job booths was for the West Fraser Sawmill north of Manning. At their booth they gave information about the different jobs available and future summer employment opportunities. Other booths were Northern Lakes College, Northwestern Polytechnics, Reinders Law, and ATB Financial. The students also went to STAT Energy where we learned about how to do different oilfield jobs such as dispatcher, welder, heavy duty mechanics, and administrative positions. It was really cool to see the different equipment they had in their yard. Thank you to all the businesses for the information!



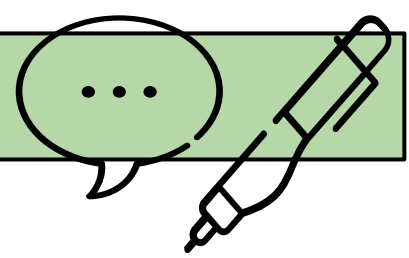
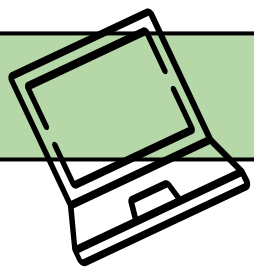
## Highway Clean-Up

By Kiara W and Austin B



Highway Clean-Up took place on Saturday, May 14th on Highway 34. For each kilometer cleaned, the school raised \$100. As a group we did a total of 22 km! A lot of families from the Dixonville area participated in the highway clean up. We found a lot of strange things like a toaster and a dead dog. Dixonville school would like to thank everyone that took time out of their day to help with the highway cleanup this year.





## Grade 9 Transition Tour

By Skylar D

The grade 9 students attended a transition tour to Grimshaw Public School. In this transition tour we hoped that the students would feel more at ease for next year once they leave. When we arrived at the school, the grade 9 students were greeted by the vice principal Mr.O. The students then were split up for an option class of their choosing. Some went to mechanics which was located in the bus garage, and others went to music. After options, they attended a health class where they played a fun “would you rather?” game. They then went off and had lunch around the town, which was their favorite part of the day. Once they were done they had gym class. During gym, they played cricket and learned how to jump over hurdles properly. The day was over and they went back home. It was a great day! Thanks for having up, GPS.



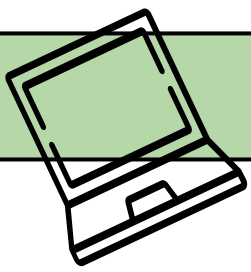
## Oilers vs. Flames Watch Party!

By Evan B and Gage K

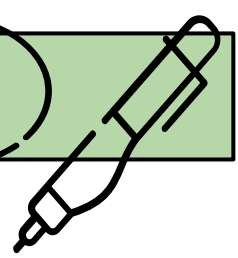
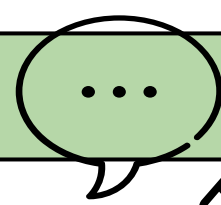


Dixonville School put on an Oilers vs Flames watch party for the students to attend. It took place on Wednesday, May 18th from 7:00-10:00 pm. The game was projected in the gym. There was popcorn and juice for the watchers. The invite was extended to parents as well! This was an exciting game as the Flames and Oilers have not played each other in the playoffs since 1991 - over 30 years!





# 789 Classroom News



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING CLASSROOM DATES:



Thursday, May 26th - Moustache Day

Friday, May 27th - Bike Rodeo/Sun safety

May 30th-June 3rd - Culture Week

Thursday, June 16th - **Grade 9 Language Arts Part B PAT**

Tuesday, June 14th - Fun Run

Friday, June 17th - **Grade 9 Social Studies PAT** and 7/8 Social Final

Monday, June 20th - **Grade 9 Math PAT**

Tuesday, June 21st - National Aboriginal Day/Track and Field afternoon

Wednesday, June 22nd - **Grade 9 Science PAT** and 7/8 Science Final

Thursday, June 23rd - Kinder/Grade 9 Grad (Morning) and Dixonville Spirit Day (afternoon)

Friday, June 24th - Last day of school and Fun Swim Day



## A Message from the Teacher:

I cannot believe it is already the end of May!

This year has absolutely flown by!

I am so proud of all the work the 7/8/9 students have been doing. I am truly blessed to have such an amazing group of students. They make coming to work such a joy.

With only 4 weeks left of school, we have some crazy busy days ahead of us! We will be working hard to prepare for upcoming final exams and PATs.

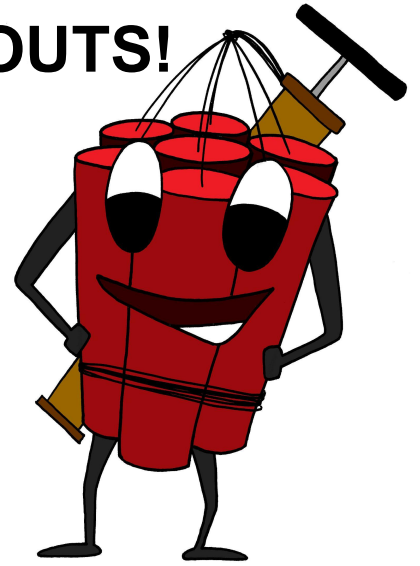
Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about any upcoming dates!



- Ms. Pasichnuk

# DIXONVILLE SCHOOL DYNAMITE **community** 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!



Dixonville School would like to thank all the families who made it out to help with our annual Alberta Highway Clean up! We covered the entire highway from start of highway 689 all the way West to the end of the pavement! We had a great turnout and the weather turned out to be absolutely lovely! Fundraisers such as this one go towards funding for extra events such as our schools swimming lessons and fun swims.

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

# June 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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5	6 PD Day no school for students	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 AMA FUN RUN	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Indigenous peoples day	22	23 Dynamite day	24 Last day for students  Fun swim	25
26	27	28	29	30		