

Dixonville School News

January 2022



Special dates

January 31st- No
School PD Day

February 2nd-
Rosary vs
Dixonville
basketball (home
game)

February 15th-
Glenmary vs
Dixonville (away
game)

February 23rd-
Grimshaw vs
Dixonville (away
game)

February 21st- No
School Family Day

February 22nd- No
School PD Day

Dixonville School Vision Statement

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

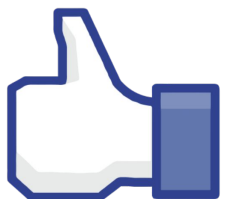
Dixonville School Mission Statement

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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FACEBOOK**



Principal's Message

Welcome back! I sincerely hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. After our extended winter break, we are officially back in the swing of things at Dixonville School!

A lot of exciting things have been happening at Dixonville School since our last newsletter. In early December, we were fortunate to have visitors from the Manning Vision Credit Union do a presentation on Financial Literacy for our students. Our presenters discussed the importance of saving money, different banking options for youth, they also answered any questions students had. We are very grateful to have had them stop by and pass some very important information along to our students.

Students and teachers were busy preparing for our Christmas Concert during December as well. Each class put in a lot of time and effort to learn some Christmas songs, skits and even dances to present on December 16th. They all did a wonderful job and it was so awesome to bring the whole school together for this event. The cherry on top was when Santa Claus made an appearance! It was a great day! Hopefully next year we can get back to inviting the community into our school to enjoy this event in person. We have posted videos of the concert on the Dixonville School Facebook page for the community to enjoy this year.

Shortly after our return to school, the Dixonville Dynamites junior high basketball team played their first game of the season against Grimshaw Public School. Although the outcome favored Grimshaw (46-28), we couldn't be more proud of the team's effort. Their dedication has been admirable and they are improving each time they step on the court. The Dynamites return to action on January 26th and 27th with games against Glenmary (Peace River) and Rosary (Manning). Go Dynamites!

Literacy/Beat the Winter Blues Week took place during January 24th-28th at Dixonville School. Student Council put together spirit days which included Crazy Hair Day, Dress as your Favorite book character Day, Hawaiian Day, Jersey Day, and Hats on for Mental Health Day. It was a lot of fun and so great to see the participation from our school community!

We are looking forward to February- the days will feel a little bit longer and hopefully, it starts to warm up a bit. It is shaping up to be a busy month with activities for Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, and Jump Rope for Heart kicking off.



Superintendent message

Superintendent's Message

Parent Surveys

Parents, please be on the lookout for a letter from the Alberta Government. Inside the letter, you will find a survey from the government that asks questions about our School Division. The surveys generally come to parents of Grade 4, 7, and 10 students, but have been known to come to parents of other grades as well. This survey is important to our school division, and we value your honest feedback.

The survey can be confusing and often the questions seem like they are not directed at your child's grade level. Please refrain from answering with "I don't know", as this response gives the School Division a negative result on the survey. If you have any questions, you can contact me at Central Office or please

reach out to your school's principal for assistance.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the surveys and for returning them to the government on our behalf. Your support, along with our hardworking staff members, has allowed us to continue operations throughout a difficult school year.

I would also like to take this time to highlight our achievements and to showcase some of the great things we've been implementing within the Division. We currently have a partnership with Grande Prairie Regional College for Trades Instruction — which is something we are very proud of. This initiative is making it easier for Grade 12 students to transition into fulfilling careers and pursue their academic dreams beyond high school. We have also had an increase in our 3-Year High School Completion Rate, which is an excellent accomplishment during a pandemic. Principals, teachers, and educational assistants have gone out of their way to support students and their collective hard work has paid off! In the Division, we are still sticking to our Literacy, Numeracy, and Inclusionary culture goals. We are working hard to ensure that all students are reading and writing at or above their grade levels or meeting their individualized program goals. Extra attention is also being given to ensuring that students are performing at or above grade level in numeracy and are confident in their mathematical abilities. The Division is also focused on inclusive learning for all students, and each school is ensuring a safe and caring environment that celebrates diversity. All schools are making sure that their students' physical, social, and emotional wellness needs are met so that their overall academic engagement is increased. I am also happy to announce that we are instituting the Learning Loss Intervention Program for Grade 1 to Grade 3 students. This initiative will be providing supports for students who may need extra assistance with literacy and numeracy and is being funded by the Alberta Government to close the gap on learning losses that have occurred due to the pandemic.

We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and we thank you all for your continued support.

Adam Murray

Superintendent of Schools

Dec. 10, 2021



Kindergarten News

December was filled with learning and joy as we learned about Christmas and Christmas celebrations. The children created many crafts within the classroom, read many Christmas stories, and learned songs to help celebrate the season. We shared special family traditions with our classmates, and participated in discussions about how our families celebrate during Christmas.

This month we continue to learn about the seasons, and will take a closer look at the season of winter. We have some fun snow and ice explorations planned!. We will have fun practicing building words using the letter sounds we have studied so far this year. We continue to work on our letter formation, and showcase our improved drawing skills in guided drawing. We will meet our sound friends Jenny Jaguar, Nelly Newt, Baby Barnaby and Gilda Goose.

Math we are working on number recognition and formation, making patterns using sounds and actions measuring and comparing objects Identifying 3D shapes and sorting them.



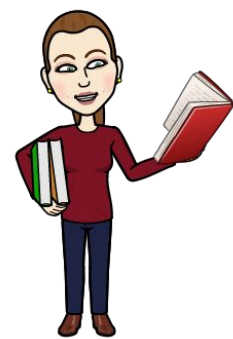


With the cold temperatures in early January we were stuck inside a lot and now have enjoyed getting outside and enjoying the snow. During our PE time we have been lacing up our skates and hitting the ice. Mr.O has been teaching us beginner skating skills,so that we are able to skate independently.





Grade 1/2/3



We are continuing to practice reading skills through daily small groups in class, as well as home reading. In writing we have been and will continue to focus on suspense and how to add this into our stories. As a class we are reading *The Dragon Thief*, this is the sequel to *Dragons in a Bag* that we read in October. We are very excited to find out what happens next, and may need to read the third book that is coming out in a few weeks.

In Social Studies we are learning about citizenship, how we can be good citizens and help care for our environment. We are also learning how to read and draw a maps, including legends and compasses.



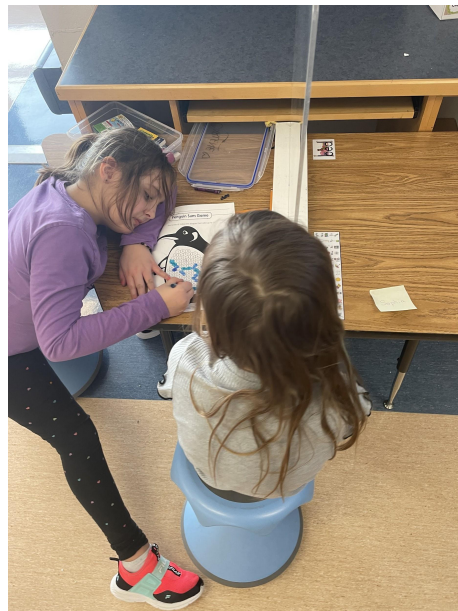
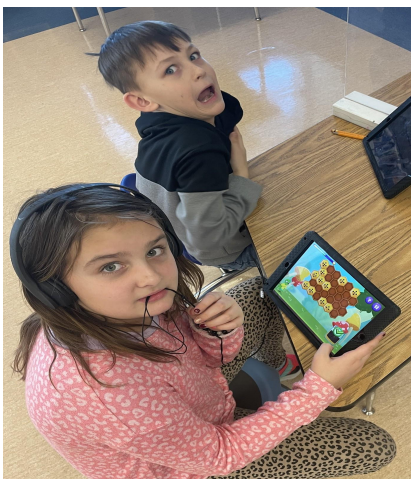
Above Left: Reading Buddies
Above Right Sadie receiving her award from the Legion Poster Contest
Below Left: Students playing "Home Alone" in Phys Ed.
Below Right: Play Centers



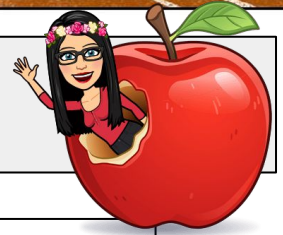
Grade 1/2/3

We are learning about our 5 Senses and Hot and Cold Temperatures in Science now. Throughout both of these units we will be performing lots of experiments around both topics. We will be completing our Exploring Liquids Unit we had been working on with Mrs. Federowicz when she is back in February.

In Math we continuing to work on addition and will be moving in to subtraction. Grade 1 students are continuing to work with numbers to 20, Grade 2 students are working with numbers to 100, this means they are learning to regroup with addition and subtraction, and Grade 3 students are working with numbers to 1000, which means building on the regrouping they learned last year.



Grade 4/5/6



I cannot believe that we are already halfway through the school year already. Time can slow down any minute! This past while, students have been taking advantage of the beautiful days, and heading outside for gym. We have been loving Chickadee Ally, and taking all our moments to walk or snowshoe the trails. It is a wonderful and special place. I am a firm believer that students create deeper learning when connected to place and community.



During our Dynamite time before Christmas, students made the birds a special treat during the cold weather. Taking pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed, students created their own bird seed feeders and hung them on the walking trail.



In our ELA class we have been busy learning about writing letters. Students took great care to write Santa a letter before Christmas, and mailed it themselves at the Dixonville Post Office. They also have written letters to Great Aunt Gert, and responded to a Help Wanted advertisement.



Grade 4/5/6

Our grade 4/5/6 class have wrapped up their units in Science this past December. Grade six was very excited to learn their forensic unit, and attempted to solve the cold case of Who Killed Buddy. They are now flipped over into Social studies, learning about the Historical Democracy, and where it originated from.

Grade 4/5 wrapped up their unit on Electricity and Magnetism, and have also flipped over to their Social unit on Canadian Histories and Stories. They have been taking the time so far to learn about Indigenous Nations, and have even started Indigenous beadwork.



Grade 7/8/9

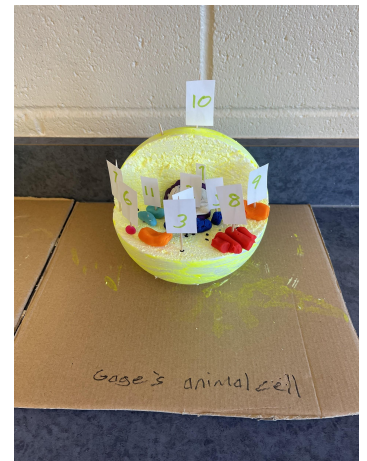
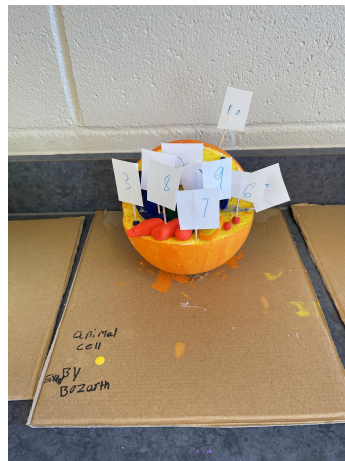
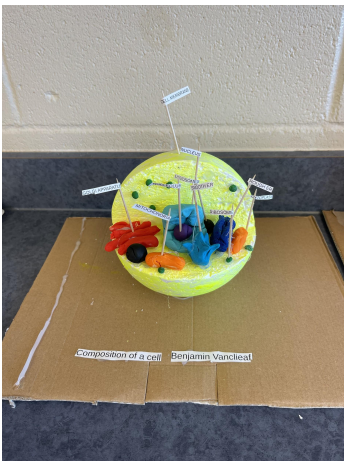


Happy New Year!

In December, the 7/8/9s got into the holiday spirit around the classroom! They all worked super hard to finish up all their work before the much needed holiday break!

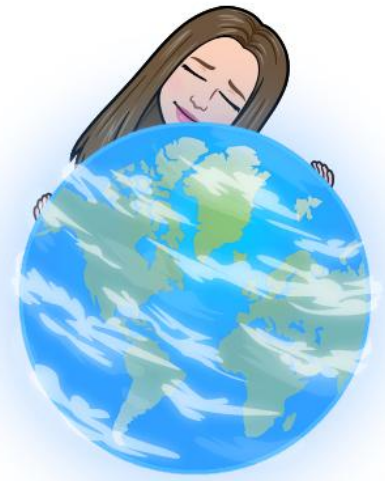
We have lots of exciting things planned for the new year! Both classes will be starting new units in both science and 7/8s in social.

The 7/8s create a 3-D Animal Cell Model to help learn about and understand the functions of a cell. All the models turned out super awesome!



The grade 9s have been hard at work, learning all about environmental chemistry! Topics that have been covered include testing pH, acid precipitation, and water and air quality.

After Christmas break, we continued with how to help prevent and counteract the damages done to the environment from human waste! After this topic will be our Unit B final exam!



For the month of December our main focus in Language Arts was preparing for our upcoming Christmas Concert! The 7/8/9s decided on the play "North Poles Got Talent!". Each student has been assigned a role, which they put lots of practice into! As they are learning more about their roles, the students are focusing on their tone of voice to match the character's mood and what they need to communicate about their feelings. They also worked on their speaking voice, projecting their voice loud for an audience to hear.



To start the new year, the students have started an independent novel study! They were able to choose their own books for this unit. As they read, they have checkpoints where they will complete an assignment based on important reading skills and strategies. At the end of their book will be a final project of their choice. I cannot wait to see all the different projects they come up with!

Grade 7/8/9 Photos



Skating for gym in -31 weather! Brrrrr!!

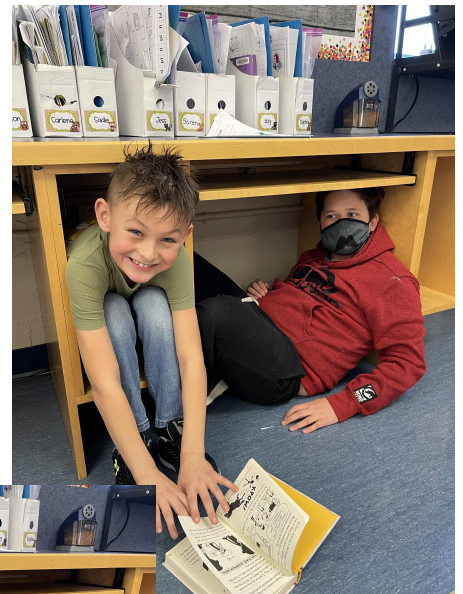


Grade 7/8/9 Santa Pictures!



Reading Buddies

The reading buddies program is back in action! The 1/2/3s have teamed up with the 7/8/9s to take turns reading to each other. So far the students have loved having the program back!



ART

We had a fun December full of different mediums creating Christmas projects!

In January, Grades 1/2/3 started with a mystery bag project. Each student received a bag with found objects from around the art room and were able to create whatever the objects inspired! We will be moving into studying the element of shape, starting with a project inspired by the work of author/illustrator Eric Carle.

Grade 4/5/6 looked at the work of Elizabeth Murray, an American painter who used lots of varying shape to create 3D abstract work. Students then created their own shape filled pieces.

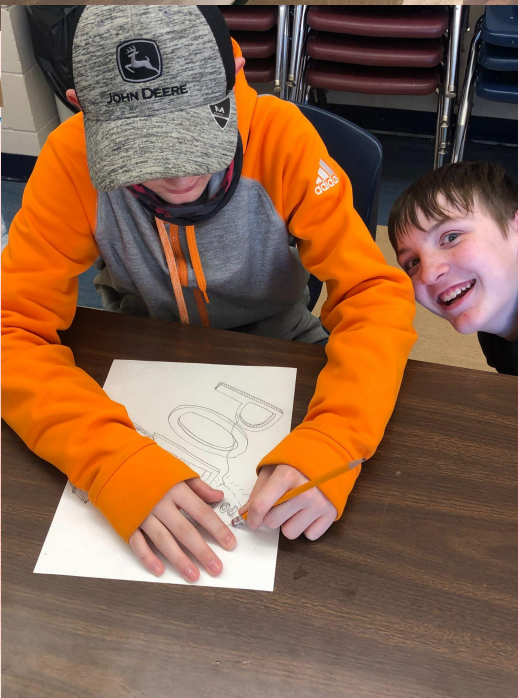
Grades 7/8/9 examined Canadian artist Geoff Slater, who uses a single line technique to create all his work, one point perspective, and started a pop art movement inspired project.

As we move into February, we will start looking at value, and working on Valentines Day assignments.



Congratulations to Sadie Russell!
Sadie placed first in her age group for her colour poster in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Contest. Her poster will now go on to the next level of judging!





Student Council Activities: Christmas Spirit Week!

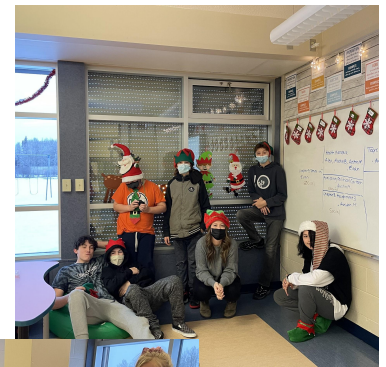
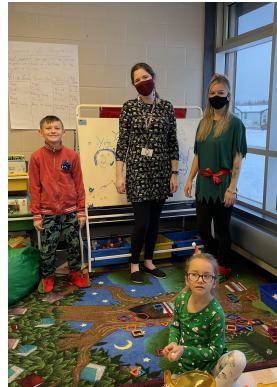


What brings you joy
Bulletin Board



Red and Green Day
December 13th

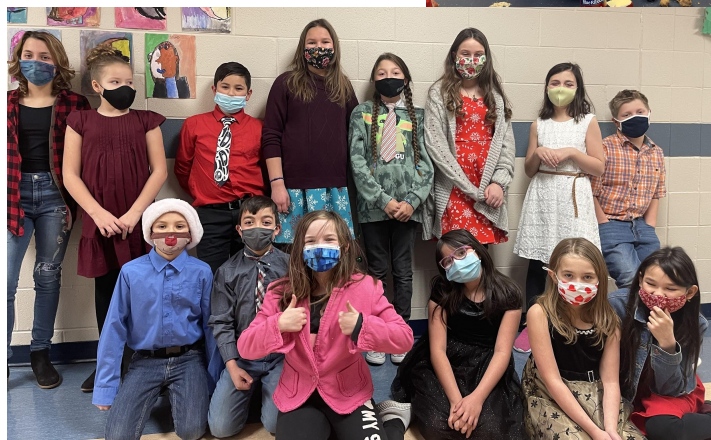
Dress like an Elf Day
December 14th



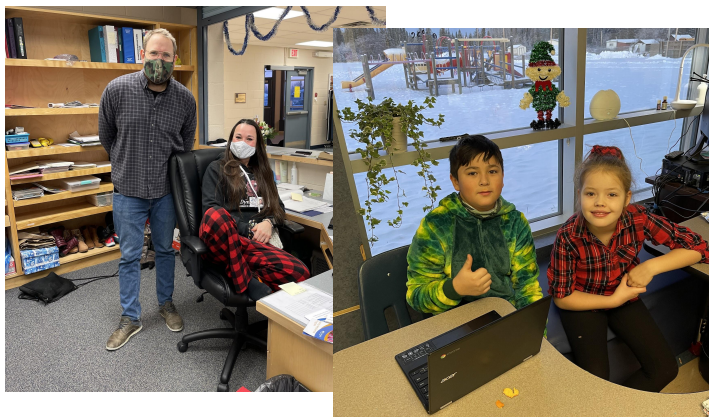
Student Council Activities: Christmas Spirit Week!



Ugly Christmas
Sweater Day
December 15th



Formal Dress Day
December 16th



Flannel Friday
December 17th

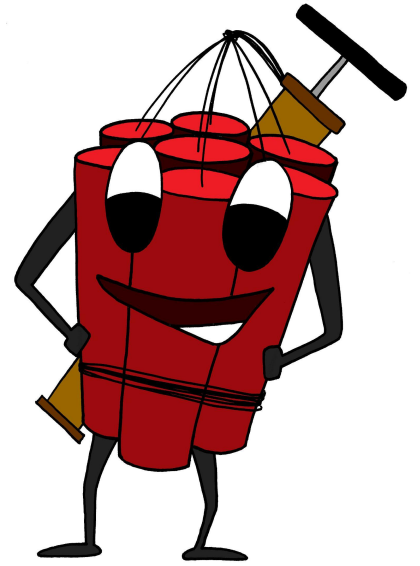
Christmas!

Dixonville School Christmas Concert



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 December and January!

Thank you going out to Northstar Chrysler High Level for sponsoring one of our schools hot lunches for the month of January!

Special Thank you to Mrs. Barb Dawson and Jeanette Bunnah for spoiling our students with hot chocolate in December when students went up to the Post Office to mail out their letters to Santa! The students enjoyed their drinks and tour very much!

Huge thank you going out to Mrs. Margie Sorensen who was a December sponsor for our month of milk program at the school. We appreciate it so much!

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

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

February 2022

Sunday

Monday

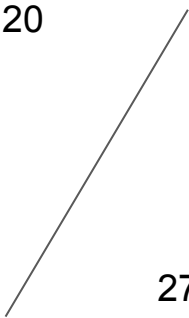
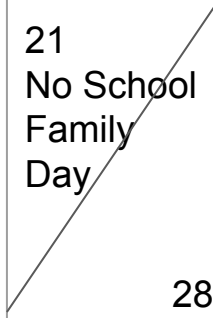
Tuesday

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Saturday

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| | | 1 Jump Rope for Hearts Starts! | 2 Rosary vs Dixonville basketball (home game) | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Glenmary vs Dixonville basketball (home game) | 11 DRESS LIKE A SUPER HERO DAY | 12 |
| 13 Random Acts of Kindness week (Feb 14-18) | 14 Valentine's Day RED, PINK AND WHITE SPIRIT DAY | 15 Glenmary vs Dixonville (away game) | 16 | 17 | 18 100th DAY OF SCHOOL Shirt Day! OR DRESS LIKE YOU ARE 100 YRS OLD | 19 |
| 20  | 21 No School Family Day  | 22 No School PD Day | 23 PINK SHIRT/ BE KIND SPIRIT DAY Grimshaw vs Dixonville (away game) | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | | | | | |

March 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------|--|--|-----------|--|--------|----------|
| | | 1 Banana pancake breakfast | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Jump Rope for Heart skipping day! | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day wear Green | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK | | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 No school for students PD DAY | 29 First day back after spring break | 30 | 31 | | |