

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the [hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓](#) (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

February 29, 2024

Dear Hamilton Families,

It's not often we get to write a newsletter on February 29th. Of course, tomorrow marks the first day of March, and before you know it, we'll be at the Spring Break. Thank you to all the parents for attending the conferences this week and the teachers for being so welcoming and organized. The next couple of weeks will likely speed by with everything that is going on at the school. You can help us by encouraging the students to remain ready to go each day and focus on their learning right up until the break. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. McCallum and Ms. Burroughs-Chan

PAC REMINDERS

Please join us on Facebook and stay up to date with reminders about events and what is happening at our school- **Hamilton Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**

>>>**PAC Meeting:** Wednesday, March 6th @ 6:30pm (online)

***Guest Speaker: FamilySmart

Please join

us: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82994440690?pwd=JRBYkumWUub2JXtLssqu9zH8ErVr1aF.1>

>>>Popcorn and Ringpops Treat Sale

Date: Thursday, March 14th (last day of school before spring break)

Time: Afterschool @ 2:45pm

Where: Main entrance

Please sign up to help: <https://volunteersignup.org/MAYMF>

Thank you for your support.

GRADE 7 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our grade 7 girls and boys will be competing at the annual McNair Basketball Tournament March 11th and 12th. This is a great opportunity for our students to show the skills they have developed this year, the sportsmanship they have learned, and be positive ambassadors of our

school as they compete against many of their future schoolmates. A big thank you to Mr. Barker, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burroughs-Chan, and Mr. McCallum for making basketball possible this year!
Monday, March 11: Girls @ 1:00 & 4:00 Boys @ 12:00 & 3:00
Tuesday, March 12: Girls @ 1:00 & 2:00 Boys @ 2:00 & 4:00
Come and cheer us on!

HAMILTON TALENT SHOW

Our show will be on **Thursday, March 14th**, the last school day before Spring Break. Parents are welcome to attend, but time(s) of the show(s) will be determined by the number of participants. We *may* choose to have a portion just before lunch and a portion after the lunch break. Once our auditions (March 5, 6, 7) are complete we will have a better understanding of how long the show will be. Parents, especially those of children performing, will be informed of times as soon as possible. Most talents will be performed live at the event, but this year students will also be able to record their talent if it needs to be in a particular location other than the school. Great fun!

FEEDING FUTURES

At our assembly yesterday I spoke to the students about the importance of this program and the individual responsibility that comes with it. It really touches on all **our HAWKS values**:

Helpful: The food is available to those who need it.

Accountable: It is a system that is not to be abused, but rather used when needed.

Wise: Students are encouraged to think before they access the food. Do they really need it?

Kind: This a way to ensure all students who need the food are not stigmatized for it.

Safe: Students should be aware of any food allergies they may have or ask an adult.

This food is NOT to replace the healthy snacks and lunches that families are able to send. It is meant to satisfy a need for students whose families can't afford to provide healthy food for their children at this time, or for students in the event of an emergency, who require a healthy snack.

Important Dates for 2023 -2024 School Year

***Dates in bold are changes to the school day or regular hours of 8:45 – 2:45**

PAC Chinese Lunch	Friday, Mar. 2
PAC Sushi Lunch	Friday, Mar. 8
Class/Group Photo Day	Tuesday, Mar. 12
Hamilton Talent Show Time(s) TBD	Thursday, March 14th
Last school day before Spring Break	Thursday , Mar. 14
First school day after Spring Break/Easter	Tuesday , Apr. 2
Second Written Learning Update Goes Online	Friday, Apr. 26
Professional Development Day	Friday, May 17
Victoria Day Holiday	Monday, May 20
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal	Friday, June 7
Last day students attend	Thursday, June 27