

## 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 who's traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.*

April 25, 2024

Dear Hamilton Families,

It's an exciting day as our second term Learning Updates (report cards) have been published and are now online. Please go to our website <https://hamilton.sd38.bc.ca> to find access to the portal and login information. Please take the time to read the Update with your child paying particular attention to the 'Next Steps' under each subject entry.

Another cool thing happening this week is our Hamilton Hawkswear Pop-Up Store with items you can purchase to show your pride in our school. It's easy, just follow the link:

<https://urstore.ca/group/hamilton-elementary-pop-up-shop>

Mr. McCallum & 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)**

### **>>>Fun Lunch Fridays**

To order, please visit: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>

Order deadline: May 17th @ 11:59pm

- **May 24th is Pizza Lunch.** Please make sure your child does not miss out on this very popular lunch
- **June 7th is Sports Day.** Parents, don't forget to add your sub sandwiches to your child's order if you are planning to attend the event.
- **June 21st is Grade 7 Farewell.** Grade 7s do not order lunch for this day as a luncheon will be planned for the grads.
- **Please use up your credit on Munchalunch.** The money does not carry over to next school year

If you can help distribute lunch to the students on a Friday, please sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/4RBJC>

If your child is away on a lunch day, please email: [HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com](mailto:HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com)

**>>>Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: April 19th - May 6th**

To order, please visit: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2024-hamilton-elementary>

\*\*\*Pick up: May 15th (Wednesday) @ 5:30pm in front of Hamilton Community Centre

**>>>Popcorn & Ringpops Afterschool Treat Sale: May 10th**

If you can help, please sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/4RBIC>

**>>>PAC Meeting: May 15th (online)**

\*\*\*stay tuned for meeting link

**>>>PAC Event- Walkathon: May 16th**

\*\*\*pledges due on May 15th

\*\*\* prize draw date: TBD

Thank you for your support.

***Student and Family Affordability Fund***

*The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one-time funds for the Student and Family Affordability Fund. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:*

- *school and course fees*
- *school supplies and course materials*
- *field trips*
- *school-related extracurricular opportunities*
- *clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities*

*Please reach out to Mr. McCallum [mmccallum@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:mmccallum@sd38.bc.ca) if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.*

**EARTH WEEK**

Earth Week ([www.richmond.ca/EarthWeek](http://www.richmond.ca/EarthWeek) ([link](#))) is happening April 20-28 with lots of free and low-cost family-friendly activities.

**BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK**

Bike to School Week is an annual celebration where students of all ages are encouraged to bike, roll, or walk to school. This year Bike to School Week takes place June 3-7, 2024. Over 140

schools participate in a typical year across Metro Vancouver. HUB Cycling offers support such as resources and event ideas, prizes and packages to make ride tracking easy. [File #1 Link](#)

## 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 Lunches must be ordered in advance.**

Second Written Learning Update Goes Online	Thursday, April 25
PAC Sushi Lunch	Friday, April 26
PAC Burrito Lunch	Friday, May 3
PAC Chinese Food Lunch	Friday, May 10
Walk-A-Thon	Thursday, May 16
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Friday, May 17</b>
<b>Victoria Day Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, May 20</b>
Welcome to Kindergarten	Thursday, May 23
Pizza Lunch	Friday, May 24
Zone Track Meet at Minoru for grades 4 – 7	Monday, May 27
PAC Sushi Lunch	Friday, 31
<b>Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal</b>	<b>Friday, June 7</b>
<b>PAC Subway Lunch</b>	<b>Friday, June 14</b>
PAC Chinese Food Lunch	Friday, June 21
Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony	Friday, June 21
PAC Pasta Lunch	Friday, June 21
Last day students attend	Thursday, June 27

Dear Hamilton Students, Teachers, Staff and Parents,

We have truly enjoyed learning alongside your students these past two weeks! We envision your homes and classrooms to be filled with music, dance and laughter. Whether it be singing Do Re Mi from the Sound of Music, or giggling while attempting to say Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (now say it backwards: Suoicodilaipxecitsiligarfilacrepus), we hope the experience was FUN and enriching!

Building on what we learned during Korean Pop (KPOP) Dance Week 1, we were able to accomplish eight (8) Musical Theatre choreographies in Week 2. We transferred what we learned during week one such as footwork, spatial awareness and musicality into achieving more team goals in Week 2. The “Triple Threat” of dancing, acting and singing can feel like we are patting our heads, rubbing our tummies in a circular motion while trying to jog at the same time (try it!). Our learning objectives remain the same as last week; but we added these following skills into your Mathematical, Arts/Creative, Linguistic and Physical knowledge.

As you watch your school’s performance, we encourage you to try spotting these formations, motions and stage understanding basics:

[Week 1 - KPOP Performance](#)

## Week 2 - Musical Theatre

- Formations
  - Clumping: shrinking, expanding, and walking with purpose
  - Levels e.g. popcorn with different groups, different levels between 3 or 4 lines etc.
  - Grand finale: with everyone coming into the number
  - Shapes: Circle, rectangle, square etc.
- Motions
  - Spacing – moving sideways (left / right), forward / backward to create depth
  - Crossing / Counter-cross: person(s) or group(s) moving together or crossing over each other from one side of the stage to another:
  - Group walk: moving together as one organism
  - Walking with purpose
  - Ripples: starting the same motion at different times e.g. The Wave at a sport event
  - Mirroring: dance partners / different sides of the room simultaneously doing an opposite motion
  - Holds: one group freezes while another group is singing
- Stage knowledge basics
  - Stage Areas: stage left, stage right, upstage, downstage
  - Entry: transitioning onto the stage, being stage ready
  - Exit: remaining in character, transitioning off the stage
  - Facial expressions
- We were also delighted to observe your students in:
  - problem solving amongst themselves to figure out their starting positions and dance routine
  - helping each other to learn song lyrics
  - stepping up as leaders:
    - to take charge of different choreography sections
    - being the leader at the front or back of a line of dancers to help with positioning
    - remembering when to take action during certain musical / lyrical cues
    - and so much more!

We do apologize for re-introducing the Baby Shark song back into your lives... but if your child starts singing the song, they are also responsible for the core muscle exercise that comes along with it! So that means the exercise request will either 1) deter your child from singing the song, or 2) your family will have rock hard abs in time for the summer season!

## PARENTAL RESOURCES

### 1) A place for Purposeful Structured Play (in addition to Free Unstructured Play)

We often discuss the merits of Free Unstructured Play and the learning that results from open discovery. While this is absolutely true, there is also a place for Purposeful Structured Play where the student learns skills through a fun playful setting. We were able to achieve this during these two dance weeks. Studies show that adults continue to learn the most effectively through play as well. We hope that you will incorporate both forms of play into your personal and professional lives daily.

- [Purposeful Play is Paramount for Productivity](#)
- [Teenagers learn through play too: communicating high expectations through a playful learning approach](#)
- [Playtime Isn't Just for Preschoolers—Teenagers Need It, Too](#)
- “We believe there is play in work and work in play.”~ Kristi Mraz, Alison Porcelli, and Cheryl Tyler, in [Purposeful Play: A Teacher's Guide to Igniting Deep and Joyful Learning Across the Day](#)
- [Parents' Guide to Structured vs Unstructured Play](#)

### 2) Did you know that play builds brains?

We now have a large – and growing – pool of evidence to show that **learning through play** is the best way to support learning. Children are natural scientists – they come into the world ready to experiment and learn through play. And they use what they discover to not only **adapt the structure of their brains, but also strengthen the skills they need** to continue being engaged, flexible learners for their whole lives.

[Our brains literally change as we learn](#) (from the Lego Foundation)

### 3) Extend your child's learning and connect with them through Child Directed Play (CDP)

The French moralist and essayist, Joseph Joubert, says that “Teaching is learning twice.” May we suggest allowing the opportunity for your child to learn their material twice by having them teach you some dance steps, some formation, or a portion of a song. In addition to empowering your child with choice and agency, this will also allow you to connect with your child while you let them take charge for a short period of time. Simply following and let them lead for 10, 15, or 20 minutes without judgment or expectations. There is no perfection in this endeavour; please simply let them be the teacher and enjoy your moment together. **If they do not want to teach you in the area of dance / musical theatre, then please let them lead you in whatever activity they choose--- that is precious and much needed quality time too!**

[The Importance of Child Directed Play: Parent Guide](#)

Here are the songs again for your child's class:

- DIV 15, 16, 17 - In Summer, Frozen
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tcaM06eGrY>
- DIV 13, 14 - When Will My Life Begin, Tangled
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRXmAIHYQR4>
- DIV 11, 12 - Zero to Hero, Hercules
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOL-EJZjmp0>
- DIV 9, 10 - Love Is An Open Door, Frozen
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQDw88hEr2c>
- DIV 7, 8 - Do Re Mi, The Sound of Music
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drnBMAEA3AM>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7gRjFaNLxI>
- DIVS 5, 6 - Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Mary Poppins
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZNRzc3hWvE&list=RDuZNRzc3hWvE&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZNRzc3hWvE&list=RDuZNRzc3hWvE&start_radio=1)
- DIVS 3, 4 - We're All In This Together, High School Musical
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_6pOTCLSxA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_6pOTCLSxA)
- DIVS 1, 2 - Friend Like Me, Aladdin
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzZdoChwRVg>

For more resources and information on classes, please stay in touch by finding and following us on IG/FB: [@ILLUMASudio](#), and dropping us a line at [HELLOillumina@gmail.com](mailto:HELLOillumina@gmail.com).

Thank you for believing in performing arts as an integral part of your child's development!

Glowing regards,

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