

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.

May 2, 2024

Dear Hamilton Families,

What a great start to May it has been. As we walk around the school, we're always impressed with the great learning opportunities the students are engaged in. Recently, our upper intermediate students have been involved in a Cybersafe presentation to help them be safe online, Track Attack practices, a Bike program teaching them everything from bicycle maintenance to road safety, and our grade 7s have been working with a group of counsellors from the district to help them be better prepared for high school. May is always such an exciting month with our Walk-A-Thon on the 16th, Welcome to Kindergarten on the 23rd, and our Track Meet at Minoru for grades 4-7 on the 27th. Please look for more information about the track meet tomorrow.

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

Situation at the School Today

Before our lunch break today I needed to speak to a man who had a white van parked adjacent to our blue playground and was intending to use the playground. I wanted to inform him that the students would be coming out for their lunchtime play at 11:50 and that during school hours, the fields around every Richmond School are for the sole use of students. He took exception to my explanation and became argumentative. I needed to call the RCMP non-emergency line to have a police officer explain things further to him. I asked the students and staff to reverse our lunch and the children ate in their classrooms until 12:20 when the situation was resolved, and the man had left the premises, the students went outside to play. While he had every right to use the Community Centre and park on the street, it is my responsibility to always err on the side of caution to ensure the safety of the students and staff of this school. At no time were any of the children in danger and we went about our day as usual. Mr. McCallum

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 \(Parent Advisory Council\)](#)**

>>>Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: **Deadline to order is May 6th**

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

>>>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/4RBIC>

If your child is away on a lunch day, please email: HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

If you think your child(ren) will be returning to school later than 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 4th and *on or before* September 11th, due to extenuating circumstances, please complete a "Notice of Late Return Form" available from the school office. We want to ensure your child has a space at our school.

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.**

Grade 7 Farewell Committee meeting 7:00 Library

PAC Burrito Lunch

PAC Chinese Food Lunch

Popcorn & Ring-pops Sale

PAC Meeting – Online

Walk-A-Thon

Professional Development Day

Victoria Day Holiday

Welcome to Kindergarten

Pizza Lunch

Zone Track Meet at Minoru for grades 4 – 7

PAC Sushi Lunch

Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal

PAC Subway Lunch

PAC Chinese Food Lunch

Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony

PAC Pasta Lunch

Last day students attend

Thursday, May 2

Friday, May 3

Friday, May 10

Friday, May 10

Wednesday, May 15

Thursday, May 16

Friday, May 17

Monday, May 20

Thursday, May 23

Friday, May 24

Monday, May 27

Friday, 31

Friday, June 7

Friday, June 14

Friday, June 21

Friday, June 21

Thursday, June 27