



SCHOOL NEWS #10

February 3rd, 2016 SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

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Dear Parents:

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Feb. 5	BURrrr Day & Bake Sale for Free The Children
Feb. 8	Family Day <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Feb. 11	Parent Education Session "Internet Safety" 7:00 PM
Feb. 12	CITE Student Teacher Expo 2:30 PM
Feb. 15 – 18	Scholastic Book Fair
Feb. 17/18	2nd Term Conferences (students dismissed at 1:30 PM)
Feb. 19	District Wide Pro-D Day <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Feb. 22	Jump Rope for Heart Day
Feb. 24	Pink Shirt Day/Anti-Bullying Day
Feb. 26	Earthquake Drill 2:00 PM
Mar. 8	Spirit/ Twin Day
Mar. 10	2 nd Term Reports Distributed PAC Meeting 7:00 PM
Mar. 11 – 24	Spring Vacation <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Mar. 25	Good Friday <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Mar. 28	Easter Monday <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Mar. 29	School Reopens

welcome to arrange an additional meeting time with your child's teacher if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss.

GUEST SPEAKER "SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING"

The Hamilton PAC has organized a parent education session on February 11th at 7:00 PM. Sponsored by the BCTF, the presentation demonstrates how parents can play a critical role in their child's education in so many ways; one very important way is by guiding their learning at home. This practical session will present strategies that can help your child develop effective homework and study skills that promote lifelong learning. Parents will also learn natural ways to include additional reading and math activities at home.

Please note the next regular PAC meeting is on March 10th at 7:00 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of Monday, February 15th to Thursday, February 18th and will be held in the school library. We invite your family to participate by purchasing the latest in children's books. Your support for this event is always appreciated, and will help us obtain new resources for our students and the library.

BURrrr DAY

Our school has signed up to participate in BURrrr day this Friday. This day is part of the Bundle Up Richmond event that schools will be participating in this month. This Friday, the heat will be turned down by 1-2 degrees and you should come to school all bundled up. On Friday, wear your favourite sweater, toque, scarf, or anything else that keeps you warm and cozy! We're going to help bring awareness to how easy it is to reduce our energy use for one day and have a little fun. So join us on Friday and remember to Bundle Up!

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES ON FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH



Students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM so that parents can attend the second term conferences. Student-led conferences create a partnership between the teacher, student and parents to act as a support network or as stakeholders in the success of the student.

Classroom teachers have sent information about their conference format and parents are encouraged to attend. On the next page of this newsletter are some questions parents may find useful to prepare for and/or use at conferences. Please note parents are

Feb 15 & 16 Book Fair Hours:

8:10 – 8:40 AM
12:00 – 12:30 PM
2:20 – 3:00 PM

Feb 17 & 18 Book Fair Hours:

8:10 – 8:40 AM
12:00 – 12:30 PM
1:30 – 6:00 PM

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the Book Fair for the above times and also for setting up on Friday, February 12th from 12:00 – 12:30 PM. If you are available to help, please contact Wendy Lam at ming_wendy@hotmail.com.

CHANGES TO THE HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Please note the Hamilton school office will no longer accept paper orders in the drop-box **after** the deadline indicated on the paper order form.

If you would like to order hot lunch for your child, please submit the paper order form with cash or cheque payment into the drop-box at the school office by the deadline indicated on the form. Please make cheques payable to “Cest Mon Café”.

If the deadline has passed, you may order online at www.cestmoncafe.com or by contacting Cest Mon Café directly at 604-364-8210 or by email: cestmoncafe@gmail.com.

MULTICULTURAL FRIENDSHIP CLUB

25 students in Grade 2 & 3 have signed up for the Multicultural Friendship Club. The objectives of this program are to promote cross-cultural understanding and to encourage friendships among students by engaging in multicultural activities. Following are some of the activities:

- Jan 28 – Japanese Flower Arranging
- Feb 3 – Lunar/ Chinese New Year
- Feb 10 – Nepali Flags
- Feb 16 – Multicultural Games
- Feb 24 – Arabic & Egyptian Art
- Mar 2 – Multicultural Lunch



PINK SHIRT DAY



Wednesday, February 24th is National Pink Day and Hamilton students are encouraged to show their spirit by wearing pink!

CITE STUDENT TEACHER EXPO ON FEBRUARY 12TH

Last month, a class of UBC student teacher candidates was at Hamilton on Fridays for their course on the social studies curriculum. They practiced teaching in a number of classrooms and will be sharing their learning at a mini Expo on Friday, February 12th between 2:30 – 3:30 PM. Parents and students are welcome to drop by after school to see the displays in the foyer and multipurpose rooms.

PLEASE COMPLETE PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY (GRADE 4 & 7 PARENTS ONLY)



The Provincial Satisfaction Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective. Recently, Hamilton parents should have received an electronic link to the Ministry of Education annual school satisfaction survey. This data is important to the school and we would appreciate it, if you could take the time out to complete the survey. Survey results will be shared with the PAC and staff later in the school year.

QUESTIONS FOR STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Parents might find the following questions useful for the upcoming student-led conferences:

- What is your favourite piece of work? Why?
- Describe your favourite activities or subjects.
- What activities or subjects are hard for you? Why?
- What experiences at school do you find the most satisfying?
- What experiences frustrate you the most?
- What goals have you set or do you want to set?
- How can I help you?
- Can you tell me more about...?
- What are you most proud of?
- It makes me proud to see that you...
- How do you feel about...?
- What was the most important thing you learned during this project?
- What did you find challenging about....?
- I can see improvement in...
- What do you think you have improved on in _____?
- What are you working on now?
- What would you like to learn more about?