



SCHOOL NEWS #18

June 28th, 2017

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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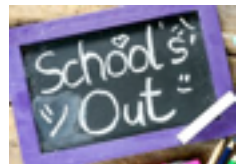
Dear Parents:

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Jun 28	3 rd term Reports distributed
Jun 29	Last day of classes Early Dismissal 11:15 AM (1/2 day Pro-D)
Jun 30	Administrative Day (<i>No Students at School</i>)
Sep 5	Schools Open

THE 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE



There is an air of excitement amongst the students as we complete our last week of school this week. Students celebrated the end of the year with a swimming session at Watermania for the Intermediate students, and the Primary and Gr. 6/7 day were at Centennial Beach. The Grade 7 students are excited about their farewell assembly & celebration.

We would like to thank the Hamilton parents and community for the tremendous support you have provided our staff and students this school year. The care and education of children is one of the most important things a society does and we could not have done our work without all of the parent helpers who assist on field trips, volunteer as book fair helpers, organize special events, coordinate food days or attend PAC meetings.

In particular, we would like to acknowledge all of the hard work and support the PAC provides to the school. Crystal Allen and Angie Liu, our PAC co-chairs have done a wonderful job this year.

STAFF FAREWELLS



This is the sad time of year when we have to say goodbye to some of our staff members. We acknowledged our retiring staff last Thursday and departing staff on Friday. Each and every staff member plays an integral role in supporting our students and they will all be missed! We wish them well in their future endeavors.

This year we will say a fond farewell to:

- Ms. Kyla Aasen – Completed a short term one year contract at Hamilton
- Mrs. Jennifer Andrews – Accepted an educational assistant position with the Richmond School District
- Mr. Brouwer – Retiring from the Richmond School District
- Mrs. Randi Evoy – Has accepted a teaching position with the Langley School District
- Ms. Ashley Mitchell - Completed a short term one year contract at Hamilton
- Mrs. Teri Oades - Retiring from the Richmond School District
- Mrs. Laura Odette – Taking a short term four month leave of absence until January, 2018
- Ms. Jasmine Virk – Will be transferring to another Richmond school as educational assistant
- Mrs. Welch - Retiring from the Richmond School District



FAREWELL TO OUR GRADE 7 STUDENTS WE WILL MISS YOU!



Thank you, Grade 7s, for contributing so much to our school over the last eight years. Your Hamilton leadership has been most appreciated. We wish you success in reaching your future goals, both personally and educationally. Take advantage of all the opportunities available to you in your new setting, and have a great 2017/2018 school year in Grade 8 and beyond, making the most out of your next five, amazing high school years! Congratulations, Grade 7s!

SEPTEMBER RETURN TO SCHOOL SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 5TH – 8TH

The 2017/18 school year begins on Tuesday, September 5th. All students Gr. 1-7 are asked to attend from 8:40 am – 9:40 am. All children will be in full time attendance beginning on September 6th. A gradual entry schedule will be sent home to all parents for Kindergarten children registered for the 2017/18 school year.

Students will be with their classroom teacher from the last school year for the first week of school. We hope, if all goes according to plan, students will be in their new classrooms on Friday, September 8th.

There will be a “Welcome Back” coffee and donuts in the foyer for parents on September 5th.

2017/18 CALENDAR **NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR PRO-D DAY

Please note the Pro-D day on September 25, 2017 has been changed to September 22, 2017. An updated calendar is on the last page of this newsletter.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM

Parents are asked to complete the school district “Notice of Late Return” if you expect your child to be absent at the beginning of the 2017/18 school year. The form is available from the school office.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS OPEN JULY 4TH – JULY 7TH & AUGUST 28TH – SEPTEMBER 1ST



The School Administration and Administrative Assistants will be working from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The school email will be checked periodically during the summer. You can email: hamilton@sd38.bc.ca.

Please note the school website will be updated with return to school information the week of August 28th.

LOST & FOUND



Lost & found articles will be laid out on the tables in the school foyer until July 4th. Please take a minute to check the lost & found for your family’s belongings. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

2017/18 Calendar for Hamilton Elementary

The Non-Instructional Days for Staff Professional Development
at Hamilton Elementary will be as follows:

Friday, September 22, 2017.....	Full Day (not District Wide)
Friday, October 20, 2017.....	Full Day (Province Wide)
Friday, November 24, 2017....	Curriculum Implementation Full Day (District Wide)
Friday, January 26, 2018.....	Full Day (not District Wide)
Friday, February 23, 2018.....	Full Day (District Wide)
Monday, April 30, 2018.....	Full Day (not District Wide)
Friday, May 18, 2018.....	Full Day (District Wide)

- The Hamilton School Office is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- The Principal is Mr. Mark Hoath and the Vice-Principal is Mr. Alfred Chan
- The Administrative Assistants are Mrs. Kathy Mitchell and Mrs. Jennifer Ashby
- School is in session Monday to Friday from 8:40 am to 2:33 pm
- There is a daily recess of 15 minutes from 10:10 to 10:25 am
- Lunch hour for students in Grades K to 7 is 45 minutes from 12:05 to 12:50 pm

Standard School Calendar for 2017/2018 as prescribed by the Ministry of Education

Days in Session	188
Minimum Number of days of instruction	180
Non-Instructional Days	7
Schools Open	September 5
Thanksgiving Day	October 9
Remembrance Day (stat holiday)	November 13
Winter Vacation	December 25 - January 5
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	January 8
BC Family Day	February 12
Spring Vacation	March 16 - March 29
Good Friday	March 30
Easter Monday	April 2
Victoria Day	May 21
Last Day of Classes	June 28
Administrative Day	June 29 (no students at school)

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