



# SCHOOL NEWS #2

September 21st, 2017

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

## HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Dear Parents:

We hope your children are settled into their new classrooms and enjoying the first month of school. Please note we have also sent this newsletter out electronically. If you haven't received it, please call the school office and your email address can be added. Please remember to return Medical & Verification forms to the school. A number of school activities are beginning and are outlined below.

Thank you to all the teachers and parents for attending our annual "Meet the Teacher" and Curriculum Overview evening. If you were unable to attend, please note your child's teacher distributed a class preview that included information about classroom activities and procedures as well as an overview of curriculum that will be taught this term.

Mark Hoath  
Principal

Alfred Chan  
Vice Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sep 21	Meet the Teacher Night 6:30 – 7:30 PM
Sep 22	Pro-D Day <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Sep 28	Band Rental Night 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Sep 29	Orange Shirt Day & Sharing Assembly 9:00 AM
Oct 5	Individual Photo Day
Oct 6	Green Thumb Theatre 8:40 – 10:25 AM
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Oct 12	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Oct 16	Gr. 6 Immunizations 8:45 – 10:15 AM
Oct 17 & 19	Parent - Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 1:30 PM
Oct 18	WEEE Day
Oct 20	Pro-D Day <i>(School Not In Session)</i>

### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER



The PAC (Parent Advisory Council) will be starting a chocolate fundraiser on Friday September 29th. We are asking each family to sell one case of Nut Free Chocolate to family, friends, neighbours and co-workers. If your family does not wish to participate, there is a notice on the last page of this newsletter. Please complete the form/slip and return it to the school office by Tuesday September 26th.

Starting Monday October 2nd, we will be in the school foyer from 8:15 - 8:45 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to collect money and give out additional cases. If your child takes a case home and you are unable to sell it, please return it as soon as possible to allow time for families that wish to sell additional cases to sell it.

One of the objectives of the PAC is to raise funds. These funds provide support for activities, programs and supplies that otherwise our children may not have access to. In the past, the PAC has provided support for and/or has helped to subsidize the following: updated technology (laptops & iPads, Smartboards), field trip transportation, outdoor education, musical instruments, art supplies, gym equipment, new playground equipment, guest speakers and parent education, support for sports day and additional fine arts and P.E. activities (i.e. Tennis, Hip Hop Dancing, Yoga).

Thank you for your support, Hamilton Elementary PAC

### HAMILTON HAWKS RUN CLUB



We will once again have a running club at Hamilton Elementary. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. The first practice was this Tuesday, September 20th. All students in Grades 1 – 7 are welcome to join. Practices will be held in all types of weather (except extreme downpours). Students should meet in the foyer at 7:55 a.m. and wear

appropriate clothing and footwear for this activity. Students may participate in some, or all, of the practices but must always check in and out with the teachers participating. Parents are more than welcome to join us. There will not be the District cross country meet this year due to construction at Minoru. Mr. Kenler is looking at other options in North Delta. More information to follow.

### **ORANGE SHIRT DAY, “EVERY CHILD MATTERS”**



On September 29th, wear an orange shirt to honour those who survived Indian Residential Schools (IRS) and remember those that didn't. The motto: Every Child Matters is a reminder that every child, regardless of background, is important, and is a commitment that we will do all we can to ensure students' self-esteem and well-being.

### **VOLLEYBALL SEASON BEGINS SHORTLY**



This week the grade 6/7 students had the opportunity to sign up for volleyball. The team will be co-ed and will play schools on the east side of Richmond. The team will also be participating in a large tournament in mid-November. A practice and game schedule will be distributed shortly.

### **‘ME TO WE’ IN SUPPORT OF FREE THE CHILDREN**

As part of our student leadership program, 15 grade 7 students will be selected to attend the annual event at Rogers Arena on October 18th. Mr. Hoath and Ms. Mei will be meeting with interested students to discuss the program and the commitment to supporting Free the Children next week.

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOON HOUR BOARD GAMES CLUB**



Mr. Hoath would like to organize a noon hour board games club for the primary students once per week beginning in mid-October. If you are able to assist Mr. Hoath to help supervise students from 12:05 – 12:50 please call the school and leave your contact information.

### **SAVE THE DATE – WINTER CONCERT**

There will be evening concerts on December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. All students will participate on one evening. More information to follow in October.

### **SHARING ASSEMBLIES**

The first sharing assembly will be on September 29th at 9:00 am and will be generally once per month. These informal assemblies will be an opportunity for classes or groups of students to share their learning or talents, Parents are welcome to attend and we will try to communicate which classes or groups of students will be presenting a week or two before the assembly.

### **INTAKE CONFERENCES ON OCTOBER 17TH & 19TH**



All parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's classroom teacher individually at their first term conference. Teachers will send home conference schedules in early October. **Please note students will be dismissed at 1:30 on both days** and teachers will have early evening conference times. These meetings are intended to be an opportunity for teachers to learn about your child and set some goals for the year. All students will receive their first term report card at the end of November, which will outline your child's academic achievement for the first part of the school year.

### **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**



As was previously communicated on a two-page blue form, all Hamilton parents are encouraged to create an online account to pay for school fees and class field trips. This option allows you to have fees deducted directly from your bank account. Please note the school district does not accept credit cards. The electronic option is also more efficient for the school to process collections of money and is 100% secure. Thank you to the parents who have already signed up.

### **TERRY FOX RUN**

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for all the donations made to the Terry Fox Foundation. Our school raised \$565.25!



**HAMILTON EARLY WARNING NUMBER**  
**604-668-6516**



We are asking for your support to maintain the health of all children by keeping your child home when they are ill. Their recovery will be speeded up when they have the opportunity to rest at home. A proper sleep and breakfast are essential to ensure children function well at school. Please call our early warning line (24-hour line) with your child's name, division number and reason for absence. Thank you.

**EPI-PENS & ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION FORMS**

For the health and safety of your child, if your child had an Epi-pen held in the school office last year or requires an Epi-pen, please bring the Epi-pen to the school office as soon as possible and ensure the Epi-pen does not expire during the school year. We also have a form in the

office that needs to be completed "Request for Administration of Medication at School" and requires a pharmacy label.

Last year, School District 38 (Richmond), in collaboration with Vancouver Coastal Health – Richmond, revised the school districts guidelines regarding the administration of prescribed medication.

In accordance to these guidelines, non-prescription medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, etc. will not be administered by Richmond School District staff, and will not be kept at school.

In the past, students who required medications to be administered by school staff needed a form to be completed by the family doctor. To simplify the process, we now use the form "Request for Administration of Medication at School" which will require the medication's pharmacy label to replace the family doctor's written order and signature.

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We will be selling **World's Finest Chocolate Nut Free Choc Box Variety Case**. Each carry case contains 30 chocolate items such as chocolate bars, caramel whirls, mint meltaways and more. Each item is \$2.00. If every family sells one case of chocolate our school profit will be \$6,180.00.

If you feel your family **is unable to participate** in this fundraiser by selling a case of chocolate, please return the form/slip below to the school office no later than **Tuesday, September 26, 2017**.

Thank you for your support,

Hamilton Elementary PAC

**CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

**FAMILY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**