Dear Parents:

Thank you to all the teachers and parents for attending our annual “Meet the Teacher” evening this week. 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. We also appreciate the PAC organizing the pizza for this event. Thank you to the parent volunteers.

Mark Hoath  
Kathy Pantaleo  
Principal  
Vice Principal

New Curriculum Overview Sessions for Parents

Recently all parents received a letter for the Ministry of Education announcing significant changes to the K-12 curriculum. On October 8th at 6:15 (before the PAC meeting at 7:00 PM) Mr. Hoath and Mrs. Pantaleo will be leading a causal parent information session. The transforming learning framework can be found online at [https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca). This session will be repeated on Friday, October 16th at 9:00 AM. If you are planning to attend one of these sessions you are asked (if possible) to RSVP to Hamilton@sd38.bc.ca and indicate in the subject line which session you plan to attend.

Intake Conferences on October 14th and 15th

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 shortly. 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.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY

October 28th

Students who were not satisfied with their portraits can return their proof portraits/order form to the photographer on Retake Day and will be re-photographed free of charge. Students who were absent on picture day can have their picture taken at this time.

TERRY FOX

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for all the donations made to the Terry Fox Foundation. Our school raised $577.85!

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Sept. 25**: Professional Development Day (School Not In Session)
- **Oct. 2**: Flying Bob (Fine Arts Performance) 9:15 – 10:15am
- **Oct. 8**: PAC Meeting 7pm
- **Oct. 12**: Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Oct. 13 – 16**: Book Fair
- **Oct. 14 & 15**: Parent – Teacher Conferences  
  Early Dismissal 1:30pm
- **Oct. 21**: “We Day” (gr.7 students)
- **Oct. 23**: Professional Development Day (School Not In Session)

Administration of Medication Policy Changes

During the spring of 2014, 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 have created a new 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. This form is available from our school office.

Social Responsibility and Social Emotional Learning at Hamilton

We recognize that Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the foundation for any academic learning at the school. If children do not feel safe or cannot manage their emotions they cannot learn to their full potential. At Hamilton we support students in SEL through our Positive Behaviour Support Program. The program is based on teaching and working with our students. We start by making sure everyone is aware of the school matrix and classroom teachers have been reviewing it. During the first week of school all grade 1-7 students rotated through a series of activities which focused on behavioural expectations, the “traffic light” and problem solving strategies. Below are the District and School Codes of Conduct and at the end of this newsletter is the school Matrix for your information. Please review the Codes of Conduct with your children and show how they connect to your families’ expectations.
DISTRICT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT
Policy 502.1.1

District Code of Conduct

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to all members of the school community to provide a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment such that effective, purposeful teaching and learning may take place. To that end it is expected that all members of the school community will conduct themselves in an ethical and lawful manner that demonstrates respect for self, others, property and the environment. A violation may warrant intervention or disciplinary action. It is expected that all members of the school community (staff, students, parents, and guests) will:

- respect the rights of others;
- respect the health and safety of others;
- respect the property of others - private and public;
- respect the legitimate authority of the school administrative officers and staff;
- respect and take pride in the schools' physical facilities;
- respect the diversity of the school community;
- respect the non-smoking nature of district schools and property;
- respect the individual rules within each school;
- behave in an ethical and lawful manner;
- behave in a considerate and courteous manner;
- behave in a safe and responsible manner at all times;
- comply with the purpose and spirit of the BC Human Rights Code, including not engaging in discriminatory conduct on the basis of gender, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation;
- not threaten, harass, intimidate, bully or assault, in any way, any person within the school community directly or indirectly, through print or electronic media; and
- not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol, or illegal drugs while in school or at school functions.

- The District Code of Conduct shall apply in school and at school functions.

Board Adoption: 05 September 1995
Board Adoption of Revision: 15 September 2008
Policy 502.1.1-R

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

Star Student Code of Conduct
We try to keep our rules to a minimum, and to stress positive behaviour rather than having a long list of things students are forbidden to do.

Also, the goal of all of our discipline practices is to change behaviour for the better, rather than to just provide consequences for unacceptable behaviour.

We also recognize the developmental nature of student learning, and that students at different grades and times in their lives will require different forms of redirection and guidance. It is important for the adults in their lives to use careful judgement in helping students learn about their rights and responsibilities.

I have a RIGHT to learn.

It is my RESPONSIBILITY to listen to instructions, work quietly at my desk, raise my hand if I have a question, concern, or need to leave, and to complete assignments.

I have a RIGHT to be heard and be heard.

It is my RESPONSIBILITY to listen when others are speaking.

I have a RIGHT to be respected.

It is my RESPONSIBILITY not to tease or bother people or to hurt their feelings.

I have a RIGHT to be safe.

It is my RESPONSIBILITY not to threaten or physically harm anyone else.

I have a RIGHT to privacy and to my own personal space privacy.

It is my RESPONSIBILITY to respect the personal property of others, and to accept their right to privacy.

The Code of conduct is to be reviewed annually with students, staff and school community. Ref: RSB Policy: 502.1.1-R

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 and division number and reason for absence. Thank you.

HAMILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE YOUTH ACTIVITY PASS PILOT PROJECT
Attn: Parents of children ages 9-12

For a full year from the day purchased, the Hamilton Community Centre Youth Activity Pass is available to all children aged 9-12 years old for Hamilton Community Association drop-in preteen programs. The $12.00 pass offers admission to:

- drop-in Girls Only programming
- drop-in Boys Only programming
- drop-in Preteen Hangout
- drop-in Creative Arts
- drop-in GYM

Through this pilot, we hope you will encourage your child to experience some of the many recreational opportunities available at the Hamilton Community Centre. Please see the monthly calendars for themes and specific days and times. IT'S SIMPLE TO REGISTER! Bring your child to the front desk of Hamilton Community Centre to complete a form and purchase the pilot activity pass. They will have their photo taken and their card will be activated right away!
WANTED!!! NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS
“Helping to make our schools a safe and welcoming environment.”

The Richmond School District is looking for NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS to work either on-call or five (5) days a week in an Elementary or Secondary school. Duties will involve supervising students in school buildings and grounds during the lunch break plus assisting in the office or school library.

The shifts for this part time casual position are 1.5 hours per day on those days that the students are in attendance. Incumbents are expected to follow the same vacation schedule as the school. In addition to excellent communication and interpersonal skills, applicants must have experience supervising groups of elementary school-aged children and be willing to work with adolescents.

First Aid and other related training, such as conflict resolution or non-violent crisis intervention, would be preferred. The rate of pay for this part time casual position is $21.53 per hour, which includes 4% holiday pay.

Interested qualified applicants should forward their resume with supporting documents along with a cover letter to:
RSBsupport@sd38.bc.ca or www.makeafuture.ca,
quoting competition number # NHS003-15 to:
Human Resources Department
School District No 38
7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC
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If you have submitted an application within the past six months, you need not reapply. We appreciate the interest of all applicants but only those being considered for interviews will be contacted. For more information regarding the Richmond School District, please visit our website.