



SCHOOL NEWS #3

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

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HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct 10	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 12	'District Cross Country Fun Run' at Minoru 3:25 PM
Oct 13	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Oct 14	Individual Photo Day
Oct 17-20	Scholastic Book Fair
Oct 18-19	Parent – Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal 1:30 PM
Oct 19	Coffee & Conversation (New Parents) 4:00 – 4:30 PM
Oct 21	Professional Development Day <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Oct 31	PAC Fundraiser Dance-a-thon (all day)
Nov 2	Gr. 6/7 Outdoor Education Meeting 6:00 PM
Nov 3	WE Day (Gr. 7 students) 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

meetings are intended to be an opportunity for teachers to learn about your child, provide an update about your child's progress to date 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 DAY OCT 14TH

For best photo results, please do not wear green coloured clothing, clothing that contains green patterns, or any solid white tops. Attention to hair and grooming also contributes to great looking photographs! Colour proofs will be sent home on an envelope and you can then order photos online.

DISTRICT FUN RUN AT MINORU PARK ON OCTOBER 12TH



GRADE 6/7 OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM – MAY 10TH – 12TH 2017



All the Gr. 6/7 students will have the opportunity to attend Camp Jubilee next spring. This program is very popular with the students and a highlight of their school year. There will be a parent and student information meeting on **Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM** in the school. All students and parents are encouraged to attend.

INTAKE CONFERENCES ON OCTOBER 18TH & 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 shortly. These

The Richmond Elementary School Cross Country Fun Run at Minoru Park has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th, starting at 3:25 pm. Parent drivers are necessary for this event to happen. Students and teachers will be traveling via parent drivers. The Richmond School Board and ICBC work to ensure the safety of all our students. It has been determined that children 8 years old and under, and 80 pounds or 36 kg and under, should be restrained in an approved infant/child or booster seat. To ensure the safety of these students on field trips with volunteer drivers, we ask that their parents provide an appropriate booster seat for field trips. Thank you to Mr. Kenler, Mrs. Evoy and Mrs. Davidson for organizing this wonderful event for Hamilton.

GRADE 6/7 SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL UNDERWAY



Over 50 students have joined the school volleyball team! All students, regardless of ability, are encouraged to join the school team. This is a non-competitive opportunity for students to

practice their skills and connect with classmates socially. A schedule of games and a permission form will be sent home next week. Students will practice Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at lunch. Mr. Hoath & Mrs. Wong will be game sponsors. Parent drivers for away games are always needed, please help out if you can. Please come to the office to complete a Volunteer Driver Form if you haven't already done so for this school year.

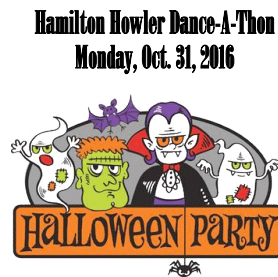
may have about your child's transition to Hamilton school. This casual, interactive session will be in the room next to the school library. If you are planning to attend, please call the school and leave your name with Mrs. Mitchell or Mrs. Ashby (school administrative assistants).

Please note there will be further coffee and conversation sessions scheduled throughout the year either before the monthly PAC meetings at 6:00 PM or at 9:00 AM. These sessions are a follow up to the general introductory session on the re-designed curriculum which happened at the beginning of the school year and will be more in-depth discussion on various topics.

OPTIONAL COFFEE & CONVERSATION SESSION FOR NEW PARENTS ON OCTOBER 19TH, 4:00 – 4:30PM



This opportunity is intended for new parents to our school to find out more about the school and answer any questions you



WHO is PAC? WHAT is A DANCE-A-THON?

The **PAC (Parent Advisory Council)** exists to assist the needs of **OUR CHILDREN** in their educational journey! This includes planning fundraising activities that benefits **EVERY STUDENT** in our school. The PAC are always on the lookout for new methods to raise capital for our children, thinking about the least time consuming activities for parents and **MOST IMPORTANTLY...FUN for KIDS!**

The goal is to eliminate profit sharing with 3rd party fundraising providers and have less buying & selling of merchandise (i.e., magazines, coupon books, etc.). **OUR 1st DANCE-A-THON** last year was a **HUGE** success! **KIDS** burned off lots of energy, exercised with dance moves, got Halloween treats, won prizes, **and 100% of the dance-a-thon profits went back to the school for classroom resources.** This interactive event benefited all the students, a few teachers and even some parents came out to boogie!

This extravaganza will be held in the gym on Monday October 31, 2016. Classes will rotate throughout the day and students will be divided into different groups with consideration of age/grade as per the input of the Administration. Ultimately, each group will have its own Halloween/dance party with the length of time and music that is appropriate for them. This will happen during class time and is a part of the school's Halloween festivities! Students are welcome to wear their costumes if they wish. The dance will be joined by some community center friends as well, like our own Childcare Director and hip hop dancer Amanda Yipp!

For those collecting pledges, there are great prizes to be won, including an opportunity to win an iPad or Android Tablet **GRAND PRIZE!** (Look for all the details on the **PLEDGE FORMS SENT HOME!**). We will post the schedule of the kids class dancing times when the schedule is finalized – come join us if you can! **You can also go to Facebook and join HAMILTON ELEMENTARY PAC (Parent Advisory Council) for updates, interaction and news! Also, we are always looking for volunteers, even being at one event helps and you get to hang out with the kids!!**

Bewitchingly Yours,
The PAC, Hamilton Elementary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of Monday, October 17th to Thursday October 20th 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.



Book Fair Hours:

Mon, Oct 17

8:00-8:40 AM
12:00-12:30 PM
2:30-3:00 PM

Tues Oct 18

8:00-8:40 AM
12:00-12:30 PM
1:30-6:00 PM (Early Dismissal)

Wed Oct 19

8:00-8:40
12:00-12:30
1:30-5:00 (Early Dismissal)

Thurs Oct 20

8:00-8:40 AM
12:00-12:30 PM
2:30-3:00 PM

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Book Fair for the above times and also for setting up on Friday, October 14th from 1:00-2:30 PM.

If you are available to help, please contact Wendy Lam at ming_wendy@hotmail.com or Crystal Allen at sewcreativeblog@gmail.com.

OPEN GYM TIME ON SOME RAINY DAYS

There will be open gym for all Grade 2, 3, 4 & 5 students if Mr. Hoath's schedule permits on very rainy days.



PLEASE SEND EXTRA CLOTHES WITH YOUR PRIMARY AGE CHILD

In case students get wet or muddy on the way to school, at recess or at lunch it would be helpful if they have a change of clothes in a plastic bag to hang on their coat hook in their classroom. Thank you.