



SCHOOL NEWS #5

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

November 4th, 2016

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Nov 6	Daylight Savings
Nov 7	Japanese Hot Lunch Day
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 AM
Nov 10	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Holiday
Nov 16	Individual Photo Re-takes
Nov 18	Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide) <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Nov 23	K Immunization Clinic
Nov 25	Family Team Activity (Whole School) 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Nov 25	PAC Movie Night Doors open 5:30 PM, Movie starts 6:30 PM
Nov 30	Volleyball Tournament at Cambie Secondary (Afternoon)
Dec 1	Winter Concert #1 7:00 PM
Dec 5	Pro-D Day (Full Day District Wide) <i>(School Not In Session)</i>
Dec 7	Winter Concert #2 7:00 PM
Dec 13	Entrepreneur Fair (Div. 1/2/3)
Dec 14	1 st term Reports Distributed
Dec 15	Winter Concert #3 7:00 PM

Dear Families,

We are all saddened to hear the news of the incident at Abbotsford Senior Secondary. It is natural to feel concern about your own child or children when we hear about a tragedy such as what happened yesterday. Please feel assured that at Hamilton all exit doors are locked during the school day except at noon hour and recess.

All visitors to the school are asked to wear visitor badges if they enter the school hallways during instructional time. We will also soon be practicing a lock down drill with our staff and students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration.

Mark Hoath
School Principal

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DANCE-A-THON



Thank you very much to Angie Liu (PAC chairperson), Jag Sangha and the crew of parent volunteers for organizing this event. A special thank you to Amanda Yipp from the Hamilton Community Center who assisted with the music. The students had lots of fun dancing to their favourite music on Halloween. Thank you parents for your financial support! The pledges for this event brought in \$4232 to support various PAC initiatives for the school.

GRADE 6/7 OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Many parents and students attended the November 2nd information and orientation meeting. If you were unable to attend, an information and permission package was sent home with your child on Thursday, November 3rd. If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's classroom teacher or Mr. Hoath.

GRADE 7 PARENT MEETING UPDATE

On November 2nd there was a brief parent meeting to begin planning for the year-end activities. A volunteer committee has been established and if you are able to volunteer, please contact Wendy Lam at ming_wendy@hotmail.com.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

- ❖ Div. 9, 10 & 11 - singing "On Remembrance Day"
- ❖ Grade 4 & 5 - singing "Lullaby of Peace"
- ❖ Div. 1 – O' Canada
- ❖ Div. 8 – Flanders Field
- ❖ Div. 4 & 5 – poem "What Can I Do"
- ❖ Div. 7 (Priya, Abby, Ziya, etc) – Everlasting Peace
- ❖ Div. 13 & 14 – Poppy, Poppy

Parents are welcome to attend!

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH



The school district has introduced new software for teachers to use to write report cards and the staff are in the midst of learning how to use it. Consequently, a number of elementary schools, including Hamilton will be distributing the 1st term report cards on Wednesday, December 14th.

EVENING WINTER CONCERTS ON DECEMBER 1ST, 7TH & 15TH



All classes will be performing at one of the three winter concerts in December beginning at 7:00 PM. Mr. Brouwer will be coordinating and preparing the school bands and classroom performances. Due to fire regulations and the size of the school, each class will perform at one of the concerts. More details about the concert schedule will be announced in a couple of weeks.

PAC GIFT BASKET RAFFLE



The PAC will once again be hosting the annual Gift Basket Raffle in conjunction with the school's concerts. All families should have received their notices regarding donation requests for the gift baskets on Friday, November 4th. Each class has been given a theme for their basket with ideas fitting that theme listed on the back of their notice (but please feel free to donate any item for any basket – all donations are greatly appreciated). We are requesting each family to donate an item in the \$5 range, cash or gift cards. The cash donations will be used to purchase missing or larger items for the gift basket.

All donations for the gift basket must be returned to the classrooms no later than Monday, November 21st.

We will be assembling these beautiful gift baskets on the evening of **Thursday, November 24th** after 6:30pm in the school foyer. Please come out and help with this fun evening (as well as enjoy some homemade holiday treats!). These 17 fabulous themed Gift Baskets will be raffled off at the end of the Thursday Dec. 15th evening concert at the school (raffle tickets books will be coming out shortly). All proceeds from this raffle will go towards providing playground equipment and extracurricular activities for all the students. Thank you for your support and generous donations!

PAC MOVIE NIGHT



Hamilton PAC is hosting a fun-filled, family Movie Night on Friday, November 25

where we will be presenting “Finding Dory” (rated: PG with running time of 97 minutes). Admission is FREE. The doors will open at 5:30pm for food concessions by cash/prepaid orders, face painting & nail polish stations by donation, neon bracelet sales, and combined 50/50 and door prize raffle tickets. The show will start promptly at 6:30pm with a 20-minute intermission in the middle and the evening will conclude around 8:30pm.

HEARING & VISION TESTING FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS – NOVEMBER 3RD

This week the health department completed screening tests for the Kindergarten students and you should have received the results. A letter from the Health Department was sent home on Thursday, November 3rd.

MOVIE NIGHT



Free Admission

WHEN
Friday, November 25
5:30 – 9:00pm

WHERE
Hamilton Elementary
School Gymnasium

ACTIVITIES · 50/50 Draw · Door Prize Raffle ·
Concession Stand · Neon Bracelets (\$0.50) · Popcorn ·
Face Painting · Manicures (\$2 minimum donation)

50/50 TICKETS

1 for \$2
3 for \$5
10 for \$10
available on site

RAFFLE TICKETS

1 for \$2
3 for \$5
10 for \$10
available on site

RAFFLE PRIZE

Movie Night Basket,
which includes
our featured
Finding Dory DVD
Drawn at the event

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