



SCHOOL NEWS #7

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

December 15th, 2016

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dec 19 – Jan 2	Winter Vacation
Jan 3	School Re-opens
Jan 11	Ready Set Learn 1:00 – 2:30 PM
Jan 12	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Jan 17	McNair Counsellor Visit (Gr.7's) 12:50 – 2:30 PM
Jan 20	Pajama Day
Jan 20	Family Teams 1:00 – 2:30 PM
Jan 24 & 25	Ice Skating (whole school)
Jan 27	Pro-D Day (Half Day) Early Dismissal 11:15 AM <i>(School Not In Session Half Day)</i>

Dear Hamilton Families:

We'd like to wish all our families that celebrate Christmas a very Merry Christmas. To our families that celebrate Hanukkah, Happy Hanukkah! And to those celebrating Kwanzaa, we hope you have a wonderful celebration as well. We hope all our families have a wonderful holiday!

We are grateful for the wonderful students we work with and the families that prepare them so well for school each day. We are also thankful for the wonderful staff, who show in so many ways that they care for the students and school. We have had a successful fall term.

Have a good time this Winter Break!

- Mr. Hoath and Mr. Chan

ENTREPRENEUR FAIR A SUCCESS



The Gr. 6/7 students were hard at work this week preparing for the fair on Tuesday afternoon. There were some very creative products and many were in high demand! Thank you parents and students for your financial support.

THREE WINTER CONCERTS A SUCCESS THANK YOU FOR COMING



The music program at the school has always been very special at Hamilton and this year was, once again, no exception. The students sang beautifully and this year featured many soloists singing many seasonal favorites. Our band students are learning to play their instruments amazingly quickly especially the first year players. The gym was filled for all of our concerts and thank you to all the parents and relatives who attended the performances. A big thank you to Mr. Brouwer for all of his hard work preparing the classes and to the classroom teachers for the logistical support and coordination.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2017/2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Any further 2017/2018 school year Kindergarten registrations will take place at the Richmond School District #38 Administration Building, Central Registration office. Located on the 1st floor foyer, the address is 7811 Granville Avenue.

Please check the school district website page www.sd38.bc.ca/schools/RegDocs/Register for required documentation prior to registering your son or daughter.

PAC MEETING ON JANUARY 12TH



The next PAC meeting is on January 12th at 6:30 PM in the school library. Please note there is babysitting provided.

Mr. Clive Mason who is the Director of Facilities and Planning for the Richmond School District, together with a representative from the City of Richmond will be in attendance to provide information about future plans for school expansion and the traffic and safety considerations for the development which will begin shortly on Smith drive. There will be an opportunity for parent questions.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PAC RAFFLE BASKET FUNDRAISER



Thank you to Nicole Okano, Andrew Iverson, Wendy Lam and the other parent volunteers for organizing this annual event. The school staff appreciate all the hard work and support from the parent community.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PAC

A BIG thank-you to the teachers, staff, administration, students and families for their support in making another successful Gift Basket Raffle with approximately \$4400 in profit going towards the Gaming Account which is used to fund such extra-curricular projects like Hip Hop Dance, Sports programs and supplements to student busing and outdoor education, just to name a few. Congratulations to Lily-Ann Marles (Div. 17) for the student who sold the most raffle tickets (152 tickets) and Division 17 (Mrs. Baatz) for the classroom who sold the most combined raffle tickets (253 tickets). They will each receive \$25 Gift Certificate towards the February Book Fair. Thank-you and congratulations to all our Gift Basket winners drawn at the end of Dec 15 Band Concert.

Basket 1: Keep It Clean – Menal Saleh

Basket 2: Entertaining & the Gourmet – Mandeep

Basket 3: Automotive Maintenance & Road Trip – Judy Wiebe-Cunningham

Basket 4: It's an Emergency – Brian Pureka

Basket 5: Home Office – Bev Pawliuk

Basket 6: Winter Survival Kit – XueQin Kou

Basket 7: Spa for Her – Horace of NWK

Basket 8: Breakfast in a Box – Elaine Chan

Basket 9: Sports & the Outdoors – Cindy Martin

Basket 10: Kiss the Cook – Jason of NWK

Basket 11: Party in a Box – Bev Gunn

Basket 12: Arts & Crafts - Bev Gunn

Basket 13: Spa for Him – Eileen Eustaonio

Basket 14: Just for Girlz – Andrew McNeil

Basket 15: Family Night-In - Rose Cheang

Basket 16: Picnic in a Box – Jen Joyce

Basket 17: Coffee, Tea & Chocolate – Steve Lang

Basket 18: “Mystery” – Julia Y. Chun

Bonus Basket #1 – Mrs. Kucharen

Bonus Basket #2 – Rushani Vijiyasingham

Bonus Basket #3 – Karma Sherpa

SCHOOL WEBSITE & SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please note the school website is updated on a regular basis and we try to ensure all classroom and school events are noted on the school calendar.

Please call the school office if your email changes so that we can ensure you receive the bi-weekly electronic school newsletter.

LUNCH DROP OFF ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE THE OFFICE



The school staff would appreciate if all parents could drop off lunches outside the school office as it is disruptive for the learning of all students if parents show up at the classroom doors. Thank you for your cooperation.

REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK



All students received their first term report card on Wednesday. Last week a letter from the school district was emailed to all parents outlining the changes in the reporting practices. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your son/daughter's classroom teacher by email or leave a message with the school office.

READY SET LEARN

Ready Set Learn events are open to all children under 5 and families are welcome to attend as many events as they like. Additional information for families of pre-school aged children can be found on the BC Ministry of Education, Early Learning Website:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/support/ready-set-learn>



Dear Hamilton Families,

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for the holiday season! May health, happiness & harmony be yours this season and for the upcoming New Year.

From the staff at Hamilton School

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Mark Hoath
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