



SCHOOL NEWS #19

June 29th, 2016

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

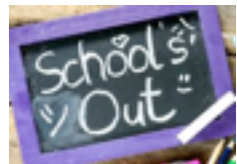
Jun 30	Administrative Day (No Students at School)
Sep 6	First day of school 8:40 – 9:40 AM

As we told the PAC at our June meeting and the students at a recent assembly, the children at this school are wonderful, kind, friendly and hard working. Our children, staff and parents make this a great school!

The students and staff are ready for a well deserved summer break and we wish everyone a safe and restful summer break.

Mr. Hoath and Mrs. Pantaleo

THE 2015/16 SCHOOL YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE



There is an air of excitement amongst the students as we complete our last week of school this week. Students celebrated the end of the year with a swimming session at Watermania, an early primary and Gr. 6/7 day at Centennial Beach, the Gr. 7 Farewell Assembly & Celebration and our year-end assembly on the last day of school.

On behalf of the school staff, I would like to thank the community for the tremendous support you have provided our staff and students this school year. The care and education of children is one of the most important things a society does and we could not have done our work without all of the parent helpers who assist on field trips, volunteer as book fair helpers, organize special events, coordinate food days or attend PAC meetings.

In particular, we would like to acknowledge all of the hard work and support the PAC provides to the school. Nicole Okano and Lara Minchin, our PAC co-chairs for the past couple of years, have stepped down from the executive for the 2016/17 school year.

We really appreciate their leadership and the tremendous amount of time they devote to ensuring our students have the best possible experiences at the school.

FAREWELL TO OUR GRADE 7 STUDENTS WE WILL MISS YOU!



Thank you, Grade 7s, for contributing so much to our school over the last eight years. Your Hamilton leadership has been most appreciated. We wish you success in reaching your future goals, both personally and educationally. Take advantage of all the opportunities available to you in your new setting, and have a great 2016/2017 school year in Grade 8 and beyond, making the most out of your next five, amazing high school years! Congratulations, Grade 7s!

STAFF FAREWELLS

Goodbye Colleague



This is the sad time of year when we have to say goodbye to some of our staff members. We will be saying farewell to staff leaving our school this year at our June 29th assembly at 9:00 AM. Each and every staff member plays an integral role in supporting our students and they will all be missed!

This year we will say a fond farewell to:

- Mrs. Mah – Retiring from the Richmond School District
- Mrs. McClary – Retiring from the Richmond School District

- Ms. Ashley Mitchell – On a temporary contract for Mrs. Woyat
- Mrs. Pantaleo – Appointed Principal at Kidd Elementary
- Mrs. Jung – Will be moving to Vancouver Island with her family
- Mrs. Campbell – Transferring and will be working at Richmond Secondary
- Ms. Lam - Has accepted a Speech and Language position with the Vancouver School District
- Ms. Jones – Has moved to Squamish with her family and will be teaching in the Howe Sound School District
- Ms. McMillan – Transferring and will be working at MacNeill Secondary

SEPTEMBER RETURN TO SCHOOL SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER 6th – 9th



The 2016/17 school year begins on Tuesday, September 6th. All students Gr. 1-7 are asked to attend from 8:40 am – 9:40 am. All children will be in full time attendance beginning on September 7th. A gradual entry schedule will be sent home to all parents for Kindergarten children registered for 2016/17 school year.

Students will be with their classroom teacher from the last school year for the first week of school. We hope, if all goes according to plan, students will be in their new classrooms on Friday, September 9th.

The Hamilton PAC will be hosting a 'Welcome Back to School' coffee and

donuts in the foyer. All parents are welcome!

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN FORM 2016-2017

The attached form is to be completed for any student(s) who expect, for critical extenuating reasons, to return to their assigned school LATER THAN 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7th, 2016 and ON or BEFORE Friday, September 16th, 2016.

A strong start to the school year is very important for students therefore, parents are reminded that student absences from school can have a negative effect on establishing connections, on understanding school and classroom expectations and routines, on levels of achievement and on learning opportunities. If your child(ren) will be late returning to school, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office before July 7th or by email to hamilton@sd38.bc.ca.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS OPEN JULY 4TH – JULY 8TH & AUGUST 29TH – SEPTEMBER 2ND

The School Administration and Administrative Assistants will be working from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The school email will be checked periodically during the summer.



You can email: hamilton@sd38.bc.ca.

LOST AND FOUND



Lost & found articles will be laid out on the tables in the school foyer until July 5th. Please take a minute to check the lost & found for your family's belongings. Unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.