



SCHOOL NEWS #1

September 8th, 2015

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students:



We hope you enjoyed the wonderful sunny weather this summer! The staff at Hamilton extends a warm welcome to all of our students and families as we embark on the 2015/16 school year. We extend best wishes to all of our returning students and a special welcome to those of you who are new to the community, including 43 Kindergarten students. We finalized the new classes this week and students moved to their new teachers on Friday. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we completed this task.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Pantaleo (our new Vice Principal), Mrs. Katie Jones (returning from maternity leave as Kindergarten teacher), Ms. Sheryl McMillan (Educational Assistant).

Please take some time to read the first newsletter of the school year as it contains a lot of important information about the upcoming school year.

All the new staff are excited to be part of the Hamilton community and we wish them the very best in their new roles. The returning staff members are all very dedicated and outstanding educators and have contributed greatly to the Hamilton community over the years. We are confident your child will have an excellent year!

Mark Hoath
Principal

Kathy Pantaleo
Vice Principal

SCHOOL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR 2015/2016

School Doors Open	8:35 am
School Begins	8:40 am
Recess	10:10 - 10:25 am
Lunch	12:05 - 12:50 pm
Dismissal	2:33 pm

NEWSLETTERS

If you do not receive an electronic copy of this newsletter by the end of September, please contact the school office with your email address. Newsletters will be distributed bi-weekly on Fridays. Families who do not have computers or access to the Internet are welcome to pick up a paper copy of our bi-monthly newsletter from the school office. The website is also updated on a regular basis and includes a school calendar of events and activities.

Follow Hamilton School on Twitter @Hamiltonsd38

The newly created account is an opportunity for the community to follow the student events and activities.

IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Sept. 24 Meet the Teacher 5:30 –6:45 PM (more info to follow)
- Sept. 25 Professional Development Day
School Not In Session
- Sept. 26 Terry Fox Run PM

School events and activities are also posted on the school website calendar

THE SCHOOL STAFF

- Principal Mr. Mark Hoath
- Vice Principal Mrs. Kathy Pantaleo
- Grade 7 Teacher Ms. Laura Odette
- Grade 6/7 Teacher Ms. Leanne Booth
- Grade 6 Teacher Mrs. Lisa Pattyson
- Grade 5/6 Teacher Ms. Kam Sahota
- Grade 4/5 Teacher Mrs. Xenia Herold
- Grade 4/5 Teacher Mr. Ron Kenler
- Grade 4/5 Teacher Mrs. Edina Bajramovic
- Grade 3/4 Teacher Mrs. Linda Mah
- Grade 2/3 Teacher Mr. Leonard Pauer
- Grade 2/3 Teacher Mrs. Michelle Woyat
- Grade 2/3 Teacher(s) Mrs. Randi Evoy/
Ms. Ashley McKittrick
- Grade 1/2 Teacher Mrs. Fiona Welch
- Grade 1/2 Teacher Mrs. Susan McClary
- Grade 1 Teacher Mrs. Lori Davidson
- Kindergarten Teacher Ms. Rowena Butler
- Kindergarten Teacher Ms. Katie Jones
- Resource/ELL Mrs. Teri Oades
- Resource/ELL Ms. Sara Dineen
- Librarian/ELL Mr. Duncan Gibson
- Music Teacher Mr. Rob Brouwer
- Area Counsellor Mrs. Heather Joyce
- Youth Worker Mrs. Tara Hawkins
- Speech/Language TBA
- Hearing Resource Mrs. Chiara Berton
- School Nurse Ms. Kelly McNabb
- Educational Assistants Mrs. Christine Campbell
Mrs. Debbie Jung
Ms. Beverly Pawliuk
Ms. Christine Peever
Ms. Sheryl McMillan
- Settlement Workers Ms. Hari Gill
- Administrative Assistants Mrs. Kathy Mitchell
Mrs. Jennifer Ashby
- Custodians Mr. Jun Esteban
Mr. Jas Virk
- Noon Hour Supervisors Ms. Lillian Ng
Mr. Oliver Tsui
Mrs. Jennifer Andrews



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. The early warning number is operating 24 hours a day. *Please call and leave a message if your child will be absent.*

PAC NEWS

The Hamilton Parent Advisory Council (PAC) would like to take this opportunity to introduce its newly elected Executive and Volunteer members:

2014/15 PAC Executive

- Chair – Nicole Okano
- Co-chair- Lara Minchin
- Fundraiser Coordinators:- Jag Sangha and Shawna DeConti
- Secretary – Nicole Voglmaier
- Treasurer – Linda Sabatini

Please feel free to approach any of the Executive Members with your questions, ideas or concerns. You can also send any email inquiries to the PAC email HamiltonElementaryPAC@gmail.com. Generally, PAC Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise advised. The next PAC Meeting of the school year will be on **Thursday, October 8th in the fishbowl, at 7:00 pm.** Free child minding will be provided and everyone is welcome!

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS FOR THE 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Friday, September 25 th 2015 (not District wide)	Full Day
Friday, October 23 rd 2015	Full Day
Monday, November 30 th 2015 (not District wide)	Full Day
Friday, January 22 nd 2016	Half Day
Friday, February 19 th 2016 (not District wide)	Full Day
Thursday, April 22 nd 2016	Full Day
Thursday, June 29 th 2016	Half Day

Important Forms to Complete

On Monday, September 14th, you will receive a package of forms and information which includes the following: school supplies fees, verification of medical information, earthquake emergency contacts, the walking field trip permission form, request to support fine arts performances/experiences at the school, media release form and permission to receive electronic communications from the school district. Please read these carefully and return the required information to your child’s classroom teacher by September 23rd.

STUDENT AGENDAS

Again this year, students in Grades 1-7 will be given a Student Planner to use as a communication tool between home and school. Students use these books to record daily homework assignments, special reminders about upcoming school events and other information that needs to be shared between home and school. Students will be using these planners on a daily basis.

Tuesdays are Hot Food days Beginning September 15th

The PAC will be organizing hot food days on Tuesdays, beginning later next week. An order form was sent home this week, but parents are encouraged to order online from ‘C’est Mon Café’. Students come to the foyer to pick up their orders and eat in their classrooms. This initiative helps the PAC achieve their fundraising goals.

WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

When picking up your children, we are asking parents to wait in the foyer, or outside, until 2:30 pm. This is a very important time of the day. Teachers are making this request so that there are no interruptions as they review homework and other items. Thank you for your support!

A ‘Toonie’ for TERRY FOX

On Friday, September 18th, staff and students will participate in our annual Terry Fox Run. Students are encouraged to make a donation next week. The school hopes to raise \$500.00. Student leaders will be collecting each morning from classrooms.

NOON HOUR Supervision at HAMILTON

The school has a reverse lunch schedule which means students go outside at 12:05 and return to eat their lunches at 12:35 until they begin afternoon classes at 12:55. Students are encouraged to bring a recess snack. The school district employs three noon hour supervisors in addition to a number of educational assistants to ensure there is adequate supervision of students. Students will be outside unless it is raining really hard so as the weather cools students are encouraged to wear waterproof jackets.

School Spirit “Hamilton Hawk” Clothing

Looking to buy Hawk Wear?? Now's the time! Order forms are available in the office, or you can use the link below to buy your items online. All orders must be ordered on line or submitted to the office by September 28th.

<https://www.sagemember.com/ws/ws.dll/CoStore?DistID=24480&CoStoreID=6223&Preview=1>

