



Hamilton

Elementary School

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School Schedule:

8:40 - Warning Bell

8:45 - Classes Begin

10:15 - 10:30 - Recess

11:50 -12:42 - Lunch

2:45 - Dismissal

School / Early Warning #
604-668-6514

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Hamilton Pumpkin Patch Cross Country Fun Run
Thursday	
Friday	Fun Lunch - Pizza

Hello Hamilton Families,

Newsletters in this format will be one of the main sources of communication that you can expect to receive from the Hamilton office this year.

Welcome to Hamilton. We are looking forward to another great year!

- 1. Hamilton Pumpkin Patch:** will take place on Wednesday. Each child will get a pumpkin. Please ensure that you send a bag with your children so that they can transport the pumpkin from the field and then home. Some classes may be doing activities / carving the pumpkin and some may not. Thank you to the Hamilton PAC for providing this experience for the students!
- 2. Halloween:** should be fun for all. It offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. Keep in mind that the following are not costumes. RACE (black face/brown face). CULTURE (Indigenous regalia, dreadlocks). RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/ gurus/hijab). GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock). TRAUMA (hangman's noose/ weapons) Please also remember that there are students from 4-13 years old in the school, and to avoid weapons and really scary costumes. Thank you for your support. Looking forward to a fun week.
- 3. PAC Events:** Fun Lunch Bundle 2 is due November 7. Please scroll down for Fun Lunch Reminders. Thank you for your support!
- 4. Richmond Sockeyes Tickets:** have been generously donated by Michael Wolfe (Richmond City Councillor). There are 90 tickets to any home Richmond Sockeyes home game of your choice. Rather than pick a few classes to give them to without knowing who will for sure use the tickets, we will have them available on a first come first serve basis at the school office to be picked up. Maximum 4 tickets per family.
- 5. Affordability Fund Reminder -** The Student and Family Affordability Fund is still in place if you require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. Please reach out to Mr. Shuto if you could benefit from this fund.

As always, we thank you for your support and look forward to teaching, learning with, and supporting our Hamilton students throughout the school year!

Sincerely, Karen Burroughs-Chan, Trevor Shuto and the Hamilton Staff

Important Dates

Nov 7th	Fun Lunch - Boston Pizza
Nov 11th	No School - Remembrance Day
Nov 14th	Fun Lunch - Sushi Lovers
Nov 18th	PAC Meeting
Nov 20th	Kindergarten Hearing Screening



Hamilton's School Story

We continue to work with our school language / acronym at Hamilton to help build expectations and a culture of care and respect at the school.

HAWKS stands for:

H-Helpful A-Accountable W-Wise K-Kind S-Safe

The students are gaining a good understanding of what this means and how they can demonstrate this in their day to day lives. You can help by discussing the language with your children at home as well. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated!

Window Into Learning

Throughout the year, in this section, we will highlight some important learning happening at Hamilton!



School District / Hamilton Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is used at Hamilton and around the District to help remind all of us of the expectations in all School District Buildings as well as when participating in all School District events.

Reconciliation, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Calendar

This is an inclusive calendar, and living document that shares dates of significance, recognition, and celebration for members of the school community. The Multi Faith Society has created a calendar to help highlight dates of significance. Dates for each month will be highlighted here.

OCTOBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Falling Leaves Moon Navratri ends Eve of Yom Kippur Int Day of Older Persons (UN) Latin American Heritage Month (Canada) Disability Employment Awareness Month (Canada, USA) Women's History Month (Canada) Islamic History Month (Canada) National Day (China)	2 Dussehra Yom Kippur Mehragan Int Day of Non-Violence (UN)	3 Foundation Day (South Korea) Day of German Unity (Germany)	4 World Space Week
5 Bodhihamma Memorial World Communion Sunday World Teacher's Day (UNESCO) Republic Day (Portugal) Chuseok (Korea)	6 Eve of Sukkot World Habitat Day (UN) Harvest Moon Festival (parts of Asia)	7 Pavarana Day First Day of Sukkot Kathina begins Atmasiddhi Rakhna Divas Int Association of Scientists Day Full Moon (Supermoon)	8 Second Day of Sukkot Independence Day (Croatia)	9 World Sight Day (WHO) World Post Day (UN) Han-Gul Day (South Korea) Independence Day (Uganda)	10 Karwa Chauth World Mental Health Day (WHO)	11
12 Birth Anniv of the Aga Khan Ghambar Ayathrem begins	13 Last Day of Sukkot Eve of Shmini Atzeret Nishinen Shonin Memorial Int Day for Disaster Reduction (UN) Thanksgiving Day (Canada) Indigenous Peoples Day (USA)	14 Shmini Atzeret Eve of Simbat Torah	15 Simbat Torah Yom Rural Women's Day (UN)	16 Ghambar Ayathrem ends World Food Day (UN)	17 Int Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)	18 Independence Day (Azerbaijan)
19 Spiritual/Pastoral Care Week (USA) / Spiritual Health Awareness Week (Canada)	20 Diwali (Hindu, Jain and Sikh celebration) Santshi Chhor Divas Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Mahavira Nirvana	21 Vikram New Year (2082) Jain New Year & Day of Enlightenment New Moon	22 Birth of The Bab Abu Simbel Festival (Egypt)	23 The Birth of Baha'u'llah Chulalongkorn Day (Thailand)	24 United Nations Day (UN) Disarmament Week (UN) World Development Information Day (UN)	25
26 Jhana Panchmi Independence Day (Austria)	27	28 National Day (Ochi Day) (Greece) National Day (Czech Republic)	29 Republic Day (Turkey) Chung Yeung Festival (China, Hong Kong, Taiwan)	30	31 Samhain Halloween	

Please see other information, events, and opportunities below!

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FUN LUNCH FRIDAYS

Hamilton Elementary PAC is happy to bring back Fun Lunch Fridays! All money raised from lunch purchases will go towards supporting our children's education and programs.

HOW TO ORDER

Visit <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton> to register today.

Please note that all orders must be purchased prior to 11:59pm on the due dates indicated in each bundle. No exceptions will be made afterwards on confirmed or incomplete orders.



BUNDLE 1

Orders due September 19, 11:59pm

SEP 26	BURRITOS Taco Luis
OCT 3	SUSHI Sushi Lovers
OCT 10	CHINESE FOOD Bala Foods
OCT 17	SANDWICHES Subway
OCT 31	PIZZA Boston Pizza
NOV 7	PASTA Boston Pizza

BUNDLE 2

Orders due November 7, 11:59pm

NOV 14	SUSHI Sushi Lovers
NOV 21	SANDWICHES Subway
NOV 28	BURRITOS Taco Luis
DEC 5	CHINESE FOOD Bala Foods
DEC 12	PASTA Boston Pizza
DEC 19	PIZZA Boston Pizza



WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Sign up to help with lunch distribution in the foyer, 11:30am - 12:30pm:
<https://volunteersignup.org/WJM88>

DON'T FORGET YOUR UTENSILS!

Questions, concerns or to inform us of an absent student, please reach out at:
hamiltonfunlunch@gmail.com

FUN LUNCH FRIDAYS

REMINDERS!

- Due dates are set and cannot be extended
- Don't forget to pack utensils and napkins!
- Order soon to avoid missing out
- Create one large family order to save on credit card fees

FAQs

I have a question about Fun Lunch Fridays, who do I contact?

You're welcome to email the Hamilton Fun Lunch team at hamiltonfunlunch@gmail.com

What do I do if I miss the order due date?

Unfortunately, no adjustments can be made. The MunchaLunch website works on a pre-set schedule that we follow to ensure successful Fun Lunch Fridays every week.

Do I have to order all the lunches from each bundle?

No. You're welcome to purchase any number of lunches from each bundle at your liking. Please double check bundle due dates to avoid missing out.

Help! I can't remember if I ordered lunch for my family member.

If you have purchased a lunch, MunchaLunch will send you an email reminder the day before. You can also view your order history by logging into your MunchaLunch account, clicking *View* under *My Order*.

Can I get a refund if I cancel my child's lunch?

No. Cash or credit card refunds are not available. MunchaLunch processes order payments a week prior to lunch day. The website offers account credit only when you cancel your child's lunch more than a week prior to the scheduled lunch date. The credit can only be used for future lunch purchases within the current school year.

What do I do if I ordered a lunch, but my child is absent that day?

Please contact the Hamilton Fun Lunch team at hamiltonfunlunch@gmail.com to inform us of your child's absence. We will correspond with you regarding the next steps available:

- Pick up the lunch from the main school office between 12:00 - 3:00pm
- Give the lunch to a sibling to eat or take home
- Donate the lunch to a volunteer

Why do I need to pack utensils for my child's lunch?

Our restaurant vendors do not supply disposable utensil and napkins. We encourage our Hamilton families to follow the school's sustainability goals to eliminate unnecessary waste.

Thank you for supporting Fun Lunch Fridays! All money fundraised from lunch purchases will go towards supporting our children's education and programs at Hamilton Elementary School.

Personal Digital Devices

Personal digital devices should not be used unless permission has been granted. Students are expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Guidelines and District Code of Conduct.

Read the full policy here: sd38.bc.ca/devices

