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November 24th, 2025

Hamilton

Elementary School

5180 Smith Drive

Richmond, BC

V6V 2W5

Trevor Shuto

Principal

Karen Burroughs-Chan

Vice Principal

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	
Thursday	
Friday	Fun Lunch - Taco Luis

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!

- Hamilton Weeks in Review:** Throughout the year, in the section below, every couple of weeks we will highlight some important fun and learning happening at Hamilton in an effort to keep parents up to date!
- School Zone Parking and Driving:** Please don't park in front of driveways, fire hydrants or stop in no stopping zones. Thank you to those who are following parking, driving, and safety guidelines in our school zone and parking lot. We appreciate your support in keeping our community safe.
- Hamilton Community Center:** On Friday December 5th, join us as we celebrate the start of the holiday season with treats, activities and the Fire Hall's seasonal lights. Please scroll down for further information.
- Learning Updates - Reports:** will go live on MyEd Parent Portal on December 18th. Please ensure that you can access / have updated your password so that you can view your child's report for term 1.
- Outside Days:** As the weather changes please remember that we go outside at recess and lunch rain or shine. Please ensure that your children have the appropriate clothing for outside days and a change of clothes if you think it is necessary. This way we don't have to bother you during the day.
- Visiting the School:** Parents and Visitors to the school must sign in at the office upon arrival so that we are aware who is in our building as we continue to prioritize safety around the school. Thank you for your support with this.
- PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for PAC Information. Thank you for your support.
- Richmond Sockeyes Tickets:** have been generously donated by Michael Wolfe (Richmond City Councillor). There are still tickets left for any Richmond Sockeyes home game of your choice. Pick up at the school office.
- 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

Important Dates

Dec 1st	No School - Professional Development Day
Dec 5th	Fun Lunch - Bala Foods
Dec 12th	Fun Lunch - Boston Pizza
Dec 12th	1:00 - Band Concert
Dec 17th	6:00 - Winter Concert

Hamilton Weeks in Review!

Throughout the year, in this section, every couple of weeks we will highlight some important fun and learning happening at Hamilton in an effort to keep parents informed!

We have had a great last few weeks here at Hamilton as students have settled nicely into routines and classrooms. It has been fun to support students in the building of new friendships and maintaining of long lasting ones. When there are almost 390 students in one place, there are bound to be bumps along the way. As a school, we take pride in supporting students in valuing and respecting each other. One of the sayings we use if there is a problem is "it is everyone's job to make problems smaller not bigger". Student are learning to consistently use strategies to do so and are continuing to understand what that feels, sounds and looks like. Our grade 6/7 volleyball team is doing an amazing job of representing Hamilton with passion and respect, we are very proud of this, go Hawks!. Recently our grades 4-7 students viewed a presentation from a group called TCO2 which focussed on online safety, which was well received by staff and students. Looking forward to a great next few weeks. Hope everyone is well!

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!



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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Freezing Moon All Saints Day (W)
2 Daylight Saving Time ends (Canada, USA)	3 Qudrat Bunka No Hi (Culture Day) (Japan) Independence Day (Panama)	4	5 Kathina ends Dev Diwali Birth date of Guru Nanak Dev Ji Chaturmas ends Birth of Shrimad Rajchandra Guy Fawkes Day (UK) Full Moon (Supermoon)	6 World Day to Protect the Environment in War (UN) Constitution Day (Dominican Republic / Puerto Rico)	7	8 Indigenous Veterans Day (Canada)
9 Remembrance Sunday (UK) International Restorative Justice Week Independence Day (Cambodia)	10 World Science Day (UNESCO)	11 Veteran's Day (USA) Remembrance Day (Canada) Independence Day (Poland) Armistice Day (France)	12	13 World Kindness Day	14 World Diabetes Day (UN)	15 Shichi-Go-San ('Seven-Five-Three') (Japan) Republic Day (Brazil)
16 National Addictions Awareness Week (Canada) World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WHO) Int Day for Tolerance (UN)	17	18 Independence Day (Latvia, Morocco)	19	20 Africa Industrialization Day (UN) Universal Children's Day (UN) New Moon	21 World Television Day (UN)	22 Qawl Independence Day (Lebanon)
23 Niinamesai (Kinro Kansha No Hi / Labour Thanksgiving Day) (Japan)	24 Tiantai/Tendai Memorial Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	25 Day of the Covenant Int Day for the Elim of Violence Against Women (UN) Statehood Day (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	26	27 Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá Thanksgiving Day (USA)	28 Independence Day (Albania)	29 Int Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People (UN)
30 First Sunday of Advent (W) St. Andrew's Day (Scotland) Independence Day (Barbados)						

Please see other information, events, and opportunities below!

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL · HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



 Neufeld Fundraising for Hamilton School

Stock up on tasty **appetizers, meatballs, chicken fingers, salmon, croissants, cookies, pies** and more — all while supporting our school! 🍌

<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-hamilton-elementary-c25c42d236>

 **Order deadline:** Monday, December 1, 2025 (end of day)

 **Pickup:** Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 4:00pm

 **Location:** 5180 Smith Dr, Richmond

 **Reminder:** Sellers are responsible for picking up their customers' orders.

 Your Green Kitchen

We're excited to partner with **Your Green Kitchen**, a BC-owned company, to help raise funds for our school! **Shop eco-friendly kitchen products** — tea towels, tote bags, snack bags, and more — and support Hamilton with every purchase.

 **Shop online from November 14–December 1** at ygkfundraising.ca.

At checkout, please select **Hamilton Elementary School** from the drop-down list.

 **Share the link with friends and family** to help us reach our goal!



**HAMILTON
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PAC**

is fundraising with Tru Earth!

When you place an order, our fundraiser receives 20% of the total sales value!

https://ca.tru.earth/collections/fundraising?irclid=y3RXnfQkuxycWNQxQNwvUVHGUpWyPWtrQHbyY0&irgwc=1&afsrc=1&utm_source=6572133&mp_value1=Hamilton%20Elementary%20School%20PAC×tamp=1763434921327&utm_campaign=impact&im_rewards=1



Cashback that gives back!

Raise funds for Hamilton Elementary school
<https://shop.flipgive.com/onboarding/join?joincode=KCPJ5J>

LIGHTING OF THE FIRE HALL



Join us for the annual lighting celebration with friends and family!
Enjoy an afternoon filled with activities, entertainment, and
refreshments.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2025

3:30-5:00PM



At No.5 Firehall 22451 Westminster Hwy



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**](https://sd38.bc.ca/devices)

