



January 5th, 2026

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	First Day Back to School (January 5th)
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

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. First Term Learning Updates (reports):** for students have been published on the MyED Parent Portal. Please log in to view / save / download / screen shot your child(ren)'s report.
- 2. PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for PAC Information about ordering Fun Lunch for January - March as well as a bottle and can drive. Thank you for your ongoing support.
- 3. Richmond School District Volunteer Interpreters Needed:** The Richmond School District is seeking individuals who are fluent in English and other languages to join our Volunteer Interpreter Team. Help strengthen communication between schools and families by providing language support during parent teacher conferences. Your involvement helps ensure every family feels welcomed and informed. Training is provided. All languages welcome. To express your interest, please email your CV before January 16, 2026 to culturalinterpreters@sd38.bc.ca
- 4. Please Update Your Contact Information:** Please ensure that if something changes, you update your contact information with us at the office so that we can communicate with you if needed.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Outside Days:** As the weather changes please remember that we go outside at recess and lunch rain or shine almost every day. 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.
- 7. 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

Jan 5th	First Day back After Winter Break
Jan 16th	Fun Lunch - Subway
Jan 23rd	Fun Lunch - Pasta
Jan 26th	No School - Pro-D Day
Jan 30th	Fun Lunch - Burritos

Hamilton Highlights!

Throughout the year, in this section, we will highlight some important fun and learning happening at Hamilton so that families can follow along in our journey!

Another great week at Hamilton! "Lake Hamilton" dried up a little this week, but no shortage of fun outside at recess and lunch! The "12 Days of Giving" brought our community together and was a great reminder of the power of giving and thinking of others! A huge thank you to Ms. Mussenden and Ms. Burroughs-Chan for their dedication to the organizing and facilitating of our Snow Biz Winter Concert. Lots goes into the behind the scenes preparation of the show. As I mentioned the night of the show, it is so nice to see the musical talents of our students shine through! As we reach the end of the first term, I would like to thank you on behalf of Ms. Burroughs-Chan and the Hamilton staff for working together with us to help support our Hamilton students in continued growth academically, socially, and emotionally! We are very proud of all of our students in their commitment to being **Helpful, Accountable, Wise, Kind, and Safe!** Lots to be proud of being part of this amazing Hamilton Hawks Community! Hope everyone is able to enjoy the Winter Break with some time spent with family and friends. Happy Holidays. ~ Trevor Shuto

Hamilton Hawks

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!



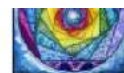
School District / Hamilton Code of Conduct

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.

JANUARY 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ☾ Spirit Moon ☀ Solar New Year 🏠 Gantan-sai △ New Year's Day ☐ St. Basil's Day	2 ☐ Berchtold Day (Switzerland)	3 ☀ Mahāyāna New Year ○ Full Moon (Supermoon)
4 ✈ Ghambar Meidyarem ends ○ World Braille Day (Int)	5 🕉 Birth date of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1666 - 1703)	6 ✚ Epiphany (W) ✚ Armenian Christmas ✚ Theophany (E - New Calendar)	7 ✚ Christmas (Old / Julian Calendar)	8	9	10 ☀ Linji Memorial
11	12 🏠 Seijin-no-hi	13 🕉 Maghi ☐ St. Knut's Day (Finland, Sweden) ☐ Lohri (India)	14 🕉 Makar Sankranti ✚ New Year (Old / Julian Calendar) ☐ Pongal (S India)	15 ☾ Laylat al-Mi'raj (Night Journey to Heaven) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)	16	17 ☀ Baizhang Memorial
18 ✚ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins ☀ Hakuin Ekaku Memorial ☀ Sul'án ☀ World Religion Day ● New Moon	19 ☀ Eihei Dogen Kigen Birth date ✚ Theophany (E - Old Calendar) △ Martin Luther King Day (USA)	20	21 🇨🇦 Quebec Flag Day	22	23 🕉 Vasanta Panchami	24
25 ☀ Honen Shonin Memorial ○ Burns Night	26 ☐ Australia Day ☐ Republic Day (India)	27 🇺🇸 Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)	28	29 🇨🇦 National Day of Remembrance and Action Against Islamophobia (Canada)	30 ☐ Sadeh (Iran) ☐ Education Day (The Three Holy Hierarchs) (Greece)	31

Please see other information, events, and opportunities below!

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL • HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FUN LUNCH FRIDAYS

Happy New Year! Fun Lunch Fridays is back for another term! 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 3

Orders due January 10, 11:59pm

JAN 16 | **SANDWICHES**
Subway

JAN 23 | **PASTA**
Boston Pizza

JAN 30 | **BURRITOS**
Taco Luis

FEB 6 | **SUSHI**
Sushi Lovers

FEB 12 | **BURGERS**
McDonald's

BUNDLE 4

Orders due February 14, 11:59pm

FEB 20 | **CHINESE FOOD**
Bala Foods

FEB 27 | **SANDWICHES**
Subway

MAR 6 | **BURRITOS**
Taco Luis

MAR 13 | **PIZZA**
Boston Pizza

HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

Fun Lunch Fridays will return April 10!



WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Sign up to help with lunch distribution in the foyer, 11:30am - 12:30pm:

<https://volunteersignup.org/TQECJ>

DON'T FORGET YOUR UTENSILS!

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



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR
CHILD(REN)'S EDUCATION!



HOW TO SUPPORT?

- ☒ Bring your empty bottles & cans
- ☒ Find Kiosk
- ☒ Tag your bag by entering:
604.668-6514
- ☒ Your deposits will be donated!

Your donation will go towards:

- √ Updated Tech
- √ Reading Materials
- √ Art & Music Supplies
- √ Sports Equipment
- And many more...*



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Richmond Academy of Innovative Learning (RAIL)

The Richmond Academy of Innovative Learning (RAIL) provides opportunities for creative, motivated, and independent students to extend their learning through inquiry projects that allow them to reach their full potential.

Our Mission statement

RAIL's mission is to teach students using inquiry and project-based learning to become critical thinkers, collaborators, innovators & contributors.



Profile of a RAIL student

The type of students who will be successful in RAIL are **independent learners** who are also able to work as members of a team. They are curious, creative, reliable, organized, and able to apply new learning. These students are sociable and willing to speak up with ideas and questions. RAIL Students are doers, directors, makers, thinkers, dreamers, and problem-solvers.

What does the RAIL Program offer?

The Richmond Academy of Innovative Learning (RAIL):

- provides opportunities for creative, motivated, and independent students to extend their learning through inquiry.
- teaches the Big Ideas through authentic projects.
- teaches students through a combination of online content and classroom instruction.
- provides students with access to the tools and equipment in the District MakerSpace to plan, design and build their projects.
- uses Outdoor adventures for team building, developing an appreciation of nature and increasing students' confidence, leadership, and mental well-being.
- provides students with the opportunity to accelerate their learning
- often gives students the freedom to choose how they want to demonstrate their learning by creating thoughtful, in-depth projects.

Criteria for RAIL students:

- Meeting expectations in the core subjects
- Successfully completed ELL 3
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Ability to use technology
- Evidence of creative extended projects



<https://www.instagram.com/sd38.richmond.virtual.school/>

INCENTIVE OUTDOOR PROGRAM

For creative, inclusive & motivated students with a passion for the outdoors, being part of a community & advancing their academics.

Parent Info Session
DECEMBER 4 @5:30PM

TO JOIN: Click Virtual TEAMS Link
scan QR code, OR add meeting ID

Meeting ID: 217 919 381 799 4

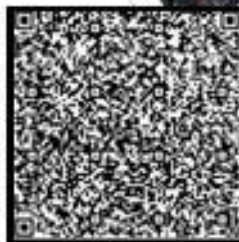
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*Welcome to any Grade6/7 parents
from Richmond SD 38.*

 www.incentiveoutdoorprogram.wordpress.com

 @incentiveoutdoorprogram

 For questions/inquires:
bcapalad@sd38.bc.ca



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)

