



February 23rd, 2026

Hamilton

Elementary School

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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	Book Fair
Tuesday	Book Fair
Wednesday	Book Fair Pink Shirt Day
Thursday	Book Fair
Friday	Book Fair Fun Lunch - Subway

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!

- We are so proud of Skylar, a grade 1 student at Hamilton. Please read below and also scroll down to see Skylar's picture through BC Children's Hospital. A message from Skylar's Family:** We're so proud to share that Skylar is part of the BC Children's Hospital campaign! She wears her AFO every day to help her move and stay active, and BCCH has been such an important part of her journey. Our family has been fundraising for BC Children's Hospital for the past six years to help support other kids and families. Skylar will also have another photoshoot at the end of February as they continue to share her story. This June, we'll be forming a team to join the 2026 RBC Race for the Kids, and we'd love for our school community to cheer us on as we raise funds for this amazing hospital! ❤️
- Free Universal Hot Lunch:** is an opportunity provided by the School District for all children to receive a free hot lunch at school once a month starting in March. Please see email sent out by Karen Burroughs-Chan for many more details (how to order, ordering due dates, lunch dates etc.) We are looking forward to providing this opportunity.
- PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for exciting PAC activities (Fun Lunch, Fundraisers etc.) Thank you for your ongoing support.
- Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey** - is a survey completed by families (at home), staff, and students in grades 4 and 7 (will be done at school). You have the opportunity to fill out this anonymous survey to provide input to the Ministry of Education about the school system. Everyone's feedback is valuable. Click the link below to fill out the survey:
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
- 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

Mar 3rd	PAC Meeting
Mar 6th	Fun Lunch - Burritos
Mar 6th	Spirit Day - Crazy Hair and Hat Day
Mar 11th	Universal Hot Lunch Day
Mar 13th	Hamilton Talent Show

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!

Exciting week at Hamilton this week... especially with the few snowflakes that fell one morning! With the cold weather definitely upon us, please ensure that students are prepared for outside with whatever they need to stay warm. This afternoon we had another "Family Teams" get together where multigrade groups of students took part in a school wide activity. Last month the focus was on building a love of reading by students reading together and sharing their favourite books. Today's focus was on kindness leading into Pink Shirt Day next Wednesday where we will have an assembly which will focus on treating each other with kindness and respect. On Wednesday, students are also welcome to show their support by wearing pink. A reminder of early dismissal at 11:50 next Wednesday where we are looking forward to welcoming families for conferences. The Hamilton Scholastic Book Fair will take place next week, please refer the the email that you would have received from the Hamilton email address with dates and times. Thank you to Ms. Malin for organizing the Book Fair which is an exciting opportunity for our student sand families. ~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.

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FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bear Moon Eve of Tu B'Shevat Indigenous Storytelling Month (Canada) World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN) Black History Month (USA, Canada) Full Moon	2 Laylat al Baraat (Niṣf Sha'bān) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) Tu B'Shevat Imbolc World Wetlands Day	3 Setsubun-sai	4 World Cancer Day (WHO) Rosa Parks Day (USA) National Day (Sri Lanka)	5 Constitution Day (Mexico)	6 Mulk Waitangi Day (New Zealand)	7
8	9	10 Kitchen God Day (Vietnam, China)	11 National Foundation Day (Japan)	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Nehan-e (Nirvana Day) Mahashivaratri National Flag of Canada Day Brotherhood / Sisterhood Week (Canada, USA) Independence Day (Serbia)	16 Nichiren Shonin's Birth date Family Day (parts of Canada) President's Day (USA) Independence Day (Lithuania)	17 Lunar New Year (4724) - Year of the Horse Losar - Tibetan New Year Shrove Tuesday (W) Annular Solar Eclipse New Moon	18 Ash Wednesday (W) Independence Day (The Gambia)	19 First of Ramaḍān	20 World Day of Social Justice (UN)	21 International Mother Language Day (UNESCO)
22 Abu Simbel Festival (Egypt)	23 Great Fast begins (E)	24 Independence Day (Estonia)	25 Ayyám-i-Há Anti-bullying Day (Canada) National Day (Kuwait) People Power Day (Philippines)	26	27 Independence Day (Dominican Republic)	28 Kalevala Day (Finland)

Please see other information, events, and opportunities below!

Make our holidays **MIGHTY.**



MakeUsMighty.ca

BC 
**Children's
Hospital**
Foundation

Hamilton Spirit Days 2026



Friday,
February 6

Red and White Day

Wear Red and
White to support
Team Canada in
the Olympics!



Friday,
March 6

Crazy Hair and Hat Day

Style your hair in
a new, fun, and
creative way!



Friday,
April 17

Matching Day

Match with your
classmates on
matching day.
Or wear Hamilton
Hawks gear!



Friday,
May 22

Beach Day

Wear your beach
gear to school:
hats, towels,
sunglasses, flip
flops and more!



Thursday,
June 25

Jersey Day

Wear your
favourite sport or
country jersey to
celebrate the Fifa
World Cup!



**FRIDAY,
MARCH 13TH**

Auditions will be
March 2,4,6
at Lunch in the
HawksNest

Click [HERE](#) OR
scan QR-Code to
upload your Talent
Show Videos by
Wednesday,
March 4th.



HAMILTON HAWKS

**TALENT
SHOW**

2026

**LIVE & RECORDED
PERFORMANCES!!!**

Talent Show Auditions Guidelines

- If your talent **can** be performed live, it **must** be performed live. For example, piano songs, singing, magic, comedy, etc.
 - Auditions for LIVE talents will be held March 2nd, 4th, and 6th, at lunch in the HawksNest. Sign up on the Talent Show Board outside the office.
- If your talent needs to be in a particular location, for example at the pool, or on a ski hill, or is a digital art piece, you may submit it though the link and it will be shown on the big screen.
 - Videos up to one minute long may be submitted from now until March 7th. Videos that are longer than a minute and a half may be edited, depending on the total number of submissions.
 - Remember to use "landscape view" (hold your device SIDEWAYS) when recording.
 - Please include your: Full Name in your file name for your submission.
 - e.g. KarenBurroughs_snowboarding.mov
- If you are using sound or music, make sure it is appropriate for school. Get your song pre-approved by talking to or emailing Mrs. Burroughs-Chan at: kburroughs-chan@sd38.bc.ca

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL THE AMAZING TALENTS HAMILTON HAWKS!

FUNDRAISE YEAR ROUND

Did you know we fundraise all year round? Support your child(ren)'s education by participating in any of the fundraisers below. Raised funds go towards updating tech, new reading materials, art & music supplies, sports equipment and more! Have questions? email us at hamiltonsd38pac@gmail.com.



BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

Return-it Depot

- Bring your empty bottles and cans to a local depot
- Use the express kiosk to print a sticker tag
- Tag your bag by entering: **604-668-6514**
- Your deposits will be donated!



SHOP & DONATE

FlipGive

- Join our fundraising team with code **KCPJ5J**
- Shop from brands you love
- Each brand donates a percentage back
- Receive a \$5 bonus for on your first purchase!



Shop
here!



WATERPROOF LABELS

Mabel's Labels

- Customize labels for your child(ren's) items
- Order online, search:
Hamilton Elementary PAC (Richmond, BC)
- 20% of all purchases are donated



Shop
here!



CLEANING THAT CARES

Tru Earth

- A less wasteful and more mindful way to do laundry!
- Shop a variety of products for home or travel
- 30% of all purchases are donated back to PAC



Shop
here!

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)

