



February 16th, 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	No School - Family Day
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Fun Lunch - Chinese Food

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. **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.

2. **PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for exciting PAC activities (Fun Lunch, Fundraisers etc.) Thank you for your ongoing support.

3. **A message from the Hamilton Community Center:** "Join us for Family Day on February 14th for a morning of crafts, face painting and a special show presented by Science World. Free and no registration required. All ages welcome!"

4. **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

5. **Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)** Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements. All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEdBC database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338) around February 6th, 2026. To start receiving text alerts, you will need to opt in. How to opt in: **1. Watch for a text from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338) 2. Reply with "Y" to 978338. 3. You will receive a confirmation message letting you know you're successfully subscribed.**

6. **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

Feb 25th	11:50 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb 25th	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 23 - 26	Scholastic Book Fair
Feb 27th	Fun Lunch - Subway
Mar 3rd	PAC Meeting

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!

This was a short week for students at Hamilton but a good one! A Professional Development Day for our Staff on Friday and Family Day on Monday create a long weekend for families where we hope that you will have some time to spend with family and friends. A highlight of the week was seeing the sun shine and the weather warm up just long enough for some of our band classes to set up outside and practice their small group songs, which sounded amazing. Thank you to Ms. Burroughs-Chan for her hard work with our band students. Students are engaged in a variety of learning throughout the school - from periodic tables, to salmon cycle, values of the Olympics, word work, number talks, fixed vs. Growth mindset, fractions / decimals and percentages and much more. We look forward to seeing your children everyday at Hamilton and look forward to continuing to work together in supporting them academically, socially and emotionally in the best way that we can. Hope everyone is well and enjoys the weekend.

~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.

Search:

JAN

FEB

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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 (Nisf Sha'ban) (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!

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!

JOIN IN ON THE

ENTER TO GET A
CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF
OUR 3 PRIZES

HAMILTON PAC RAFFLE

RAFFLE PRIZES – 3 WINNERS!

- **GRAND PRIZE – 1 WINNER: 2 VANCOUVER CANUCKS TICKETS – MARCH 4TH GAME**
- **ADDITIONAL PRIZES (2 WINNERS): GIFT BASKET (ONE PER WINNER)**

EACH INCLUDE: 2 STARBUCKS TUMBLERS, 2 TACO LUIS MEALS, 2 LANDMARK MOVIE TICKETS WITH POPCORN VOUCHER, TEA AND CHOCOLATE



**SINGLE TICKET FOR \$5,
3-TICKETS PACK FOR \$10,
8-TICKETS PACK FOR \$20.**

**DEADLINE
FEB 20TH
AT MIDNIGHT**

**DRAW
FEB 24TH
7PM**

BUY TICKETS

[HTTPS://HAMILTONELEMENTARYPAC.RAFFLENEXUS.COM/](https://hamiltonelementarypac.rafflenexus.com/)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT US AT HAMILTONSD38PAC@GMAIL.COM



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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



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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)

