



February 9th, 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

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Fun Lunch - Burgers

Friday

No School - Professional Development Day

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!

- PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for exciting PAC activities (Fun Lunch, Fundraisers etc.) Thank you for your ongoing support.
- 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!"
- 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
- 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.**
- 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 16th No School - Family Day

Feb 20th Fun Lunch - Chinese Food

Feb 25th 11:50 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences

Feb 25th Pink Shirt Day

Feb 23 - 26 Scholastic Book Fair

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!

A fabulous week at Hamilton! Fun Lunch Fridays are a hit... Thank you to the Hamilton PAC for organizing! It was fun seeing all the red and white for our first Hamilton Spirit Day of the year today. Lots of support for the Olympic Opening Ceremonies. Have fun cheering on Canada and other countries close to your hearts throughout the Olympics. I would like to take a moment to thank the Richmond School District Trades and Grounds People, and our Hamilton Custodians who take care of all aspects of our building inside and out. When we discover something wrong, broken etc. we place a Service Requests to the District and the District sends Trades / Grounds People out to do repairs, service and much more. Also, our Custodians Mr. Klair and Mr. Patel do such an amazing job daily of ensuring that our building is safe, clean and ready to go each morning for the arrival of our students and staff. Wanted to thank them publicly for the valuable work that they do. Reminder that next weekend is a long weekend for families, with a Professional Development day on Friday February 13th and Family Day on Monday February 16th. Hope you are all well! ~ 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: All Events		Go	JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC 2026 V													
FEBRUARY 2026																
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY										
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🌙 Bear Moon 🕯️ Eve of Tu B'Shevat 🌍 Indigenous Storytelling Month (Canada) 🌐 World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN) 🗓️ Black History Month (USA, Canada) 🌕 Full Moon	🌙 Laylat al Baraat (Nisf Sha'ban) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) 🕯️ Tu B'Shevat 🌿 Imbolc 🌿 World Wetlands Day	🗓️ Setsubun-sai	🌐 World Cancer Day (WHO) 🗓️ Rosa Parks Day (USA) 🗓️ National Day (Sri Lanka)	🗓️ Constitution Day (Mexico)	🌐 Mulk 🗓️ Waitangi Day (New Zealand)											
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		🗓️ Kitchen God Day (Vietnam, China)	🗓️ National Foundation Day (Japan)			🌐 Valentine's Day										
15	16	17	18	19	20	21										
🌙 Nehan-e (Nirvana Day) 🕉️ Mahashivaratri 🗓️ National Flag of Canada Day 🗓️ Brotherhood / Sisterhood Week (Canada, USA) 🗓️ Independence Day (Serbia)	🌙 Nichiren Shonin's Birth date 🏠 Family Day (parts of Canada) 🏠 President's Day (USA) 🗓️ Independence Day (Lithuania)	🌙 Lunar New Year (4724) - Year of the Horse 🌙 Losar - Tibetan New Year 🌙 Shrove Tuesday (W) 🌑 Annular Solar Eclipse 🌑 New Moon	🌙 Ash Wednesday (W) 🗓️ Independence Day (The Gambia)	🌙 First of Ramaḍān	🌐 World Day of Social Justice (UN)	🌐 International Mother Language Day (UNESCO)										
22	23	24	25	26	27	28										
🗓️ Abu Simbel Festival (Egypt)	🌙 Great Fast begins (E)	🗓️ Independence Day (Estonia)	🌙 Ayyám-i-Há 🌐 Anti-bullying Day (Canada) 🗓️ National Day (Kuwait) 🗓️ People Power Day (Philippines)		🗓️ Independence Day (Dominican Republic)	🗓️ 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!



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



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!

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

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)

