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Hamilton

Elementary School

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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

Important Dates

Mar 11th	Universal Hot Lunch Day
Mar 13th	Hamilton Talent Show
Mar 13th	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
Mar 30	First Day Back at School after Spring Break
Apr 3rd / 6th	No School - Good Friday and Easter Monday

Monday	
Tuesday	6:00 - PAC Meeting
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Spirit Day - Crazy Hat / Hair Day Fun Lunch - Burritos

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

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!

It was so nice to see so many of you this week for Student conferences. Thank you for your thoughtful and productive conversations with us to help best support our students. Thank you to Ms. Malin for organizing the book fair this week and thank you for your support. It was nice to see so many wearing pink on Wednesday as we had an assembly to support kindness. Some of the messages shared at the assembly were “Kindness feels good!”, “When you are kind to someone else, it makes you feel good as well” and “Kindness start with you and spreads from there”. We are so proud of our students for doing their best to be kind, respectful, and supportive of everyone that walks through the front door of our school! This art work is from our Family Teams get together last week and is a wonderful reminder of the many ways that our school community demonstrates kindness! ~ 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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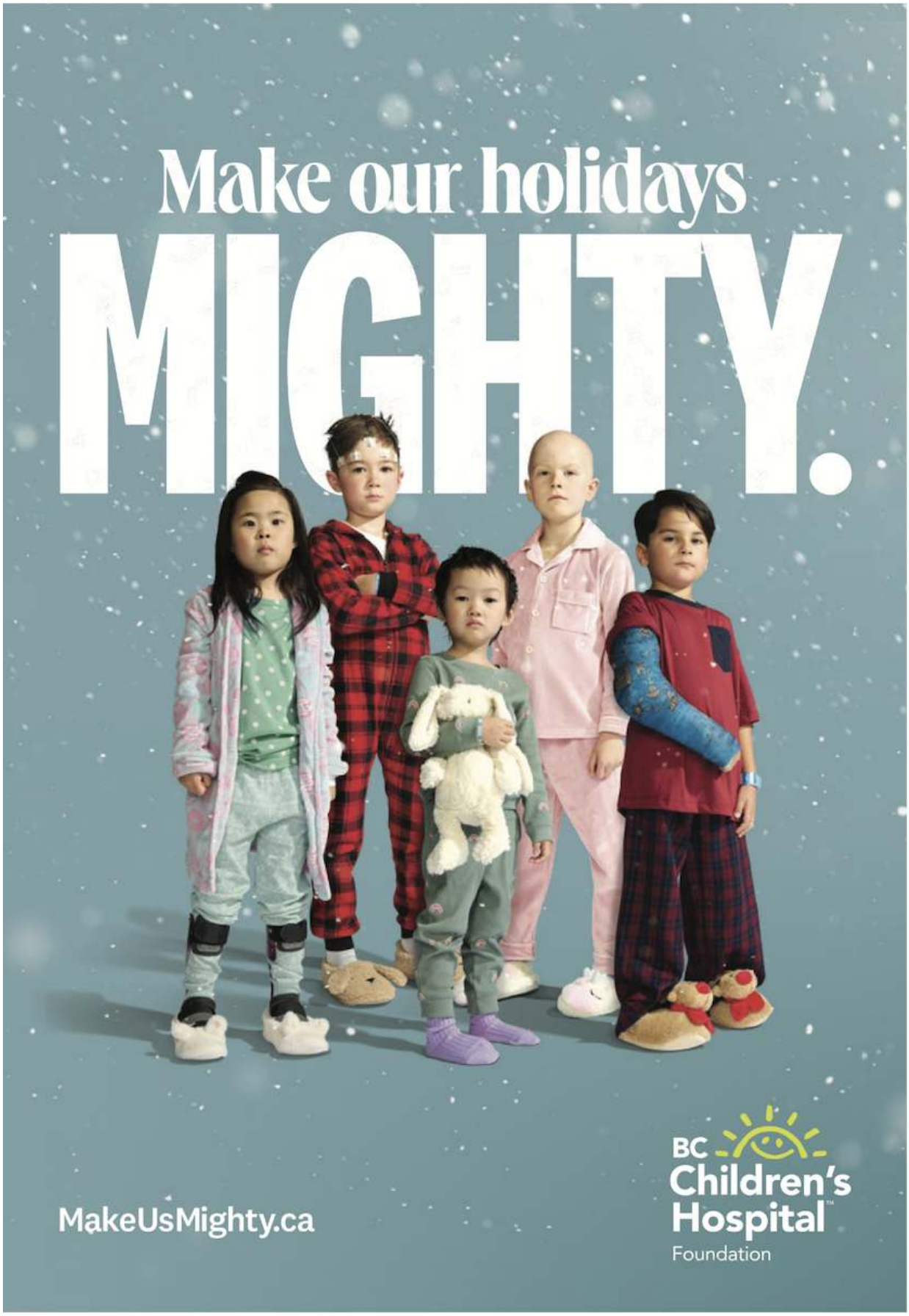
MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sugar Moon Zero Discrimination Day (UN) St. David's Day Women's History Month (UK, Australia, USA) Chalandamärz (Switzerland)	2 19-Day Fast begins Eve of Purim 'Alá'	3 Purim Holi Magha Puja (Sangha) Day World Wildlife Day (UN) Hinamatsuri (Japan) Lantern Festival (China, Taiwan) Total Lunar Eclipse Full Moon	4 Hola Mohalla	5	6 World Day of Prayer Independence Day (Ghana)	7
8 International Women's Day (UN) Interfaith Services for Commonwealth Day Daylight Saving Time begins (Canada, USA)	9 Commonwealth Day	10	11	12 Girl Scout Day (USA, Canada) National Day (Mauritius)	13 Birth date of L. Ron Hubbard Jum'at al-Wada	14 Memorial of Shan-tao/Zendo Daishi Sikh New Year's Day
15 Laylat al-Qadr (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) International Day to Combat Islamophobia (UN) Mothering Sunday (UK, Europe) Memorial Day (Hungary)	16 Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem begins	17 Festival of Higan-e St. Patrick's Day	18 Global Recycling Day	19 Navvarsha Ramayana Week begins Ugadi (India, Mauritius, Nepal) New Moon	20 Īd al-Fitr (End of Ramaḍān) 19-Day Fast ends Navroz (Nowruz) Spring Ohigan Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem ends Ostara Shunbun-no-hi March Equinox	21 Naw-Rúz Nowruz (Fasli) Bahá International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN) Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination (UN) World Down Syndrome Day Harmony Day (Australia)
22 World Water Day (UN) Emancipation Day (Puerto Rico)	23 World Meteorlogical Day (UN)	24	25 Aymbil Oli (First Half) begins Int Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery (UN) Evangelismou (Greece)	26 Birth Anniversary of Prophet Zarathustra Independence Day (Bangladesh)	27 Ramanavami	28 Earth Hour (Intl)
29 Palm Sunday (W) Holy Week begins (W)	30	31 Mahavira Jayanti National Indigenous Languages Day (Canada) Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV)				

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.

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!

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ▪ HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**