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Hamilton

Elementary School

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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 13th	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
Mar 30	First Day Back at School after Spring Break
April 3rd	No School - Good Friday
April 6th	No School - Easter Monday
April 10th	Class Photo Day

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	District Universal Hot Lunch
Thursday	
Friday	Fun Lunch - Pizza Hamilton Talent Show Last Day Before Spring Break

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. Our first one will take place on Wednesday for those who have ordered though Munch a Lunch.
2. **Talent Show:** for those who have signed up, will happen on Friday. Unfortunately we do no have space in the gym to invite all families. If your child is performing then you are welcome to come. Thank you for your support.
3. **Picture Day Change:** Just wanted to ensure that everyone is aware that our class picture day has been moved from March 10th to April 10th because of Basketball Tournament and to avoid a number of student absences that usually take place in that week before Spring Break.
4. **Parent Guide to Emergency Management:** please see a document on our school website from the Richmond School District and Hamilton to update you on our Emergency Preparedness across the District.
5. **PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for exciting PAC activities (Fun Lunch, Fundraisers etc.) Thank you for your ongoing support.
6. **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**
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

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 wet but great week at Hamilton! Students have done a great job of being prepared to go outside at recess and lunch rain or shine. They continue to make the best of the rain, playing in puddles, soccer in the rain, playgrounds still buzzing, and for some, hanging out under the overhang of the school building talking, laughing and having fun! Leading into Spring Break, please continue to ensure that if your child(ren) will be away, that you let the office know by calling and leaving a message as we continue to keep track of our students daily. Lots of excitement in the air as the auditions for the talent show have continued throughout this week. We are looking forward to the talent show on Friday. The creativity was amazing today as many of our student participated in our crazy hair / hat Hamilton Spirit Day, lots of fun and laughter! We are hoping for the sun to come out next week for our last week at Hamilton before Spring Break. As always, thank you for your ongoing support and I 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.

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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 Ïd 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!

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**