



April 20th, 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

Tuesday

6:00 - PAC Meeting

Wednesday

Thursday

Learning Updates Live on MyED Parent Portal

Friday

Fun Lunch - Subway

Important Dates

May 1st	Fun Lunch - Pasta
May 4th	Saleema Noon Parent Night
May 6/7	Saleema Noon Class Presentations
May 8th	Fun Lunch - Burritos
May 13th	District Hot Lunch

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 a great year!

- Safety in our School Zone:** We are asking a favour of everyone in our community. Wanted to ask that we all continue to take good care and caution while driving in our school parking lot and on Gilley Road and Smith Drive around the school property, as well as in our neighbourhoods. Please ensure that we are driving no more than 30kms in our school zone and pay particular attention near the crosswalks around the school as many students and families use these crosswalks to access the school / community center. Thank you for your support as we continue to make safety a priority as we all travel to and from school each day.
- Longer Term Important Upcoming Dates:** Grade 7 visit to McNair June 4th, Pro-D Day May 15th, No School May 18th Holiday, Track Meet May 26th, Sports Day June 12th, Grade 7 Farewell June 19th, Last day of school June 25th.
- Free Universal Hot Lunch - May 13th:** this 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 next one will take place on April 15th for those who have ordered though Munch a Lunch. Orders are accepted until one week prior to the day.
- PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for exciting PAC activities (Fun Lunch, Fundraisers etc.) Thank you for your ongoing support.
- 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!

Thank you to everyone for another great week at Hamilton! It was a pleasure to witness my very first Hamilton Heritage Fair. We are so proud of the students and the efforts put forward by all to not only research and learn new and engaging information, but to also embody it and present it with such poise, maturity and confidence. Not to mention the props, posters, and engaging setups at each presentation booth. Thank you to staff involved and families who supported their children through the process as well. A reminder that Learning Updates (reports) go live on the MyED Parent Portal on Thursday. Please ensure that you have logged in and changed your password if necessary so that you can access your child(ren)'s reports. Hope everyone has a great sunny weekend and that you are all doing 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Sucker Moon Hanuman Jayanti Theravāda New Year Eve of Pesach (Passover) Sikh Heritage Month (Canada)	2 Maundy (Holy) Thursday (W) First Day of Pesach (Passover) World Autism Awareness Day (UN) Full Moon	3 Good Friday (W) Second Day of Pesach (Passover)	4 Holy Saturday (W) Lazarus Saturday (E) Refugee Rights Day (Canada) Int Day for Mine Awareness (UN) Ch'ing Ming Festival (China, Taiwan) Independence Day (Senegal)
5 Easter (W) Palm Sunday (E) International Golden Rule Day	6 Birth of Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva Easter Monday (W) Holy Week begins (E) Chakri Day (Thailand)	7 Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay Int Day of Reflection on the 1994 Rwandan Genocide (UN) World Health Day (WHO)	8 Seventh Day of Pesach (Passover) Buddha's Birth date	9 Eighth (Last) Day of Pesach (Passover) Jalāl Holy Thursday (E)	10 Holy Friday (E)	11 Holy Saturday (E)
12 Pascha (E)	13 Saka New Year Eve of Yom HaShoah Orthodox Easter Monday (E) Songkran (Thailand)	14 Saka New Year Yom HaShoah Vaisakhi (Solar New Year) Vaisakhi Puthandu (India, Sri Lanka, Tamil diaspora)	15	16	17 Independence Day (Syria) New Moon	18 Independence Day (Zimbabwe)
19 National Volunteer Week (Canada, USA)	20 Akshaya-tritiya	21 First Day of the Festival of Ridvān Kartini Day (Indonesia) Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) (Israel)	22 Earth Day (UN) Yom HaAtzma'ut (Independence Day) (Israel)	23 St. George's Day World Book Day (UNESCO) National Sovereignty and Children's Day (Turkey)	24 Martyrs Day (Armenia)	25 Liberation Day (Italy) Anzac Day (Australia, New Zealand) Freedom Day (Portugal)
26 Freedom Day (South Africa) Independence Day (Togo)	27	28 Jamāl Nichiren Foundation Day Int Workers' Memorial Day	29 Ninth Day of Ridvān Shōwa No Hi (Japan)	30 Ghambar Maidyozarem begins Walpurgis Night (Sweden)		

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e begins at sundown.

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!



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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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)

