



April 6th, 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 - Easter Monday
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Class Photo Day Fun Lunch - Chinese Food

Important Dates

April 13th	Immunization Clinic K and some 6/7s
April 15th	Universal Hot Lunch
April 17th	Matching / Hamilton Gear
April 17	Fun Lunch Sushi
April 21st	PAC Meeting

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!

- A reminder:** that there is no school Friday (Good Friday) and Monday (Easter Monday)
- Longer Term Important Upcoming Dates:** Learning Update (Reports) live on MyED Parent Portal April 23rd, 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.
- For your information:** the City of Richmond has given us notice that they will be doing some curb and sidewalk work near the intersection of Westminster and Gilley Road from March 23rd until the end of April from 9:00 - 3:00 Mon - Fri. The work will mainly consist of removing damaged sections of existing sidewalk and curb, installation of a new sidewalk and curb and surface restoration work. Wanted to pass along what we know as this may affect your drop off and pick up routes.
- 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 next one will take place on April 15th for those who have ordered through 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.
- 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
- 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!

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!

Welcome back to all of our Hamilton students and families. It is so nice to have everyone back! I know that Spring Break looks different for all families with work schedules etc. I hope everyone's Spring Break was good with some time spent with family and friends. This year has flown by and I can't believe we are in April already. We are looking forward to the next couple of months filled with learning, joy, connection and hopefully sun to allow for more learning to happen in our outside spaces around the school.

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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APRIL 2026

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)

