

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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*We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hən'q'əmin'əm'** (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.*

May 18th, 2022

- **Notice of Late Return in September**
- **PAC Popcorn/Ring Pop Fundraiser**
- **Track Day Update**
- **Requests for Next Year**
- **Important Dates for next Year**

Upcoming Important Dates...

May

- 19th Grade 7s to Camp Jubilee for the day
- 20th Pro-D Day – **Non-instructional Day**
- 23rd Victoria Day – **School Closed**
- 25th Track Meet at Minoru for grades 4 - 7
- 26th Welcome to Kindergarten 12:45 – 1:30 and 1:45 – 2:30
- 27th Grade 7 Day at McNair Secondary

June

- 10th Sports Day **1:30 dismissal**
- 19th Father's Day
- 24th Grade 7 Grad Day
- 28th Farewell Assembly
- 29th Last day for students
- 30th Administrative Day

Dear Hamilton Families,

Well, it looks like it's final going to happen...a warming trend in the weather ahead. After that crazy storm last night, we are looking at a more spring-like stretch of warmer weather starting tomorrow. And just in time, as **our grade 7 students are off to Camp Jubilee** for the day and their outdoor activities such as voyager canoeing, archery, low ropes course, shelter building and campfire, will be so much more enjoyable without the wet stuff. We'll need to keep our fingers crossed for other events coming up such as Track, Sports Day, Grade 7 Farewell, and year-end field trips.

An important way you as parents can help is if your child is going to be absent, **please use the School Early Warning line at 604-668-6516**. Many parents are contacting their child's teacher, and this is either not always being relayed to the office, or it is leading to some extra work and confusion for our office staff. It is important we know students have arrived safely at school.

A reminder that **Friday is a Pro-D Day and Monday is the Victoria Day holiday**.

On behalf of the Hamilton Staff, we wish you and your family an enjoyable long weekend!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mr. McCallum and Mrs. Livingston

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN (SEPTEMBER) Please see attached document

Please note that being absent at the start of the school year has the following ramifications for students:

1. Missed valuable instructional time, therefore missed valuable learning opportunities.
2. Missed valuable teacher and administrative explanations of expectations and routines for the course & school.
3. Missed valuable opportunities to make important social connections at the start of a school year.
4. If a student is not returning on or before September 14, 2022, a school cannot reserve a spot guaranteeing the ability to be enrolled in the school. There may be a need for placement at another school upon the students' late return.

In conclusion, the reason for a late return should only be for extremely extenuating circumstances.

In the event of an unforeseen critical family circumstance occurring on or after July 1, 2022 that causes an unexpected late return to the school, the parent must advise the school as soon as possible by email via the school website or by letter directed to the Principal.

The **Hamilton PAC will be hosting a Popcorn & Ring Pop Sale on Friday**. The sale will take place at 2:45 at the front entrance of the school. There is a limited number of bags of popcorn so they will be limiting purchase to one bag per student. Thank you for supporting our Hamilton PAC.

We are all set for our **Zone Track Meet at Minoru next Wednesday, May 25th**. Grade 4 – 7 students have been placed into events and we will be meeting with them on Tuesday to go over last-minute instructions and preparedness for the day. We are still looking for some parent drivers to take our students who have the earliest events. Please contact the school or your child's teacher if you can help.

If you are interested in **making a specific request for classroom placement next year**, forms are available for pick up at our main school office. These requests are meant to help staff make the most informed decision possible when placing students in classes for next year. While we cannot guarantee every request will be granted, we will take into consideration your thoughts on what you feel is best for your child's educational development.

Mark Your Calendar – Important Dates for Next School Year 2022/23

Schools Open	September 6
Professional Development Day (Pro-D)	September 23
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	September 30
Thanksgiving Day	October 10
Professional Development Day	October 21
Remembrance Day	November 11
Professional Development Day	November 21
Winter Vacation	December 19 – January 2
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation	January 3
Professional Development Day	January 30
Professional Development Day	February 17
BC Family Day	February 20
Spring Vacation	March 13 - March 24
Good Friday	April 7
Easter Monday	April 10
Professional Development Day	May 19
Victoria Day	May 22
Last Day of Classes	June 29
Administrative Day	June 30 (no students at school)