

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 25th, 2022

- Pajama Day Thursday
- Bike to School Week
- Summer Music Courses
- Richmond Community Challenge
- Notice of Late Return in September
- Important Dates for Next School Year

Upcoming Important Dates...

May

- 26th Pajama Day at Hamilton
- 26th McNair Stage Band performs for our grades 4 - 7
- 26th Welcome to Kindergarten 12:45 – 1:30 and 1:45 – 2:30
- 27th Grade 7 Day at McNair Secondary

June

- 3rd Freezie Sale
- 10th Sports Day **1:30 dismissal**
- 19th Father's Day
- 24th Grade 7 Grad Day
- 27th Report Cards go Home
- 28th Farewell Assembly
- 29th Last day for students
- 30th Administrative Day

Dear Hamilton Families,

It was a crazy morning today as we sent our grade 4 – 7 students to Minoru for the **Zone Track Meet**. Thankfully, the weather cooperated, and we were able to go ahead with the event.

Division 10 had the great idea to have a **Pajama Day tomorrow**, so we are encouraging students to come in their PJs and bring their favorite stuffy.

We have two other happenings at Hamilton tomorrow. **The McNair Stage Band** will be here first thing in the morning performing for our older students to introduce them and interest them in pursuing Band in the future. Tomorrow is also our **Welcome to Kindergarten** event it will take place in the afternoon.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
Mr. McCallum and Mrs. Livingston

May 30 – June 3 is Bike to School Week. We encourage students to try biking to school during this week. Please ensure that all safety measures are in place, especially that everyone biking, scootering, skateboarding etc. are all wearing helmets. Younger students should be accompanied by an adult.

Please see the attachment for **Music Courses offered by the Richmond School District.**

The ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge is a nationwide initiative that rallies communities to sit less and move more. The goal is to engage families, friends, neighbours, schools, organizations, businesses and fellow community members to get active and track all physical activity through the ParticipACTION mobile App **from June 1 to 30.**

This year's theme is *Everything gets better when you get active! Even communities!* Get moving, connect with others, and help Richmond get crowned Canada's Most Active Community.

Richmond's Goals for the Challenge:

- To increase physical activity in Richmond and inspire individuals to be active, connected and healthy for a lifetime.
- To encourage individuals to meet the 24 hr movement guidelines (<https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/benefits-and-guidelines/adults-18-to-64>)
- Promote the benefits and importance of being active
- To engage families, friends, neighbours and community members to get active and track all physical activity through the ParticipACTION app.

- Increase tracking of physical activity levels in Richmond via ParticipACTION APP
- Increase in minutes and intensity of physical activity reported in Richmond throughout the CBC month of June by 1% (90,000 minutes) from 2021 (9,000 000 minutes) to 2022 (9,090,000).

The following two websites will have information about the Challenge and activities offered in Richmond for June:

- www.participaction.com – Information about the APP and Community Better Challenge
- www.richmond.ca/participaction - Information on Richmond specific activities and events offered in June

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.

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)