

## 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 12th, 2022**

- **PAC Meeting TONIGHT at 6:30**
- **2022/23 Staffing update**
- **Classroom Placement Requests for 2022/2023**
- **Important Dates for Next Year**
- **Construction at the Mall – Traffic Issues**

There will be a virtual **Hamilton PAC meeting at 6:30 this evening**. All Hamilton Parents and Guardians are welcome to attend. Please see the link below and the agenda attached. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/61080585962?pwd=YjNINCswdWZTUj9vNk5pT0hvS3MzUT09>

Meeting ID: 610 8058 5962

Passcode: Hawks411!@

**Change is inevitable.** One of the realities of working in a school is that there are the **staffing changes** that occur every year. After a wonderful career, **Ms. Xenia Herold is retiring** at the end of this school year. Ms. Herold has spent the last 25 years here at Hamilton. Truly amazing.

**We will also be saying goodbye to Ms. Kristina Svenkeson**, who has been job-sharing with Ms. McDuff in Division 12 for a number of years. Ms. Svenkeson has secured another job-share position at Maple Lane Elementary. I think I speak on behalf of the entire Hamilton Community when I say how much we will miss these two deeply thoughtful and caring educators. We wish them well.

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)

**Beginning May 9<sup>th</sup>, developers began the demolition process on the old Hamilton Village Mall** across Smith Drive from the school. I want to thank all the parents who have been using the drop-off zone at the front of the community centre. While it has been busier, if people go slow, pull all the way forward in the zone parallel to the curb and do not remain there after dropping off their children, then things run smoothly.

There are still issues with parents dropping off their children on Smith Drive. Dropping students off on Smith Drive may seem convenient for some, but there are serious concerns for safety, as students are then having to cross Smith Drive to access the school. We ask that everyone please strictly adhere to all posted signs around the school and to respect our neighbors when dropping off and picking up their children. **The drop off zone in front of the Community Centre is the safest place to drop off and pick up your children.** The recent incident of a 14 year-old girl who was killed in Burnaby last Thursday while walking home from school, should be more than enough reminder of how safe we all need to be during this time of construction around the school.

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

### Upcoming Important Dates...

#### May

- 12<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting – 6:30
- 19<sup>th</sup> Grade 7s to Camp Jubilee for the day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Pro-D Day – **Non-instructional Day**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Victoria Day – **School Closed**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Track Meet at Minoru for grades 4 - 7
- 26<sup>th</sup> Welcome to Kindergarten 12:45 – 1:30 and 1:45 – 2:30

#### June

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