

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.*

June 22nd, 2022

- **Saying Goodbye to Staff**
- **Epipens to Go Home**
- **Notice of Late Return**

Upcoming Important Dates...

June

- 24th Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony/Lunch – Grade 7 families only attend, Thank you
27th Report Cards go Home
28th Year-End Assembly
29th Last day for students – 2:45 Dismissal
30th Administrative Day School open, students do not attend

July

- 4th-7th School Office open 9:00 – 3:00
7th School office closes for the summer 3:00

September

- 6th First Day Back - Students in (new) Grades 1 – 7 attend **1 hour only 9:00 – 10:00**
7th First “Full” Day - Students in (new) Grades 1 – 7 attend all day 8:40 – 2:45

Dear Hamilton Families,

We are now into the final stretch of our school year. Lots of activities around the school with plays, field trips, assemblies and classes wrapping things up for the year. This will be our second to last newsletter going home this year, another will go out next week. Some important reminders for the end of this school year and the beginning of next.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school,
Mr. McCallum and Mrs. Livingston

This is the **time we prepare to say our goodbyes to staff** who will not be with us next year. We have had 3 wonderful Education Assistants with us on temporary contracts that end next week. **Mrs. Sarabjeet Kaur, Miss Bertha Orozco-Tello, and Mrs. Sukhman Gill.** We want to thank them deeply for the care and attention they have shown our students.

Mrs. Kristina Svenkeson has been a part of a job-share with Ms. McDuff for the last number of years. She is off to Maple Lane to become a part of a job-share. We will miss her charm, thoughtfulness and amazing teaching skills.

Mrs. Xenia Harold is retiring this year after 20 years at Hamilton. Mrs. Herold has been a grounding and inspirational presence on our staff. We will miss her daily reminders to maintain our balance, and her kind and caring nature towards staff and students alike.

If your child has had an **Epipen at school and you will need it for the summer** please have them take it home on the last day, or parents can pick them up at the school office after the students have been dismissed for the summer.

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.