

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.

November 1st, 2022

- **Photo Retakes - Wednesday**
- **Kindergarten Registrations**

What a fantastic October we had here at the school. We had our first **Family Teams** activity in 3 years. Family Teams is a concept where we place the students in one of 36 teams each made up of about 11 students ranging from kindergarten to Grade 7. This is a wonderful way for our younger students to connect with and learn from older students, and it is a great opportunity for our older students to develop leadership skills. **Our Pumpkin Patch** this past Friday was a huge success. The students came out to the field with their “buddy” classes, where younger classes are matched up with an older class and every younger student is matched up with one of our older students. This provides yet another positive learning experience for our students. And what better way to end the month than with our **Halloween Dress up, Parade, and Sing-Along** in the gym where our older students performed a dance for the school, and everyone sang along to the Monster Mash. There were lots of art activities happening around the school yesterday as well. At one point, the gym was filled with our grade 6/7s carving their pumpkins.

Thank you to all the parents who sent treats to the school to make it an even more special day, and a special thank you to Ms. Sam Le Riche and Ms. Lydia Liew for helping unload the pumpkins on Friday.

A reminder that **Photo Retakes will happen tomorrow** at the school. If you were not happy with your child’s first picture, please let them know, or their teacher know, that you would like a retake. Thank you.

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome **kindergarten registration applications** for **children born in 2018, turning 5 in 2023**. These children will begin kindergarten in September 2023. Online registration opens on November 1, 2022. Please visit our website <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates and FAQs.

Families are encouraged to register any time during the Priority 1 registration period (November – January) for the best chance at attending their catchment

school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 3, 2023.

Instead of in person information evenings this year, **we have posted short videos that provide our new parents with information about the registration process**, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options – Early French Immersion and Montessori. These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>.

Finally, there will be a Kindergarten Information Evening for parents of students with additional support needs on ZOOM held on November 16 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on the Kindergarten Registration website closer to the meeting date <http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten>

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

Upcoming Dates

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| November | 5–11 | Veteran’s Week | |
| | 8 | Indigenous Veteran’s Day Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib | |
| | 11 | Remembrance Day | |
| | 20 | National Child Day Transgender Day of Remembrance | |
| | 20-26 | Canada History Week | |
| | 24 | Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur | |
| | 26 | Holodomor Memorial Day | |
| | | Photo Retakes | November 2 |
| | | Indigenous Veteran’s Day | November 8 |
| | | Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00 | November 10 |
| | | Remembrance Day - SCHOOL CLOSED | November 11 |
| | | National Child Day | November 20 |
| | | Pro-D Day – Students do not attend | November 21 |
| | | Zero Heroes Presentation | December 1 |
| | | Winter Vacation - SCHOOL CLOSED | December 19 – January 2 |
| | | Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation | January 3 |
| | | Pro-D Day – Students do not attend | January 30 |
| | | Pro-D Day – Students do not attend | February 17 |
| | | BC Family Day - SCHOOL CLOSED | February 20 |
| | | Conferences – 12:00 Dismissal | March 8 |
| | | Spring Vacation | March 13 - March 24 |
| | | Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED | April 7 |
| | | Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED | April 10 |
| | | Pro-D Day – Students do not attend | May 19 |
| | | Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED | May 22 |
| | | Last Day of Classes | June 29 |
| | | Administrative Day | June 30 (no students at school) |