

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the [hənq̓əmínəm](#) (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

November 16th, 2022

- **“Go Canada” School Spirit Day – November 23rd**
- **Photo Retake Information**
- **PAC Neufeld Farms Fundraiser**
- **New Hot Lunch Program – Ordering Reminder**

Dear Hamilton Families,

This past week, our Vice-Principal, **Mrs. Mika Livingston** was asked to temporarily take a position in Learning Services at the District Office to replace someone on leave. We wish her all the best in this wonderful opportunity for her. After losing such a talented educator as Mrs. Livingston, it was comforting to know that we had someone on our own staff who readily stepped up and took on the vacancy.

I would like to officially welcome Ms. Karen Burroughs-Chan as Acting Vice-Principal. Ms. Burroughs-Chan is one of our grade 6/7 teachers, and while she will continue to teach her class, she will now take on an additional role to support the students at Hamilton. Congratulations to both!

On Monday this week, we held **our second Fire Drill** of the year and today we held **our first Earthquake Drill**. Both drills went exceptionally well. Please ask your child(ren) to explain the difference between the two. We take the safety of the children at Hamilton very seriously, and if there were to be an unforeseen event such as this, we want everyone to be prepared for it. On the 25th of the month we are planning on holding our Hold & Secure and Lockdown Drills.

Next Wednesday, November 23rd, we will be having a **“Go Canada” School Spirit Day** to show our pride as Canadians and cheer on our Men’s National Soccer Team at the world cup in Qatar. **Students are encouraged to wear red and white** that day to show their support.

Mr. Mark McCallum

A Message From Mountain West Studios – Our School Photographers:

Hello students and families,

We are excited to announce that your school photo gallery is live and ready for viewing!

1. On Photo Day, your student was provided with a photo flyer containing a QR login code.
2. Use this login code to access your student's personal photo gallery at myorder.mountainwest.ca.
3. ***Any active email address can be used to login.***

YOUR ORDER DEADLINE IS: Tuesday, November 29, 2022

1. To find out more about ordering, [Click Here](#) for support.
2. If you do not have your login code, or require assistance, please [chat](#) with us or email us at help@mountainwest.ca.
3. Orders will be shipped directly to your home address.
4. If you are requesting a retake, further information will be provided by the school.
5. Looking to access digital downloads or check on the status of your order?
Visit portal.mountainwest.ca

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As part of our 2022-2023 fundraising efforts, **The PAC is excited to partner with Neufeld Farms.** This is an excellent opportunity to support the Hamilton PAC.

When is the fundraiser running? The Neufeld Fundraiser will run from **November 14th to November 27th 2022**

How To Order? You can access the Neufeld Fundraiser with this link:
<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2022-hamilton-elementary/ref/em>

*****Please use YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND LAST NAME in the "student/player/participant" field on the details tab.***** This is the only way we will be able to accurately track orders and properly allocate them during delivery.

***Feel free to share the link with family and friends but they also need to use your child's name when ordering.

Pick-Up Date & Time & Location: Tuesday, December 6th @ 6:00pm at Hamilton Elementary.
Please bring confirmation.

Hi Parents! HOT LUNCH IS HERE!!!!

Introducing: GOT2EATMEALS!

Originally a meal prep company for The Program Fitness (training), they have evolved in the last 6 years to being Winner - top choice awards for the Best Meal Prep Service Award in the greater Vancouver 2022!

You can check out their website for the history and other meal prep services this offer.

For us at Hamilton Elementary, they are doing a custom menu by their executive Chef Brian - who was a head chef for several Cactus Club locations for about 20 years. Needless to say, the food is better than ever: Healthy, Tasty and of great value. Food will come individually packaged and have been taste tested by kids from our school!

For now, the menu will be the same for the next 4 weeks. We will assess the menu options then to see if people want the same items or a small change up.

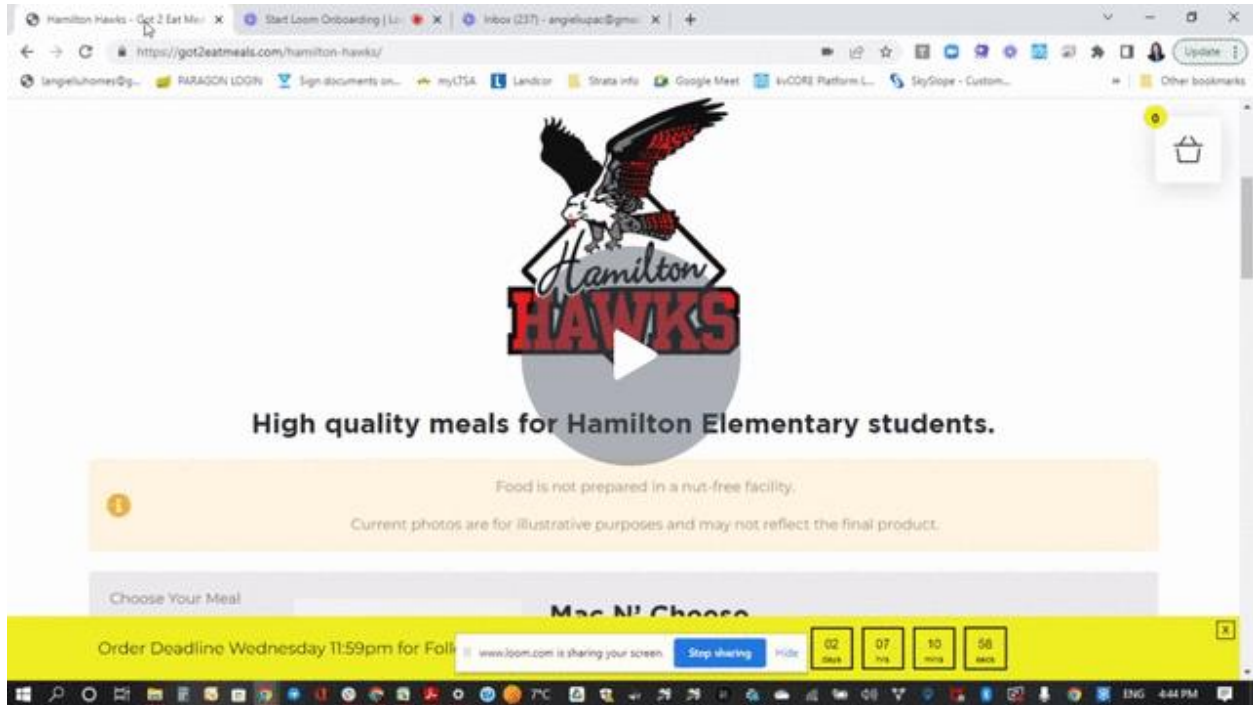
Sorry for the delay and tight timeline, but we wanted to do a lot of beta testing of the website that Got2EatMeals is graciously customizing for us, as much and quickly as they can.

Please note the website still has some kinks to work out. Please be patient and help us out! I am open to feedback so that we can provide it to the company!

1st HOT LUNCH ORDER NEEDS TO BE IN BY THIS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2022 by 11:59PM. Usual cut off is 9PM, but they have extended it a bit later due to the tight timeframe.

***** CLICK HERE FIRST FOR THE LOOM VIDEO FOR TIPS AND INFO ON HOW TO USE THE HOT LUNCH ORDER PAGE:**

Loom Message - 14 November 2022 - [Watch Video](#)



<https://www.loom.com/share/96e26ea0cc294dfe8ce3a717d9119438>

ORDER HERE---><https://got2eatmeals.com/hamilton-hawks/>

Some details:

1) HOT LUNCH FALLS ON WEDNESDAY'S

2) Orders need to be purchased 1 WEEK in ADVANCE of the hot lunch date ONLINE by 9PM the week before. This week ONLY, we will have until 11:59PM on Wednesday to place our order because of the late introduction.

3) Each child needs a SEPARATE ORDER for now until they build it into the website to order for multiple kids in one order.

4) You can order up to the next 4 weeks in advance

5) Photos are not representative of the final product for now. They will update photos soon.

6) PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH UTENSILS!! We want to be green and reduce waste!

Any questions/comments, please let me know!

FINALLY - I am looking for volunteers to help out with Hot Lunch distribution, please sign up --> <https://tinyurl.com/HamiltonHotLunch>

THANKS!

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Upcoming Dates

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

National Child Day
“Go Canada” School Spirit Day
Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
Zero Heroes Presentation
Report Cards Published
Winter Vacation - SCHOOL CLOSED
Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation
Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
BC Family Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Conferences – 12:00 Dismissal
Spring Vacation
Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Last Day of Classes
Administrative Day

November 20
November 23
November 21
December 1
December 15
December 19 – January 2
January 3
January 30
February 17
February 20
March 8
March 13 - March 24
April 7
April 10
May 19
May 22
June 29
June 30 (no students at school)