

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 8th, 2022

- **Grade 7 Farewell Committee Meeting Tomorrow 6:00pm**
- **PAC Meeting Tomorrow 7:00pm**
- **Hamilton “Hawkswear” Sale**
- **Kindergarten Registrations**

Dear Hamilton Families,

Our school focus for November is Teamwork & Peace. So far this month, our students have been learning about solving conflicts peacefully as we prepare for our **Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30 (note time change) on Thursday, November 10th**. This is a very special assembly we have every year, to not only remember past Canadians who have sacrificed for our country, but a time when we as a community reaffirm our beliefs in peace, justice, equality, and democracy. We will have some chairs set up for visitors, but we respectfully ask for a limit of 3 people per family and recommend you wear a mask while in our school gym.

We are now receiving **donations for the Poppy Fund**. If you would like to contribute, please send what you can in the form of coins or bills to the school this week with your child.

There are two important parent meetings tomorrow night at the school. **Our Grade 7 Farewell committee will meet at 6:00pm followed by this month’s PAC meeting at 7:00**. We hope to see you there!

After a few years of Covid protocols and restrictions, **Hamilton Spirit Wear (Hawkswear)** is once again available for order. The popular t-shirts and hoodies (pullover & zip) will be available in youth & adult sizes and in a variety of colours. Toques are now available and will be perfect as the weather gets colder.

We are introducing **MunchaLunch (a new online ordering program)** to Hamilton Elementary. This will eliminate scrambling for cash/coins or needing volunteers to count money. We will be using this online program for **FUNDRAISING ONLY** and not for ordering hot lunch. Please see attached info sheet for more details.

Please click on the link to create an account to order Hawkswear:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton> **Order deadline is Saturday, November 12th, 2022 (midnight)**

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

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

Indigenous Veteran’s Day	November 8
Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:30	November 10
Remembrance Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	November 11

National Child Day
Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
Zero Heroes Presentation
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 21
December 1
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)