

## 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.*

December 1st, 2022

- **FSA results go home tomorrow**
- **Winter conditions & safety around the school**
- **“Zero Heroes” garbage reduction show**

Dear Hamilton Families,

Tomorrow the **FSA testing booklets and results page** will be sent home with students in grades 4 and 7. We encourage you to look at the results with your child and discuss the questions in the booklet. The booklet questions have all been marked by Richmond Teachers and provide a snapshot of how your child is progressing in Literacy and Numeracy.

With the **icy conditions** that have been left from the winter storm we experienced on Tuesday, we are encouraging everyone in the community to be extra safe when walking or driving around the school. While we have seen an improvement lately with people dropping off and picking up their children, **parents stopping on the east side (adjacent to the school) of Smith drive is still a problem**. Even stopping for a very short period of time prevents children and parents from being seen when crossing the street and can force other drivers to pull around the stopped vehicle. This stretch of Smith Drive is clearly marked as a NO STOPPING zone.

Today we had a presentation in our gym by **DreamRider Productions**. The name of the show, **Zero Heroes**, is a fun and educational way to help children learn about environmental literacy and better understand the problem we have in the world of producing too much garbage, and ways *we all* can do our part to reduce the waste that goes into our landfills. One of the things they talked about is a litter less lunch, where lunches are packed using reusable containers, utensils, and napkins. We have been providing plastic spoons and forks for students if they require them but **beginning in January, we will no longer be providing these**. Parents, please ensure there is a reusable utensil in your child's lunch if they require it.

Check out DreamRider's website:

<http://dreamriderproductions.com/about-us/>

Thank you!

Mr. Mark McCallum and Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

## Some Reminders from our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

\***LANDMARK MOVIE TICKETS FUNDRAISER:** Deadline to order- Friday, December 2nd @ 11:59pm

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>

\***PICK UP NEUFELD FARMS** order from Hamilton Elementary on Tuesday, December 6th @ 6pm

\***SUBWAY LUNCH** on December 16th: Deadline to order- Friday December 9th @ 11:59pm

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>

Sign up link for parent Subway volunteers

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A5AE23A5FF2-subway>

\***HAWKSWEAR** delivery due week of Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming Dates

<b>December</b>	3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
	6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
	8	Bodhi Day
	10	Human Rights Day
	18-26	Hannukah
	24	Christmas Eve
	25	Christmas

Book Swap

Report Cards Published

**Winter Vacation - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Schools Reopen after Winter Vacation

JessDance Program at Hamilton

**Pro-D Day – Students do not attend**

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**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

December 13

December 15

**December 19 – January 2**

January 3

January 20-27

**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)