

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 14th, 2022

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Dear Hamilton Families,

I would like to thank everyone in the community, students, staff, parents, and family members, for making this such a wonderfully successful first term. While we have had our challenges such as dealing with many illnesses and changes to the reporting process, the spirit and learning in the school has been exceptional.

On a bittersweet note, **we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Kathy Mitchell, our Senior Administrative Assistant**, who has been at Hamilton for the past 20 years. Mrs. Mitchell is retiring on Friday after a distinguished career with the Richmond School District. She will be greatly missed by our students, parents who have gotten to know her, our staff, and especially myself. Mrs. Mitchell has treated *every* single person who has come into the Hamilton office with courtesy, care, and respect. Her warm personality and humor have played such an important role in making Hamilton a welcoming place all these years. On behalf of the Hamilton Community, I would like to thank Mrs. Mitchell for everything she has done for our school and wish her joy and fulfillment in her retirement years. We love you, Mrs. Mitchell!

I would also like to thank **Mrs. Sukhman Gill and Ms. Maria Rodriguez, two of our Education Assistants**, who have been here on a temporary basis over the last number of months. We wish them success and hope they can return to Hamilton at some point in the future.

On a more positive note, **I would like to introduce and welcome Mr. Daniel Mogyorosi**, who will be at Hamilton on a full-time basis starting in the new year. Mr. Mogyorosi will be teaching in Division 3 and supporting students in our school as a Helping Resource Teacher during Mrs. Livingston's reassignment to the School Board Office.

Parents, please consider that **we have all been affected by the Pandemic**. Due to the disruptions in the school system, children have had to adjust, at times, to different learning

environments and instructional models. While our staff have done an amazing job of both recognizing this and helping students get back on track, there were inevitable learning disruptions over the past few years. Please **be patient** with your child's development. **Look at the positive** gains they are making. **Be encouraging** by seeing areas where they still need to improve and helping them reach their potential. **Look at your child's Core Competency Reflections and talk with them** about how you can **work as a team** to ensure they reach their goals. Thank you.

Mr. McCallum

Tomorrow, student Report Cards will be published online for the first time. Full instructions for this process are on our school website: <https://hamilton.sd38.bc.ca>

Some Tips for Accessing You Child's Report Card Online:

In November, you would have received an email from "sysadmin@myeducation.gov.bc.ca" with your login ID and temporary password. Instructions on how to login and navigate the Parent Portal can be found on our school website.

Access the Parent Portal at: <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspden/logon.do>

- **The first login must be done from a workstation, laptop or computer. Do not use an iPad, tablet or cell phone.** After the initial log in you may use any device to access your parent portal account.
- Enter the login ID and password provided in the MyED BC email
- The first time you log on to your account you will be asked to change your password

Account Problems?

Accounts have been created using email addresses previously provided to the office. **If you did not provide your email address or need to update your address, please send an email hamilton@sd38.bc.ca**

If you have issues logging into MyEd please send an email to the District MyEd Support Team at the following email address: MyEdParentPortal@sd38.bc.ca In the subject line please put *Parent Portal*, and in the message, include the following: Student's Full Name, Pupil #, Parent/Guardian Name and email address.

If you are having any difficulties accessing your child's report card online, you may come to the school and request a paper copy. Reports WILL NOT be sent by mail or email.

We have some fun activities planned for the kids over the next two days. We have two more days in our School Spirit Week which has been very successful.

Thursday, December 15 – Wacky Hair and Hat Day

Friday, December 16 – Pajama Day

This afternoon we are having a Sing-along in our school gym where our students will be able to see the other classes sing and learn some new songs. **Parents, we ask that you DO NOT attend** this due to capacity issues and the spread of viruses. Our hope is to be able to invite you into the school for events in the new year. Thank you for your understanding.

Our staff are planning **A Festive Video for Families** this year in lieu of a concert. With the extraordinary absences due to illness, we have been experiencing at the school, we felt that we didn't want to host what could be a "super spreader" event in our gym which could lead to a lot of our community getting sick at the beginning of the holidays. Instead, **we thought let's be safe and bring the concert to you! On Friday, December 16th a link will be sent to families with a selection of musical performances, photographs, and video you can enjoy in your own home at the start of the holidays.** All Hamilton students will be performing with their class in the video.

On behalf of the Hamilton Staff, we would like to wish you all a safe, and joyous Holiday Season. Happy Holidays!

Mr. Mark McCallum and Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

Some Reminders from our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

***LANDMARK MOVIE TICKET VOUCHERS** were distributed on Monday to the students who ordered them.

***HAWKSWEAR TOQUES** have arrived and were delivered to the students who ordered them.

***SUBWAY LUNCH** is on Friday, December 16th. We are still in need of volunteers to help sort & distribute sandwiches to the classroom:

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

***FRUIT AND VEGGIE DISTRIBUTION-** sign up is open for the new year:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f49a5ae23a5ff2-fruit>

***BOTTLES and CANS FUNDRAISER-** ongoing passive fundraiser. Please see attachment for more information

Have a wonderful Winter Break. See you in 2023!

Upcoming Dates

December

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| 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

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 15
December 19 – January 2
January 3 (TUESDAY)
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)