

## Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

5180 Smith Drive, Richmond, B.C., V6V 2W5

Phone: (604) 668-6514 Fax: (604) 668-6515

Early Warning for Absences (604) 668-6516

Website: [Hamilton.sd38.bc.ca](http://Hamilton.sd38.bc.ca)

Principal: Mark McCallum

Acting Vice-Principal: Karen Burroughs-Chan

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

December 6th, 2022

- **Holiday Food Bank Drive**
- **Hamilton Book Swap**
- **Spirit Week – Dec. 12 – 16**
- **Hamilton Festive Video for Families**
- **PAC Fundraiser Reminders**

Dear Hamilton Families,

Beginning tomorrow **we are asking families in the Hamilton Community if they would like to donate non-perishable food items and unopened household items** such as toothpaste, toilet paper etc. If you can donate, please bring your items to the school and we will arrange for pick-up and delivery to the Richmond Food Bank Society. Some of their most needed items include canned protein (meat or fish), peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, canned tomatoes or tomato sauce, rice, pasta, soup and unopened toiletry and hygiene products. **We will be collecting items until Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.**

**We are also accepting monetary donations through our School Online KEV System.** Monetary donations allow the Food Bank to purchase much needed items such as: protein-rich foods, fresh dairy products, baby items and other needed staples. For each dollar donated, they can give out about \$6 worth of food. Any contribution is welcome. **Online donations accepted until Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.**

**Hamilton Book Swap: Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:45-3:45.** Our school Librarian, Ms. Malin, is planning a Book Swap. An email was sent with more details yesterday. **How does it work?**

1. Students bring in a book that they own that is in very good condition. They bring it to Ms. Malin in the library by Mon. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Ms. Malin will record the number of books that the student brings on a master class list.
3. On the day of the Book Swap, students will choose a new book and then check out with a parent or Ms. Malin who will have the master class lists.

As well at that time, the **Grade 7 Farewell Committee will be hosting a small Concession stand** for cash on Tuesday, Dec. 13 after school during the Book Swap. **Jumbo Freezies for \$2** and **“Teddybear” Ring Pops for \$1.50.** All proceeds will go towards the Grade 7 Farewell in June. Thank you for your kind support.

During the week before the Winter Break, we are planning a **Show your Hamilton School Spirit Week**. We plan these events with parents in mind and try to come up with ideas that will be easy for everyone to participate. These days are never meant for families to go out and purchase items. Rather, they are designed so that children and families can find things you already have around the house to use to dress up and show your school spirit.

**Monday, December 12 – Festive Day**

**Tuesday, December 13 – Bundle Up Day – Dress like a snowman, wear your holiday sweater etc.**

**Wednesday, December 14– Jersey Day**

**Thursday, December 15 – Wacky Hair and Hat Day**

**Friday, December 16 – Pajama Day**

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Happy Holidays!

Thank you!

Mr. Mark McCallum and Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

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

**\*PICK UP NEUFELD FARMS** order from Hamilton Elementary on **TODAY** 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 week of Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

## **Upcoming Dates**

### **December**

- |    |  |
|----|--|
| 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**  
**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

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)