

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.

February 9th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **Valentine's Day**
- **Did you know?**
- **Message from the PAC**

Dear Hamilton Families,

It has been so nice to be back at Hamilton after being away for almost two weeks, some of the time planned, attending an education technology conference, and some of the time not so planned, as I was delayed by a major ice storm that ravaged a large portion of the U.S. from Texas to Kentucky. Waiting countless hours in airports I was reminded often of the Reinhold Niebuhr poem:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.

Truly, words to live by and teach our children. While I was in consistent communication with Mrs. Burroughs-Chan, and I knew the school was in good hands, it feels good to be back at the school reconnecting with students and staff. I want to thank the Hamilton staff for carrying on so well in my absence and especially a big shout out to Mrs. Burroughs-Chan for her wonderful leadership.

With **Valentine's Day on Tuesday**, a reminder that we prefer candy and food NOT be sent to the school. There are many good reasons for this including students who may have allergies, developing good eating habits in our students, and issues of equity. Your child's teacher may have organized something as a class. If you choose to send Valentine's cards, or other non-edible items, with your child to bring to school, please ensure they bring cards for everyone in the class so that no student feels excluded. Thank you for your understanding.

DID YOU KNOW...Our Grade 6/7 Girls team played at Hamilton this week against Kingswood Elementary and today our Boys team plays here against Tait. We are very proud of the way our students have conducted themselves, both on and off the court. A reminder parents, if you are

attending the game and are recording your child's play, please be responsible with your photos and ensure they do not go online. Thank you. Go Hawks Go!

Some reminders from our Hamilton PAC

PAC Meeting- February 9th @ 6:30pm

Please join by using meeting link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWEyYmRiOGUtYjcwNi00ZmY1LWJhODMtYTA1ODc1YzM2OWU3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228ff36f9a-72d8-4526-8fce-92719091a6ec%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2210b12165-bbcf-4459-bbad-ca67c9056254%22%7d

Burrito Lunch- February 13th (Monday)-

Please sign up if you can help with

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

Fruit & Veggie Distribution- February 14th (Snap peas)

Please sign up if you can help with

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

Sushi Lunch- March 3rd (Friday)-

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

Subway Lunch- March 10 (Friday)-

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

Mabel's Labels- Ongoing passive fundraiser (Annual Warehouse Sale- up to 50% off sale)

Please visit: <https://mabelslabels.ca/>

Click on: **Support A Fundraiser** (20% of your order goes to supporting your child's education at Hamilton Elementary)

Type in: **Hamilton Elementary School PAC**

Purdys Chocolates for Easter- stay tuned for more information ...

Upcoming Dates

February Black History Month
 1 World Hijab Day
 20 Family Day
 22 Pink Shirt Day

Valentine's Day
Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
BC Family Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Conferences – 12:00 Dismissal
Spring Vacation
Class Photo Day
Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED

February 14
February 17
February 20
March 8
March 13 - March 24
March 30
April 7

Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Pro-D Day – Students do not attend
Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Last Day of Classes
Administrative Day

April 10
May 19
May 22
June 29
June 30 (no students at school)