

## 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.*

March 28th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **Evacuation Drill Tomorrow at 2:30**
- **Group/Class Photo Day Thursday**
- **Ramadan – March 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **PAC Reminders – Burrito Lunch April 6<sup>th</sup>**
- **Grade 7 Farewell Committee – Pizza Lunch April 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Important Dates**

Dear Hamilton Families,

Welcome back to school, everyone! Our first two days back have been wonderful. It certainly helps to have the sun shining and warmer temperatures allowing our students to get outside for fresh air and exercise. It has been great to hear about everyone's adventures over the break and see the students rekindle friendships. It has also been nice to welcome back two of our educators coming off leaves, Mr. Lenz (Grade 5/6 Teacher) and Ms. Kaur (Education Assistant). Our teachers and students have hit the road running, especially divisions 1, 2, & 3 who are readily preparing for their musical performance next week. Should be a great show!

Mr. McCallum

**Tomorrow** we will be running a **School Evacuation Drill at 2:30**. Some of you may be on the school grounds at that time, so when you hear the alarm sound, please do not enter the building, or interfere with the drill, even if you see your child. Classes will make their way out to our large field on the east side of the school under the direction of their teacher. Once all students are accounted for, they will return to their classes and be dismissed for the day.

**Schools are required by law to run 6 Evacuation drills, 3 Earthquake drills, 1 Hold & Secure drill, and 1 Lockdown drill every school year.** At Hamilton, we take these drills very seriously to prepare our school community in the event of an emergency. We try to run drills at different times of the day throughout the year to further ensure our preparedness.

**Thursday is Group/Class Photo Day.** This is an opportunity to capture a moment in each child's life with their classmates and teammates. We encourage you to send your child to school that

day looking presentable without any questionable wording, images, or logos on their clothing. Also, white clothing can be problematic for the photographers. Thank you for your support.

**Ramadan** is the holiest month of the Islamic Calendar. It runs this year from the evening of **March 22<sup>nd</sup> to the evening of April 20<sup>th</sup>**. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims abstain from eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset. They also abstain from all bad deeds and habits like smoking, swearing, backbiting, and disrespectfulness. Here at Hamilton, many of our students are abstaining from eating during the school day and we support them in this endeavor by providing them a space (our school library) where they can go when other students are having their lunch. We wish all Muslim families of our Hamilton Community, Ramadan Mubarak.

## **PAC Reminders:**

### **National Burrito Day: April 6th (Thursday)**

To order your child's Fun Burrito Lunch, please visit: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>  
Order and payment deadline is: Friday, March 31st @ 11:59pm

### **Pizza Lunch- Grad Fundraiser: April 24th (Monday)**

To order your child's Pizza Lunch, please visit: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>  
Order & payment deadline is: Friday, April 14th @ 11:59pm

### **Weekly Wednesday Hot Lunch:**

To order: <https://got2eatmeals.com/hamilton-hawks/>  
\*\*\*Order deadline is Wednesday @ 9pm for the following Wednesday lunch  
\*\*\*There is a pull-down menu option to order up to 4 weeks in advance.  
\*\*\*New menu items beginning in April

### **PAC Meeting: April 19th (Wednesday) @ 6:30pm**

Please join us in the school library. We are very excited to be able to meet in-person again! We welcome all parents and guardians to attend. We are looking for new Executive PAC members to replace our parent volunteers who will be leaving us when their children graduate in June. **We will not receive any government funding if we cannot form an Executive PAC Team for September.**

### **Fruit & Veggie Distribution:**

\*\*\*Cheese sticks, grape tomatoes and organic apples are due to be delivered after spring break  
Please sign up if you can help with distribution to the classrooms: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f49a5ae23a5ff2-fruit>

### **Purdy's Easter Chocolates:**

Pick up: April 3rd (Monday) @ 2:45pm - 3:15pm at Hamilton Elementary  
\*\*\*If you cannot pick up during this allotted time frame, please send another parent (with email confirmation) or a responsible child

### **Neufeld Farms:** April 26th

The order link will be released soon ... It's BBQ season so there will be new items on the menu. Start making room in your freezer!!!

**Mabel's Label:** 20th Birthday Sale for the whole month of March

Please visit: [https://mabelslabels.ca/en\\_CA/](https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/)

- Go to main menu
- Choose: Support a Fundraiser
- Type in: Hamilton Elementary School PAC (Richmond, BC)
- Happy Shopping!

**Ongoing Bottles & Cans Fundraiser:**

Please use the school's phone number **(6046686514)** at the Return It Kiosk

Thank you for your continued support in supplementing your child's education at Hamilton Elementary ❤️

**Upcoming Dates**

Class Photo Day	March 30
Hot Lunch Day - Burritos	April 6
<b>Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>April 7</b>
<b>Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>April 10</b>
Grade K, 1, 6, 7 immunizations	April 12
Kindergarten Dental Screening	April 18
Kindergarten Hearing Screening	April 19
PAC Meeting 6:30pm – library	April 19
Hot Lunch Day - Pizza	April 24
Salema Noon Parent Presentation (Zoom)	May 10
<b>Pro-D Day – Students do not attend</b>	<b>May 19</b>
<b>Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>May 22</b>
Welcome to Kindergarten	May 25
Grade 6/7s at Camp Kawkawa	May 30 – June 2
Sports Day	June 9
Grade 7 Farewell Day Assembly	June 23
Last Day of Classes	June 29
Administrative Day	June 30 (no students at school)