

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 9th, 2023

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Dear Hamilton Families,

Wow! One more sleep and we are on Spring Break. This past week has been a flurry of excitement at the school with Conferences, the Book Fair, Krispy Kreme Sales, The Basketball Tournament, and students and teachers wrapping up the term. What an amazingly successful term it has been. I want to thank all of you for making Hamilton the best school it can be. Truly a place of equity, inclusion, and diversity where our students are happy and feel safe, our parents are caring and supportive, and our staff are dedicated and fun. Whichever way your family will celebrate the holiday, I hope you have a safe, prosperous, and joyous time together.

Sláinte!

Mr. McCallum



On Friday we are having a **School Spirit Day** to celebrate the end of the term. It is going to be a **Pajama, Wacky Hair, Wacky Hat Day**. This is a fun theme that all students can take part in and show their creativity without families having to go to any extra expense. It will be a regular school day, but the students will be watching the Talent Show in their classrooms...so bring your stuffie!

Tomorrow, March 10th we are all in for a BIG treat. **It's the Hamilton Talent Show!** There have been many students practicing and preparing for this year's event. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Burroughs-Chan for her leadership and hard work in putting the show together. On Friday the students will watch the recorded presentation in their classrooms, and after that, it will be sent

out to Hamilton Families to enjoy in your homes. A reminder that this is meant to be watched by the Hamilton Community and NOT meant for distribution anywhere else. We thank you for your discretion and hope you enjoy the show!

Did you know? The **Students in Division 6 participated in a climate education workshop** this term and completed a four-week Climate Challenge that encouraged students and their families to make changes to their energy consumption. Celina Chan from the British Columbia **Sustainability Energy Association visited our school this week** to summarize the results of the challenge and congratulate students for their hard work. The results of the Climate Challenge are as follows:

- Division 6 completed 312 actions to reduce their carbon footprint and help our planet!
- Division 6 saved the equivalent of 9.69 metric tonnes of CO₂. This is equivalent to CO₂ emissions produced by the electricity use of two households for an entire year!
- Division 6 Class Champions were Sejal, Emma, Melina, and Laura!

Thank you to all students and their families for supporting this important program. Ms. Sahota

Our Grades 6 & 7 Boys and Girls Basketball teams competed in the **McNair Feeder Tournament** this week. Our girls played magnificently and finished third and our Boys played with outstanding courage and finished first, just edging out Kingswood. Thank you to all the players and parents who either volunteered to drive or came out to cheer the kids on. And a BIG thank you to Mr. Barker, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burroughs-Chan, Ms. Wong and Mr. Lenz for volunteering their time to coach and referee this year.

PAC Reminders:

Subway Lunch: March 10 (Friday)

National Burrito Day: April 6th (Thursday)

We're spilling the beans early on this fun lunch and opening up the online ordering before spring break! Please see the attachment.

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

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

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 Chocolates Easter Fundraiser:

To order: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1280801-104709>

- Enter email address
- Click "Join Campaign"
- Enter campaign number – **57743**
- Order to your heart's content!

Order deadline: Monday, March 13th

Pick up: April 3rd (Monday) @ 2:45pm - 3:15pm at Hamilton Elementary

Neufeld Farms: April 26th

Stay tuned for the order link after spring break. It's BBQ season so there will be new items on the menu!

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

Please visit: 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 ❤️

Approximately every 5 years the **City of Richmond conducts a community-wide study** to gather the perspectives of residents on current programs and services delivered in all Community Services areas - parks, recreation, arts, culture, heritage and library. The findings and recommendations that result from this project will inform the planning and delivery of future facilities, programs and services.

Between February 16 to March 12, 2023, the public is invited to share their thoughts on Community Services facilities, programs, and services through a 10-minute survey by telephone or online. They may also visit www.LetsTalkRichmond.ca/NeedsAssessment for project details and contact information. [Digital postcard \(jpg\)](#)

Upcoming Dates

March Irish Heritage Month
6-7 Purim
8 Holi
8-10 Hola Mohalla
8 International Women's Day
21 Int. Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
22 Ramadan Begins
31 Int. Transgender Day of Visibility

Report Cards go online	March 9
Subway Lunch Day	March 10
Talent Show Video online	March 10
Spring Vacation	March 13 - March 24
Class Photo Day	March 30
Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED	April 7
Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED	April 10
Grade K, 1, 6, 7 immunizations	April 12
Salema Noon Parent Presentation (Zoom)	May 10
Pro-D Day – Students do not attend	May 19
Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED	May 22
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)