

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.

April 18th, 2023

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Dear Hamilton Families,

I have been fortunate to be an administrator at five different Richmond schools in my career, and one of the things I have learned is how important a PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) can be to a school. Not only do PACs raise important funds for the school that benefits students in so many ways, but they also provide a connection between the school and the parent committee so vital to the positive functioning of a school community. The PAC that I have been working with here at Hamilton for the last four years are a dedicated, caring, and fun group of people. Some of them will be moving on this year, and I am hoping that other parents will see the value of what a PAC can mean to a school and step up by attending meetings, volunteering at school events, or taking on an executive role. We need you, and we welcome you, to become a part of this partnership.

Mr. McCallum

Dear Hamilton Parents & Guardians,

*Just a friendly reminder that our first in-person PAC Meeting of 2023 is on **Wednesday, April 19th @ 6:30pm** in the school library. All parents & guardians are welcome to attend. Childcare will be available for anyone who would like to bring their young kids.*

**Come and meet the school admin staff and other parents*

**Get an update on school activities & events*

**Find out what we are doing to help support your child's education*

**We welcome all questions, comments, and suggestions.*

We look forward to seeing everyone live and in person again. Thank you for your continued support.

*Respectfully,
The PAC Executive Team*

On Friday at 1:00pm we are having our Earth Day Assembly. This is an opportunity for our school to focus on ways we can take care of our Planet Earth. Our students have been learning about Earth Day, climate change and other important related topics in the classrooms. Many of our students will be participating in this year's assembly including Division 5 with a "Climate Challenge", our Earth Club introducing a game, and songs from Divisions 9 & 10 and from Division 12. It is so nice to be able to come together as a community and share the important ideas our students are learning about.

PAC Reminders:

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

Fruit & Veggie Distribution:

Please sign up if you can help with distribution to the

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

Ongoing Bottles & Cans Fundraiser:

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

Popcorn & Ringpops:

Coming soon ...

Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Dates

Kindergarten Hearing Screening	April 19
PAC Meeting 6:30pm – library	April 19
Hot Lunch Day - Pizza	April 24
Track Meet at Minoru for Grades 4 -7	May 4
Saleema 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)