

## 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.*

May 25th, 2023

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Dear Hamilton Families,

The next few weeks are packed with excitement. Today we welcome our next-year's Kindergarten students and their families to Hamilton at our **Welcome to Kindergarten** event. It's always fun to meet the future little Hawks for the first time. On Friday we are having our **Tropical Themed Walk-a-Thon**. Thank you to all the families who have so generously donated to the event. Next Tuesday, our grade 6/7 students are off to **Camp Kawkawa** for our Outdoor Education program. And the following week, on **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, we hold our **Sports Day**. Remember, that is a 1:30 dismissal day for all students. Then, the second half of June brings even more exciting events at Hamilton.

Mr. McCallum

Yesterday, representatives from the **Richmond Heritage Fair** were at Hamilton to present some of our students with awards for hard work creating their projects. There were 5 awards given to Hamilton students!

**Aaron from Division 8** - BC Hydro Power Pioneer Award - presented to a project related to electricity in BC

**Harshikha Division 8** - Lieutenant-governor's Literacy Award - presented to a project with an excellent written story demonstrating imagination and historical inquiry

**Harroop Division 7** - Simon Fraser University Department of History Community Heritage Award - awarded for the best project that explores the history, contribution, impact, and importance of Canada's Indigenous inhabitants or minority communities

**Amina Division 7** - UVIC Department of History Award - presented to a student who demonstrates exceptional passion for history in their project and presentations

**Arayah - Division 8** - Indigenous People Award, presented to an outstanding project on an indigenous theme: First Nations, Metis or Inuit.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Hamilton students!

## Mark your Calendars - Important Dates for Next Year

First day of school – students attend for 1 hour	Tuesday, Sept. 5
Individual Photo Day	Monday, Sept. 18
Terry Fox Run	Thursday, Sept. 21
Professional Development Day	Friday, Sept. 22
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, Oct. 2
Thanksgiving Holiday	Monday, Oct. 9
Early (1:45) Dismissal for Conferences	Wednesday, Oct. 18
Early (1:45) Dismissal for Conferences	Thursday, Oct. 19
Professional Development Day	Friday, Oct. 20
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, Nov. 10
Remembrance Day Holiday	Monday, November 13
Professional Development Day	Friday, Nov. 20
Last school day before Winter Break	Friday, Dec. 22
First school day after Winter Break	Monday, Jan. 8
Professional Development Day	Monday, Jan. 29
Professional Development Day	Friday, Feb. 16
Family Day Holiday	Monday, Feb. 19
Early (12:00) Dismissal for Conferences	Wednesday, Feb. 28
Last school day before Spring Break	Thursday, Mar. 14
First school day after Spring Break/Easter	Tuesday, Apr. 2
Professional Development Day	Friday, May 17
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal	Friday, June 7
Last day students attend	Thursday, Jun 27

If you are interested in **making a specific request for classroom placement next year**, forms are available for pick up at our main school office. These requests are meant to help staff make the most informed decision possible when placing students in classes for next year. **While we cannot guarantee every request will be granted**, we will take into consideration your thoughts on what you feel is best for your child's educational development. Please do not identify teachers by name. Thank you!

A reminder that tomorrow, May 26<sup>th</sup>, our **PAC are sponsoring a Walk-a-Thon to raise money for our school**. It is a **“tropical” theme**. We want this to be a fun, safe, and inclusive event. Our students will be in their Family Teams made up of students from kindergarten to grade 7 and they will all be well supervised the whole time by our staff. For better safety, the route will take place all within the boundaries of our school grounds. After the walk, we will all meet on the big field where we have some fun activities planned for the kids. **Parents are welcome to attend and join in the fun**. A reminder that all pledge forms are due Friday morning.

### PAC Reminders:

#### **PAC Meeting:**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 14th - Annual General Meeting

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Where:** School Library (child care will be available)

\*\*\*There are some important items on the agenda; we welcome all comments & input on these matters

Please join **The Hamilton PAC on Facebook** to get reminders and up to date info on Hamilton happenings at the school. Look for the Hamilton Hawks logo **Join us under: Hamilton Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**

**Walkathon:** May 26th (Friday)

Please return your pledge forms and donation money to your classroom teacher by Thursday, May 25th  
\*\*\*All money donated will go towards supporting and supplementing our children's education at Hamilton

**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.

**Ongoing Bottles & Cans Fundraiser:**

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

Thank you for your support!

**Upcoming Dates**

Welcome to Kindergarten	May 25
Walk-a-Thon/Tropical Day	May 26
Sushi Lunch Day	May 26
McNair Band Performance 9:00am	May 29
Grade 6/7s at Camp Kawkawa	May 30 – June 2
Grade 7 McNair Day Visit	June 7
Sports Day – Subway Lunch Day – <b>1:30 dismissal</b>	June 9
Saleema Noon Parent Presentation	June 13
PAC Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm	June 14
Saleema Noon Student workshops	June 15 & 16
Band Concert in the gym 11:15	June 15
Sushi Lunch Day	June 16
Grade 7 Farewell Day Assembly	June 23
Last Day of Classes	June 29
<b>Administrative Day</b>	<b>June 30 (no students at school)</b>
Last day School Office closes for the summer	July 7
School office opens	August 28
First day back for students	September 5