

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 4th, 2023

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Dear Hamilton Families,

What a beautiful morning as our intermediate students and staff are heading off to Minoru for our annual **Zone Track Meet**. We wish them all well as they compete against other Richmond schools in events like long distance running, high jump, long jump, shot put, relays, and others. A great deal of work goes into organizing the event and this year Ms. Burroughs-Chan and Ms. Pattyson again took on that role and did a fantastic job getting us ready for the day. And a big shout out to Mr. Janz who gave up so many of his lunch hours to work with students competing in the high jump. Our week closes out tomorrow after school with a Popcorn & Ring Pop sale sponsored by our PAC. Next week on Tuesday evening many of our **Band students will be performing at Gateway Theatre** and on Wednesday evening, **Saleema Noon Group** will be putting on a virtual **Body Science presentation for Parents** generously sponsored by our PAC.

On a more serious note, on Monday morning I became aware of **a homeless man who has been in the neighborhood recently**. When I arrived on Monday at the school, he was at the charity bins in front of the community centre looking for clothing. As a precaution, and since he was so close to the school, I contacted the RCMP who said they would monitor the situation, but at that time, had no reason to confront him. That morning I informed all my staff and made an announcement to the students informing them that he is likely just a person who is down on his luck, but that they should be aware of him and if he was to be seen on the school grounds, to contact an adult and the office immediately. Since that time, I have been informed that the RCMP were going to be contacting the man to do a mental health assessment. Since Monday I have not seen him, nor has it been reported to me that he has been anywhere around the school. While my priority is always to keep our students and staff safe, I believe we also want to instill empathy and compassion in our students for people who are going through difficult times or are dealing with challenging health issues.

Mr. McCallum

Saleema Noon Parent Presentation Wednesday @ 6:30pm – Link to follow

Saleema Noon's Body Science® curriculum is a proprietary methodology developed by sexual health expert, Saleema Noon. The education starts early with age-appropriate

information that empowers kids to make smart decisions about their sexual health as they grow up. The result is safe, happy, healthy kids supported by their parents through open, honest, meaningful conversations about important topics. Saleema's passion is education and her purpose is to foster healthy sexuality and sexual maturity in every family.

PAC Reminders:

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)**

Popcorn & Ringpops:

Date: May 5th (Friday)

Time: Afterschool @ 2:45pm

Where: At the school's front entrance

Limit: 2 bags of popcorn for each child

Please sign up if you can

help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A5AE23A5FF2-popcorn>

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

Ongoing Bottles & Cans Fundraiser:

Please use the school's phone number **(604-668-6514)** at the Return It Kiosk

Upcoming Dates

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| Track Meet at Minoru for Grades 4 -7 | May 4 |
| PAC Popcorn & Ring Pop Sale | May 5 |
| Hamilton Band performs at Gateway Theatre | May 9 |
| Saleema Noon Parent Presentation 6:30pm | May 10 |
| Saleema Noon Student workshops | May 17 & 18 |
| 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 |
| Grade 7 McNair Day Visit | June 7 |
| Sports Day | June 9 |
| Band Concert in the gym 11:00 | June 15 |
| “Circus” Day at Hamilton | June 19 |
| Grade 7 Farewell Day Assembly | June 23 |
| Last Day of Classes | June 29 |
| Administrative Day | June 30 (no students at school) |