

## Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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June 1st, 2023

- **Principal's Message from Camp Kawkawa**
- **Sports Day Next Friday – 1:30 Dismissal**
- **Notice of Late Return (September)**
- **PAC Reminders**
- **Placement requests for next year**
- **Important upcoming Dates**
- **Important Dates for next school Year**

Dear Hamilton Families,

Hello from Camp Kawkawa! I am up here with our grade 6/7 students for our Outdoor Education program. So nice to be able to do this after the years of restrictions due to the pandemic. The students are having a blast hiking, kayaking, learning archery, creating art, canoeing, bouldering, studying the forest, swimming, singing songs, performing skits at campfires, orienteering, playing Gaga ball, soccer, volleyball and so much more. The camp is going great, thanks in large part, to the wonderful Hamilton Staff we have up here with us: Mr. Janz, Ms. Burroughs-Chan, Mr. Barker, Ms. McKittrick, Mr. Mogyorosi, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Pitre. A big thank you to Mr. Pauer and Ms. Livingston for keeping things going and safe at the school while we are gone. Our plan is to be back at Hamilton tomorrow between 1:00 and 1:30 with 88 tired and happy students and staff in need of a weekend of rest and a good hot shower. 😊

Mr. McCallum

A reminder that we will be having our annual **Sports Day next Friday**. The day will go ahead rain or shine, and **students will be dismissed that day at 1:30pm**. Please arrange for pick up or supervision for your child(ren). Please see below information from PAC about lunch that day.

Please see the attached, **Notice of Late Return (September)**, to be completed for any student(s) expected to return LATER THAN 12:00PM Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, and ON OR BEFORE Sept. 13, 2023.

Dear: Hamilton Families,

Your PAC Executives have been working hard to update the Constitution and Bylaw documents that govern our council, our programs, and our funding. The intention of this update was to

better reflect what we do (our Constitution) and how we do it (our Bylaws.) Without these documents in place, we would have been at risk of:

- Not receiving our government funding (also known as our yearly gaming grant)
- Having to dissolve the PAC (which would mean all of the funds in our PAC account would be removed and distributed to other Richmond schools)

**ALL parents and guardians of students at Hamilton Elementary are members of the PAC!** You do not need to hold an executive position in order to vote, volunteer, share ideas, or participate in our fundraising events. As such, these documents essentially belong to ALL of us, so **we encourage you to review the attached documents** to ensure that we have accurately captured our collective voice! It is our intention to make a motion to vote these through as binding documents at our AGM on June 14th.

Please reach out with any questions, concerns, comments, or feedback regarding these documents prior to June 13: [HamiltonSD38PAC@gmail.com](mailto:HamiltonSD38PAC@gmail.com)

### **PAC Reminders:**

#### **Subway/Sports Day Lunch-** June 9th (Friday)

To order: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>

**Order and payment deadline: Friday, June 2nd @ 11:59pm**

Please sign up if you can help with lunch distribution on June 9th (Sports

Day): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A5AE23A5FF2-subwaysports>

#### **Sports Day Concession Stand-**

The popular concession stand will be back this year after being on hiatus for a few years. The concession stand can not run on its own! If you are planning to attend Sports Day, please consider signing up to help for an

hour: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A5AE23A5FF2-sports>

#### **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.

#### **AGM-**

**Date: Wednesday, June 14th**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Where: School Library (child care is available)**

**\*\*\*ALL parents and guardians of Hamilton Elementary students are members of The Parent Advisory Council (PAC).**

\*\*\*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)**

### Ongoing Bottles & Cans Fundraiser-

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

Thank you for your ongoing support!

### **Class Placement Requests for 2023/2024 School Year**

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!

### **Upcoming Dates**

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 School Office closes for the summer	July 7
School office opens	August 28
First day back for students	September 5

### **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, Oct. 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  
Professional Development Day  
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal  
Last day students attend

Tuesday, Apr. 2  
Friday, May 17  
Friday, June 7