

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.

June 14th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **Did you know?...**
- **PAC Reminders – Meeting tonight at 6:30!**
- **Notice of Late Return (September)**
- **Placement requests for next year**
- **Important upcoming dates**
- **Important Dates for next school year**

Dear Hamilton Families,

It is with great pleasure I would like to announce that **Ms. Karen Burroughs-Chan has officially been appointed as Vice Principal** beginning in the 2023/2024 school year. The extra good news is that she has been assigned to continue in this role at Hamilton! **Ms. Mika Livingston**, our previous VP who had been seconded to the district board office in the fall, has been successful in being promoted to Principal at McKay Elementary next year. We wish both these amazing educators all the best in their new roles.

Mr. McCallum

***Please see attached photos of our Lost & Found items which can be claimed in our foyer.**

Did you know...we are still asking parents to send a healthy recess snack and a healthy litter-less lunch to school each morning. Lunch drop offs can be disruptive to the classroom and are not accepted at this time...the City of Richmond is offering a **Summer Active Pass for ages 5-18** for only \$29...our **Band and Music students from divisions 1-6** who have been instructed by Ms. Elliott this year are putting on a **concert on Tuesday, June 20th at 11:00** in the school gym...next Wednesday, Divisions 9 & 10 are off to **Queen's Park Sportsplex** for their third installment of a gymnastics program. The kids are loving it!... on June 19th our upper intermediate students are having a **French Circus Day** in our gym, and on the same day, Divisions 11, 12 & 13 are going to **Centennial Beach in Tsawwassen**... on the 21st, Divisions 5 & 6 are going to **Watermania**. And on the 27th Divisions 1, 2 & 3 are biking to **Old Schoolhouse Park in Queensborough**. How cool is that!

Our final **PAC AGM** of this school year will be held on **TONIGHT - Wednesday, June 14th @ 6:30pm in the school library (childcare will be available)**. **ALL parents and guardians of Hamilton Elementary students are members of The Parent Advisory Council**. We all have a voice and should have a say on matters regarding our children's education including how we spend the money from the gaming grant and the money made from fundraising. You do not need to hold an executive position in order to vote, volunteer, share ideas, or participate in our fundraising events.

At our AGM, we have 3 very important items on the agenda:

1. the future of our TWO hot lunch programs (Weekly Wed G2E hot lunch and Special Fun Lunches) - if you would like to keep one or both lunch programs for next school year, please come and let us know. We will not be able to run any lunch programs next September without parent volunteers.
2. voting to accept an updated PAC constitution & bylaws - this will be the rule book for all future Hamilton PACs to follow. Please review the attached documents.
3. electing Executive Members for September's PAC team – we welcome anyone who is interested in holding an executive position (vice-chair, co-treasurer) or sub-committee position (hot lunch coordinator, fundraising coordinator, social media coordinator, classroom liaison).

If we do not have an Executive PAC Team in place for September

- o we will not get any gaming grant money from the government
- o our PAC will be dissolved
- o the \$40,000+ we have fundraised and the \$8500 in our gaming account will all be dispersed to other charities and/or other school PACs.

Decisions on how to support your child(ren)'s education should not be made by only a handful of parents. Hope to see you on June 14th.

Sushi Fun Lunch- June 16th (Friday)

Please sign up if you can help with lunch

distribution: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A5AE23A5FF2-sushi2>

Saleema Noon Student Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who attended last night's Parent Presentation. There was a lot of positive feedback. Please see the attached schedule for Thursday and Friday.

NOTE: School districts are required to teach the mandated provincial curriculum. The curriculum includes content related to sexuality, sexual identity, and gender. School districts ensure that students receive the prescribed curriculum and that respect for diversity and tolerance

are treated as core societal values. **The school is not able, nor required, to offer alternate activities or accommodations.**

Please 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.

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

PAC Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm	June 14
Saleema Noon Student workshops	June 15 & 16
French Circus Day for upper Intermediate students	June 19
Band Concert in the gym 11:15	June 20
Sushi Lunch Day	June 16
Grade 7 Farewell Day Assembly	June 23
Last Day of Classes	June 29
Administrative Day	June 30 (no students at school)
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 *Please note correction	Monday, 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
Last school day before Spring Break
First school day after Spring Break/Easter
Professional Development Day
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal
Last day students attend

Wednesday, Feb. 28
Thursday, Mar. 14
Tuesday, Apr. 2
Friday, May 17
Friday, June 7