

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 22nd, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **Grade 7 Farewell Assembly – Grade 7 families only please**
- **Did you know?...**
- **PAC Reminders**
- **Important upcoming dates**
- **Important Dates for next school year**
- **Check out Ms. Malin's Hamilton Library Newsletter**

Dear Hamilton Families,

This morning on my morning announcements as we entered our final week of the school year, I spoke to the children about how important it is, especially now, to be kind to each other. At this time of year, after all the excitement, challenges, and learning a school year brings, we are all tired and ready for summer vacation. Now is the most important time to remember our HAWKS values of being Helpful, Accountable, Wise, Kind, and Safe. We want to finish the year positively and ensure that we are making that extra effort to care for each other. I want to thank all of you parents for Helping us by having those conversations with your children that are so vital to their success.

Mr. McCallum

Tomorrow is our **Grade 7 Farewell Assembly**. While we would like to invite everyone, Health and Fire regulations require a limit on the number of people we can invite into our gym. We are therefore asking that **only the families of our grade 7 graduates attend the event**. Thank you for your understanding. Thank you to the **Grade 7 Parents, led by Nicole Okano**, who volunteered their time creating decorations, supplying mementos, and organizing the luncheon for our students, and **our Grade 7 teachers** who dedicate their time and effort to ensure our student's last memories of Hamilton are fantastic!

Did you know...**our recent Walk-a-Thon raised well over \$7000.00** that will go directly to help support the learning for all Hamilton students. Thank you to all of you who

supported this year's event, and big **thank you to Nicole Voglmaier**, who's idea, inspiration, and dedication was so crucial to its success. We'll miss you, Mrs. Voglmaier!

From our AMAZING PAC...

Thank you to the admin staff and all the parents (and kids!) who attended our AGM on June 14th. It was a great meeting, and it was wonderful to see so many new and returning faces!

Summary:

- 1) We fundraised over \$16,000 this year to support our children's education at Hamilton. Great job parents & guardians!
- 2) Voted unanimously to continue using the MunchaLunch online ordering program for Fun Lunches and fundraising in 2023-2024
- 3) Got 2 Eat Meals (G2E) has decided to end their partnership with us for hot lunch
- 4) Voted unanimously to accept the updated Hamilton Elementary PAC constitution and bylaws. The final approved drafts will be posted on the school website soon
- 5) Voted in the new Executive PAC Team for 2023-2024:
 - **Chair: Lorita Tang-Withers**
 - **Vice Chair: Melissa Fong**
 - **Secretary: Lara Truong**
 - **Treasurer: Juliana Yim**
 - **RDPA Rep: Jessica Hubele**

Look for the PAC's Welcome Back to School table with coffee/tea & treat on September 5th when you drop off your kids for an hour. Come by and say "hello".

Have a wonderful summer!

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)**

Ongoing Bottles & Cans Fundraiser-

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

Mabel's Labels-

Please visit: <https://mabelslabels.ca/>

Click on: **Support A Fundraiser** (20% of your order goes to supporting your child's education at Hamilton Elementary)

Type in: **Hamilton Elementary School PAC**

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Upcoming Dates

Grade 7 Farewell Day Assembly
 Year End Assembly 10:30
 Last Day of Classes for students
Administrative Day
 Last School Office closes for the summer
 School office opens
 First day back for students

June 23
 June 28
 June 29
June 30
 July 7
 August 28
 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	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
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal	Friday, June 7
Last day students attend	Thursday, June 27