

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 6th, 2023

- **Sports Day on Friday – 1:30 dismissal**
- **Notice of Late Return (September)**
- **Placement requests for next year**
- **PAC Reminders**
- **Important upcoming dates**
- **Important Dates for next school year**

A reminder that we will be having our annual **Sports Day on 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. We will begin our day with a **Bike Parade**. Students can decorate their bikes in their team colour. Note: only non-motorized vehicles, no Heelys, and **helmets are mandatory**. We will also be hosting our annual **Preschool Race**, so if you have a child who is not yet in elementary school, they can participate in the race at approximately 11:45.

- **8:45am** – called down to the gym to sit in teams. The team numbers will be posted on the gym wall
- **9am** - Vehicle parade for all grades (bikes will be locked up at the tennis courts)
- **9:30am** – teams move outside to first station
- **9:30am – 10:30am** – First five rotations of the Sports day stations
- 10 minute stations
- 2 minutes' change (music will signal station changes)
- **10:30am** – refreshment break after 5 stations for Banana, etc. (MC will be calling a representative from teach family team)
- **10:45am to 11:45am** – Rotation of the final four stations
- No scoring or points, just fun!

- **11:45am** – preschool race
- **Noon to 12:30 pm** = lunch / PAC doing Subway lunch and Concession Stand
- **12:40pm** - students will gather back in classrooms for attendance
- **12:45pm** - students will be directed to head out to the field to meet their family teams.
- **12:50pm** – Tug of war (Primary & Intermediate) Gr. 7 vs. Parent tug-o-wars
- **1:30pm** – Sports Day ribbons and dismissal

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.

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!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our final **PAC AGM** of this school year will be held on **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.

PAC Reminders:

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

If you are planning to attend Sports Day, please consider signing up to help with lunch distribution: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A5AE23A5FF2-subwaysports>

Sports Day Concession Stand- June 9th (Friday)

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>

Sushi Fun Lunch- June 16th (Friday)

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

Order and payment deadline: June 9th @ 11:59pm

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)

Please see the attached AGM agenda

***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!

Upcoming Dates

Sports Day – Subway Lunch Day – 1:30 dismissal	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
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
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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	Tuesday, Apr. 2
Professional Development Day	Friday, May 17
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal	Friday, June 7
Last day students attend	