

## Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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*We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the **hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓** (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.*

September 20th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **PAC Reminders - PAC Meeting tonight 6:30**
- **Terry Fox Assembly/Run – Tomorrow!**
- **Non-Instructional Day - Friday**
- **Truth & Reconciliation Walk – Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Hamilton Families,

It was so nice after that rain yesterday to see the sun come out again and the prospect of some glorious late summer days leading into the first day of autumn on Saturday. The sun seems to have such a positive effect on everyone at the school. I spent both recess and the lunch play period outside and the smiles, laughter and good play was evident everywhere I went.

It was also evident to a **special visitor** we had at Hamilton today. **Mr. Christopher Usih, our new Superintendent of Richmond Schools**, paid a visit to Hamilton this afternoon. As he toured the school, went into several classrooms, and had the opportunity to connect with staff and students, Mr. Usih was very impressed with the learning taking place and the positive energy he experienced at Hamilton.

Mr. McCallum

**PAC Reminders:** Please join us on Facebook - **Hamilton Elementary PAC (Parents Advisory Council)**

**Sept 20th - PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm** (in the school library)

\*All parents & guardians with children attending Hamilton Elementary are automatically members of The PAC. All parents & guardians should know what is happening at our school, and have a voice in matters that are important to their child(ren)'s education

\*Come meet our school admin, executive PAC team and other parents. **Childcare will be available.**

**Sept 29th - Sushi Fun Lunch**

\*To order: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton> (order deadline: Fri, Sept 22 @ 11:59pm)

\*To help with lunch distribution: <https://volunteersignup.org/38CLM>

**October Fun Lunch Bundle-** Pasta, Subway, Sushi, Pizza

To order: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton> (order deadline: Fri, Sept 29 @ 11:59pm)

**Passive ongoing PAC fundraiser- Bottles & Cans Drive**

\*Take your empty bottles & cans to the most convenient recycle depot

\*Enter the school's phone number when using the express kiosk (**6046686514**)

\*\*\*Money raised will go towards supplementing our children's education at Hamilton Elementary

**Neufeld Farms Fundraiser- December 4th**

\*Stay tuned for the order link in November

\*Start making room in your freezers ...

Thank you for your support!

**This Year's Terry Fox Assembly & Run will take place tomorrow.** We will have an assembly in the gym beginning at 11:00am and then proceed directly out for the run. Even our new kindergarten students will be joining us, completing a shorter run around our sports field. Please join us if you can.

**Non-Instructional Day Friday.** The Ministry of Education and Childcare has indicated for the past number of years that all districts designate one day with a specific Indigenous focus. As per the current School Calendar regulation, a board must schedule at least one non-instructional day for the purpose of providing teachers with an opportunity to participate in discussions and activities that focus on both of the following: (a) enhancing Indigenous student achievement; (b) integrating Indigenous world views and perspectives into learning environments.

**On Friday, September at 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 we will be having our Truth & Reconciliation Assembly and Walk.** Families are welcome to join us for this important school event.

## **Important Dates for 2023 -2024 School Year**

**\*Dates in bold are changes to the school day or regular hours of 8:45 – 2:45**

Terry Fox Run	Thursday, Sept. 21
<b>Non-Instructional Day</b>	<b>Friday, Sept. 22</b>
<b>National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</b>	<b>Monday, Oct. 2</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, Oct. 9</b>
Photo Retakes	Monday, Oct. 16
<b>Early (1:45) Dismissal for Conferences</b>	<b>Wednesday, Oct. 18</b>
<b>Early (1:45) Dismissal for Conferences</b>	<b>Thursday, Oct. 19</b>
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Friday, Oct. 20</b>
Taiko Drumming Workshops	Friday, Nov. 4 – <b>*Date Change</b>
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, Nov. 10
<b>Remembrance Day Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, November 13</b>
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Monday, Nov. 20</b>
Last school day before Winter Break	Friday, Dec. 22
First school day after Winter Break	Monday, Jan. 8
Axe Capoeira performance 1:15	Friday, Jan. 12
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Monday, Jan. 29</b>
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Friday, Feb. 16</b>
<b>Family Day Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, Feb. 19</b>
<b>Early (12:00) Dismissal for Conferences</b>	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 28</b>
Last school day before Spring Break	Thursday, Mar. 14
First school day after Spring Break/Easter	Tuesday, Apr. 2

**Professional Development Day**  
**Victoria Day Holiday**  
**Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal**  
Last day students attend

**Friday, May 17**  
**Monday, May 20**  
**Friday, June 7**  
Thursday, June 27