**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 28th, 2023

* **Principal’s Message**
* **Truth & Reconciliation Walk – Tomorrow, Friday, September 29th**
* **Ms. Malin’s Library Newsletter and Ms. Burroughs-Chan’s Hamilton Happenings**
* **Richmond’s Elementary Cross-Country Run October 17th**
* **PAC Reminders**

Dear Hamilton Families,

It’s hard to believe this will be the final newsletter for September. The month has really shot by, but I am left with the knowledge that our staff have ensured a fantastic start for our students. Last Thursday we held our **Terry Fox Assembly & Run** and, through your generous donations, our school far surpassed our goal and **raised $665.00!** Thank you so much for your support!

October will bring lots more exciting and important events at Hamilton including our upcoming **Parent/Teacher Conferences October 18th and 19th**. In advance, I would like to encourage and invite all of you to take the time and make the effort to meet with you child’s teacher. One-to-one dialogue about your child’s learning is the most powerful way to be an active participant in their learning and development. Thank you for your ongoing consideration!

 Mr. McCallum

Tomorrow is another uniquely Canadian event, **our Truth & Reconciliation Assembly & Walk at 1:00pm beginning in our school gymnasium.** We welcome Families to join us for this important school event. A reminder that Monday, Oct. 2nd is a provincial-wide holiday, and the school will be closed.

Please see our attachments including a monthly **Library Newsletter** from our Teacher Librarian, Ms. Malin and our **Hamilton Happenings** photo montage from our Vice-Principal, Ms. Burroughs-Chan. Thank you to these wonderful educators for the contributions they make to our school!

This year’s annual **Richmond District Cross Country Run will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at Minoru Park.** We will be informing the student over the next week and beginning some practices for those who may wish to participate. Parent transportation to and from the event is required as staff will not be coming back to the school after the event.

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

**Sept 29th** **-** **Sushi Fun Lunch**

\*This is the first of our 13 Friday Fun Lunches.  **Please make sure your child has a packed lunch if you did not order sushi for your child.**

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

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

\*\*\*You don't have to order all the lunches in this bundle but your order must be submitted and paid before the above deadline

To help with lunch distribution: [**https://volunteersignup.org/38CLM**](https://volunteersignup.org/38CLM)

**Passive ongoing PAC fundraiser -**Mabel's Labels

Please visit: [**https://mabelslabels.ca**](https://mabelslabels.ca)

\*\*\*This is a great time to get those labels for the lunch boxes, water bottles, jackets and hoodies that will find their way into the school's lost and found

* Click on the main menu
* Choose: SUPPORT A FUNDRAISER
* Enter: Hamilton Elementary School PAC (Richmond, BC)
* Happy shopping!

**Neufeld Farms Fundraiser -** Pick up is booked for December 4th

\*Stay tuned for the order link in November

\*Start making room in your freezers ... Thank you for your support!

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

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

**National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Monday, Oct. 2**

**Thanksgiving Holiday Monday, Oct. 9**

Photo Retakes Monday, Oct. 16

Cross Country Run at Minoru Tuesday, Oct. 17

**Early (1:45) Dismissal for Conferences Wednesday, Oct. 18**

**Early (1:45) Dismissal for Conferences Thursday, Oct. 19**

**Professional Development Day Friday, Oct. 20**

Taiko Drumming Workshops Friday, Nov. 4 – **\*Date Change**

Remembrance Day Assembly Friday, Nov. 10

**Remembrance Day Holiday Monday, November13**

**Professional Development Day Monday, Nov. 20**

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

**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**

**Victoria Day Holiday Monday, May 20**

**Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal Friday, June 7**

Last day students attend Thursday, June 27