

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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

October 12th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **How can you help?**
- **Photo Retakes Monday**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences next week**
- **Game of Apps program for grades 6 & 7**
- **PAC Reminders**

Dear Hamilton Families,

At Hamilton Elementary we pride ourselves as being a caring, respectful, inclusive, equitable, and safe learning environment. We are a learning community made up of students whose families trace their roots back to places all around this world. Our student population represents a great variety of races, religions, political beliefs, sexual orientation, cultural identity, and socio-economic status. With events going on around the world, **Hamilton is a place where kids can be safe, and learn together in a non-political environment.** Goal 2 of our District Strategic Plan "Equity and Inclusion" outlines our endeavor to promote these values throughout our community. Our goal, as the Principals of Hamilton School, is to ensure that this is *always* a place where people respect each other, and kids can just be kids.

Mr. McCallum & Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Parents, you can really help us by sending your child with a complete "litter less" lunch every day that includes reusable containers and utensils. Especially on our hot lunch food days when utensils are required, **students bringing their own forks and spoons** makes everything run smoother and is good for the environment.

The photographers from Mountain West will be at Hamilton for **Photo Retakes on Monday, October 16th**. If your child did not get their picture taken during the last session, or if you were not happy with their original photo, please remind them or their teacher of your desire for a retake. Not all children will have their picture retaken.

A reminder that our teachers will be hosting our **Fall Conferences next week**. Some teachers are still in the process of sending out their information, so please ensure that you sign up for a conference time. A Reminder that **both Wednesday and Thursday of next week are early 1:45 dismissal days**. You will need to make arrangements to pick up your child(ren) at those times.

Game of Apps is an after-school program for grade 6 - 12 students where industry mentors—professional software developers and product designers—teach and guide students on a weekly basis as they learn how to code using Swift Playgrounds. Over the past 6 years, we've reached 600+ students from 60+ schools and have worked closely with several school districts.

Final call! Game of Apps **registrations closing soon (Oct 20)**.

Program promo video: <https://youtu.be/RUOK8HIWWd8>

Poster—Middle Years Intro to Coding (grades 6 to 9): <https://goa.fyi/ZmouG9V>

Complete curriculum pathways: <https://youtu.be/wxwJ2kcXd6g>

Registration: <https://gameofapps.org/register>

The Richmond School District is subsidizing \$100 of each student's registration fee. But quantities are limited and almost all allocated. For more details, please go to gameofapps.org.

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

October 13th - Subway Lunch

***If you did not order Subway, please make sure your child has a packed lunch on Friday.

***MunchaLunch sends out an email reminder on the day before every lunch date.

PAC Meeting - October 25th @ 6:30pm (in the school library)

November Fun Lunch Bundle - Pasta, Burritos, Subway, Sushi

To order: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton> (order deadline: Friday, Oct 27th @ 11:59pm)

***Please order ahead to make sure your child does not miss out.

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

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**

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

Thursday, Nov. 2 *Change

Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday, Nov. 10

Remembrance Day Holiday

Monday, November 13

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
Professional Development Day
Professional Development Day
Family Day Holiday
Early (12:00) Dismissal for Conferences
Last school day before Spring Break
First school day after Spring Break/Easter
Professional Development Day
Victoria Day Holiday
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal
Last day students attend

Friday, Jan. 12
Monday, Jan. 29
Friday, Feb. 16
Monday, Feb. 19
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Thursday, Mar. 14
Tuesday, Apr. 2
Friday, May 17
Monday, May 20
Friday, June 7
Thursday, June 27