

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.

October 19th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **Pro-D Day Tomorrow**
- **How Can You Help?**
- **Pumpkin Patch Next Friday**
- **PAC Reminders**

Dear Hamilton Families,

With the change in the weather, and more rain and colder temperatures on the way, we ask that you be extra diligent in checking the weather forecast each morning and ensuring your child(ren) have the clothing to be outside for 30 minutes at a time and able to stay dry. We as a staff feel strongly that children need that time outside to get fresh air and exercise, and unless the weather is extreme, our students typically go outside. It is also a good idea to have an extra change of clothes and footwear at school. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Mr. McCallum & Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

A reminder that **tomorrow is a Province-wide Professional Development Day** so the school will be closed and classes not in session.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Parents, at **our drop-off area at the front of the school**, we are still seeing parents do two things we would like to discourage. First, **never leave your car parked there in the morning** as it gets busy. Second, **please pull up PARALLEL to the curb**. Some parents are still pulling in on an angle which means they then must back up while other cars are pulling in, and most importantly, when parents and children are walking to the curb. This is a big concern. We all want to ensure everyone is safe. Thank you!

Next Friday, October 27th, we will again be having our **Hamilton Pumpkin Patch**. The pumpkins will be placed on our main playing field in the morning for everyone to enjoy, and then in the afternoon we will all meet in the gym for a sharing assembly and then classes will go out to the field to select a pumpkin. **Please send a reusable shopping bag with your child** that day so they can carry their pumpkin home for the weekend. Parents are welcome to join us for our 1:00 assembly and the choosing of pumpkins afterwards.

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

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

*All parents & guardians with children at Hamilton Elementary are automatically members of The PAC.

**Come and hear the updates on what is happening at your child's school (See attached meeting agenda)

***Child care is available.

Sushi Lunch - Oct 27th

*Don't forget to pack chopsticks

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>

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser -

*Order link will be released on November 10th

**Pick up is scheduled for: Dec 4th @ 6:00pm

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**

Professional Development Day

Taiko Drumming Workshops

Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day Holiday

Professional Development Day

Last school day before Winter Break

First school day after Winter Break

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, Oct. 20

Thursday, Nov. 2

Friday, Nov. 10

Monday, Nov. 13

Monday, Nov. 20

Friday, Dec. 22

Monday, Jan. 8

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