

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 26th, 2023

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Dear Hamilton Families,

With Halloween around the corner, we would be remiss if not to share some thoughts about appropriateness and safety. Halloween day is a fun time for kids to come to school dressed up, but parents, please remember it is a school day, and your child(ren) should be dressed in **costumes that allow them to be comfortable and accessible** to the learning they will be engaged in. It's also good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes: RACE (black face/brown face) CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks) RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab) GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock) TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons).

Thank you all for making Halloween a safe, respectful, and fun time for the kids. **Teachers will be communicating with you their classroom policy for bringing in items for the day.**

Please respect each individual teacher's decision for what is right for their class.

Our recent **Bookfair was a major success**. Thank you to Ms. Malin and all the parents and students who volunteered to make this a special event. We raised over \$800 in books for our library.

Mr. McCallum & Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

Kindergarten registration for families. Registration is on-line at <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> and will open on November 1st.

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

Pumpkin Patch (paid for by the PAC) - October 27th

*bring a plastic or reusable bag for transporting a pumpkin back to class and home

Sushi Lunch - Oct 27th (Friday)

Pizza Lunch - Oct 31st (Tuesday)

Pasta Lunch - Nov 3rd (Friday)

*If you did not order lunch for your child on any of these days, please make sure they have a packed lunch

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

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.

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser -

*Order link will be released on November 10th

**Pick up is scheduled for: Monday, Dec 4th @ 6:00pm. Thank you for your support

MyEd Parent Portal – Attention new families! Accounts have been set up for you. Information about log on has already been sent to you via email. Additional information is available on our Hamilton website. <https://hamilton.sd38.bc.ca>

A reminder that tomorrow, October 27th, we will 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 followed by classes going 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. **Students may be bringing their pumpkins home tomorrow or early next week**, depending on if the class has an activity planned for them. Parents are welcome to join us for our 1:00 assembly and the choosing of pumpkins afterwards.

Next Thursday, November 2nd, the people from **Uzume Taiko Drumming** will be here to run workshops with our students. Each class will have the opportunity to learn and perform the drums. Should be an exciting experience for the students!

Important Dates for 2023 -2024 School Year

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

Hamilton Pumpkin Patch

Friday, Oct. 27

Halloween Dress-up Day

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Taiko Drumming Workshops

Thursday, Nov. 2

Remembrance Day Assembly (1:00)

Friday, Nov. 10

Remembrance Day Holiday

Monday, Nov. 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

Friday, Jan. 12

Professional Development Day
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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

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