

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 5th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **Early Warning Line for Student Absences 604-668-6516**
- **Staffing updates**
- **Richmond's Elementary Cross-Country Run October 17th**
- **PAC Reminders**

Dear Hamilton Families,

We must be getting close to the Thanksgiving weekend when we see the trees beginning to change and a different feel to the air. **A reminder that Monday the school will be closed** due to the statutory holiday, and we want to wish all of you, no matter how you celebrate this weekend as a family, a joyful and safe holiday weekend.

Today, as we were sending out our morning message to Staff, we thanked our teachers on this **World Teacher Day**. Ms. Burroughs-Chan and I sent our best wishes and gratitude to our teachers for the myriad of things they do for our students and our school.

We have a great deal to be thankful for at Hamilton. We live, work, and learn in a wonderful community where people can accept each other's differences and share in our common goal: the success of all the children at our school. These "eyas" are the future.

Mr. McCallum & Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

A reminder from our Office Staff to please use our **Early Warning Line for Student Absences 604-668-6516**. If you know your child will be absent from school for any reason, please call this number. It is very important to account for all students as quickly as possible in the mornings. And please, keep your children home if they are sick. Thank you!

It is with mixed emotions that **we say goodbye to Ms. Nisha Jhuty**, one of our Noon Hour Supervisors. Ms. Jhuty has taken another position, but her thoughtful, caring, and responsible presence will be greatly missed at Hamilton. Ms. Jhuty has been an important part of the NHS team ensuring the safety of all Hamilton Students. On behalf of the Hamilton Community, I would like to thank her for her service and wish her all the best in the future.

We would like to **welcome Ms. Kristina Uyeda** who has been hired as our 4th Noon Hour Supervisor beginning next week.

We are also proud to announce that we have hired another teacher for our Resource Team. **Ms. Grace Miao will be joining our staff on October 24th as a Learning Resource Teacher.** Ms. Miao has been working at Science World designing and implementing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) programs.

This year's annual **Richmond District Cross Country Run will be held on Tuesday, October 17th at Minoru Park.** We will be informing the students 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.

There will be a student sign-up at recess tomorrow for interested students.

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

October 6th - BP Pasta Fun Lunch

***In accordance with school policy to decrease the use of plastics, BP will not supply plastic utensils. **Please make sure your child has a fork or spoon for their pasta lunch.**

***If you did not order pasta, 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)

***We currently have a poll on our Facebook page to find out the preferred platform to hold our PAC meetings. We appreciate your feedback.

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>

Ongoing Bottles & Cans Fundraiser -

This is a good time to get rid of those empty bottles and cans from the Thanksgiving weekend. Please consider donating them to our ongoing passive fundraiser to support our children's education.

***Please use the school's phone number (**604-668-6514**) at the nearest Return-It depot kiosk

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**

Thanksgiving Holiday

Photo Retakes

Cross Country Run at Minoru

Monday, Oct. 9

Monday, Oct. 16

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Early (1:45) Dismissal for Conferences
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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

Wednesday, Oct. 18
Thursday, Oct. 19
Friday, Oct. 20
Friday, Nov. 2 – ***Date Change**
Friday, Nov. 10
Monday, November 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