

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.

November 16th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **School Spirit "Canucks" Day – Nov. 24th**
- **Some Reminders**
- **PAC Reminders**

Dear Hamilton Families,

Time has a way of moving very quickly during a school year, but it is important we stop to thank and recognize people for the things they do to support our school. Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) continues to support our students and staff in so many ways. A BIG thank you to them for the Hot Lunch program they are running this year, providing teachers with classroom money to directly support student learning, the purchasing of things for our school such as the pumpkins for this year's Hamilton Pumpkin Patch, and so many other ways they support. We are blessed with a small but wonderful team of dedicated parents who make this all happen. If you are interested in being a part of PAC, it's a great way to give back to the school.

We also want to thank the teachers and students who were involved in the planning and implementation of last Friday's Remembrance Day Assembly. A special shout-out to Asees Kaur and Sophia Bacordo, who were the MCs for the event and did a splendid job. And thank you to Mr. Janz, Ms. Malin, and Ms. Miao for coaching our grade 6/7 volleyball team this year.

Mr. McCallum & Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

On Friday, November 24th, we are having a School Spirit Day – Blue & Green Day in support of our Vancouver Canucks. Parents, no need to go and purchase anything. If you have existing Canucks clothing at home, great, but simply by wearing blue or green or blue/green that day, we can all show our support for the Canucks. Go Team!

Some Reminders from the School Office:

- A great deal of **clothing is being left by students** on the school grounds after recess and lunch. Currently we have tables set up in the school foyer to ensure students have a chance to claim any lost (discarded) items. Please come and have a look tomorrow.
- The weather is turning colder and wetter so please **ensure students are dressed appropriately.**
- As has been explained in previous newsletters, and for several good reasons, we believe that **children should bring a healthy lunch to school with them each morning.** We are

continuing to ask that lunches NOT be brought during the school day. There is food at the school for students who forget to bring a lunch.

• Please **be patient when dropping students off in the morning**. Many parents are still dropping off on Smith Drive which poses safety risks and is disrespectful to our neighbors.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Subway Lunch - November 17th

Sushi Lunch - November 24th

*If you did not order lunch for your child, please make sure they have a packed lunch.

MunchaLunch always sends an email reminder on the day before.

*If your child will be away on a Friday Fun Lunch Day, please

email: HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com

To volunteer for lunch distribution: <https://volunteersignup.org/38CLM>

December Fun Lunch Bundle - Pasta, Subway, Burritos & Sushi

To order: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton> (order & payment deadline for **December Bundle: Friday, November 24th @ 11:59pm**)

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser

Order link: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2023-hamilton-elementary-f632503c95/ref/em>

Order deadline: Nov 26th @ midnight

Pickup: Monday, Dec 4th @ 6:00pm in front of the Hamilton Community Centre

PAC Meeting - November 29th @ 6:30pm

Online meeting via

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81544162108?pwd=OKzE4vQoLdQyPNLdWZZA8vU0ixFY2K.1>

Meeting ID: 815 4416 2108 Passcode: 080068

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

Canucks Spirit Day – Wear Blue & Green

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

Monday, Nov. 20

Friday, Nov. 24

Friday, Dec. 22

Monday, Jan. 8

Friday, Jan. 12

Monday, Jan. 29

Friday, Feb. 16

Monday, Feb. 19

Wednesday, Feb. 28

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

Thursday, Mar. 14
Tuesday, Apr. 2
Friday, May 17
Monday, May 20
Friday, June 7
Thursday, June 27