

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 2nd, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **No Photos/Videos on School Property**
- **Kindergarten Registration for Families**
- **Feeding Futures School Program**
- **Family ERASE Sessions for Safe Communities**

Dear Hamilton Families,

It has been **quite a week at Hamilton** with our Halloween Dress up Day on Tuesday, our Pajama Day yesterday, and Taiko Drumming workshops today. Throw in some heavy rain at times and it made for a "never a dull moment" kind of week. But the sun came out this afternoon, the kids left happy, and Friday looks to be a great end to the week.

It's always a quick turn around after Halloween as we begin the planning for one of our most important events of the year, **our Remembrance Day Assembly**. This year, the assembly will take place on the afternoon of **November 10th with a 1:00 start**. Family members are most welcome to join us.

Mr. McCallum & Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

How you can help...A reminder that our school AND school grounds are NOT considered public property during school hours 8:30 – 3:30 each day. **The taking photos or recording on school grounds is strictly prohibited**. This is to ensure the safety and privacy of our students. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Recently, the provincial government announced a new **Feeding Futures School Program Fund**, designed to assist schools in the development and enhancement of school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

If you would like to request support for your child at school, please reach out to Mr. McCallum mmccallum@sd38.bc.ca We are gathering information and look to provide ongoing support wherever possible. Implementation plans are underway, and we want to ensure families are aware, and as always, able to reach out **if they require support**. All

requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with families to ensure that your children have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

Family Erase Sessions for Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities

Three free virtual *erase* learning sessions for families will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Families may register at this link: [📄 erase family sessions november 2023.pdf](#). Please contact erase@gov.bc.ca with any questions or for more information.

Important Dates for 2023 -2024 School Year

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

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	Monday, Jan. 29
Professional Development Day	Friday, Feb. 16
Family Day Holiday	Monday, Feb. 19
Early (12:00) Dismissal for Conferences	Wednesday, Feb. 28
Last school day before Spring Break	Thursday, Mar. 14
First school day after Spring Break/Easter	Tuesday, Apr. 2
Professional Development Day	Friday, May 17
Victoria Day Holiday	Monday, May 20
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal	Friday, June 7
Last day students attend	Thursday, June 27