

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the [hənq̓əminəm](#) (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

November 29th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **Winter Concert "Bring on the Snow" December 20th**
- **PAC Reminders – Meeting TONIGHT at 6:30 online**

As we get closer to the winter holidays, and no matter how you as a family celebrate at this time of year, we want you to remember we are proud to be a very multicultural school, and we endeavor to create a school climate where children can be proud of their heritage, feel safe about who they are, and solve their conflicts peacefully. At every school assembly we talk about what unites us all is that our families have come to Canada to live in a country where we can respect each other's differences and live peacefully with each other. Our mission is to create a learning environment that is safe, accepting, and inclusive with respect and equity for all. Our Board of Education's Strategic Policy #2 states:

The district actively addresses unconscious bias and privilege, systemic discrimination and marginalization based on factors such as ability, colour, cultural identity, gender, gender identity, Indigeneity, political beliefs, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation and socio-economic status.

We believe strongly, especially with the strife going on around the world and at this time of the year, that being Canadian stands for something. It stands for people being able to live together peacefully and to share in the joy of raising our children, the next generation, to be ambassadors of peace.

Mr. McCallum and Ms. Burroughs-Chan

We are pleased to announce our **Winter Concert "Bring on the Snow" on Wednesday, December 20th**. All the children in the school will be performing in some capacity. We will be putting on both an **afternoon (1:15) and an evening (6:30)** performance. Due to the capacity of our gymnasium however, **we are asking families to choose to either come to the afternoon or evening performance** and to **limit their number at 5 family members**. Thank you for your understanding.

PAC Reminders: Please join us on Facebook - [Hamilton Elementary PAC \(Parent Advisory Council\)](#)

Pasta Lunch - Dec 1st (DON'T FORGET TO PACK UTENSILS)

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

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

email: HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser

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

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**

D.A.R.E Assembly 10:45

Winter Concert 1:15 and 6:30

First Term Report Cards Published

Last school day before Winter Break

First school day after Winter Break

Axe Capoeira performance 1:15

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

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Thursday, Dec. 21

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