

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 9th, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **PAC Reminders**
- **Feeding Futures School Program**

Dear Hamilton Families,

It's always a quick transition in the elementary school year when we go from the festivities around Halloween to the seriousness of Remembrance Day. Both provide our students with learning opportunities, all be it, with a different tone. As we ready for tomorrow's **Remembrance Day Assembly** at 1:00, we welcome family members to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and recognize the sacrifices Canadians from all walks of life have made so that we can enjoy the freedoms we all enjoy. It is also an opportunity to help our students understand the impact *they* can have in years to come as ambassadors of peace.

Mr. McCallum & Mrs. Burroughs-Chan

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

Burrito Lunch - November 10th

*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

PAC Meeting - November 29th @ 6:30pm

*Online meeting via Zoom (meeting link will be released soon)

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your support

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 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.

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