

## 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.*

December 14th, 2023

- **How You can Help**
- **PAC Reminders**
- **Holiday Food Drive**
- **Winter Concert Information**
- **Logging on to Parent Portal**
- **Pajama, Crazy Hair/Hat & Stuffed Animal Day – Friday, December 22nd**

This is not a very nice topic to begin a newsletter, but I am reaching out to the community to help me solve a problem we are having at the school. On Monday of this week, **I had to go out to two of the children's play areas on the west side of the school to pick up 12 bags full of dog feces.** Please see the attached photo. **Someone in the neighborhood has recently been allowing their dog to do their business right in the areas where your children play.** This is obviously happening either late at night or early in the morning and it is obviously a LARGE dog. This is a considerable health risk to the students and adults at the school. I have notified the City of Richmond, but this is your neighborhood, so **if you have any information that may be helpful in bringing this to an end, please contact me confidentially at the school.**

Thank you for your support. Mr. McCallum

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

**Burrito Lunch** - Dec 15th

**Sushi Lunch** - Dec 22nd

\*If your child will be away on a Fun Lunch Friday, please email: [HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com](mailto:HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com)

**Term 2 Fun Lunch Fridays** is open for online ordering

Please visit: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>

**First order deadline: January 5th 2024**

To volunteer for lunch distribution in the new year: <https://volunteersignup.org/MAYMF>

**Ongoing Passive Fundraisers:**

- Mabel's Labels: <https://mabelslabels.ca/>
- Flip Give: <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=KCPJ5J>
- Bottles & Cans: Return-It Depot (use school phone number: 604-668-6514)

**Hamilton will once again be supporting the Richmond Food Bank** this holiday season. Families are welcome to send non-perishable foods to school or you can donate to the Richmond Food Bank using our Hamilton School Page link below.

<https://bcvfd.foodbank.bc.ca/participant/122/155>

If this holiday season your family could use some extra support from the Richmond Food Bank you can find more information here:

<https://richmondfoodbank.org>

Winter Concert *“Bring on the Snow”* on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. All the children in the school will be performing in some capacity. **Will be putting on both a 1:15 afternoon (doors open at 1:00) and a 6:30 evening (doors open at 6:15) performance.**

**Due to the capacity of our gymnasium however, we are asking families to:**

- **choose to come to *either* the afternoon *or* evening performance**
- **come to the afternoon if you are able so that people who work may attend the evening.**
- **limit the number of 5 family members for the day.**
- **please bring a donation to the food bank if you are able to.**
- **students will leave school at 2:45 and we ask that they come back between 6:00 and 6:15.**

Thank you for your understanding and consideration

We encourage you to go to **the MyEducation BC (MyED BC) Parent Portal** which provides parents with a way to access their child’s school information directly online **prior to report cards being published online December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

<https://hamilton.sd38.bc.ca/news/2022/11/myed-parent-portal-activation-login-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**

Winter Concert	<b>1:15 and 6:30</b>	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 20</b>
First Term Report Cards Published		Thursday, Dec. 21
<b>Pajama, Crazy Hair/Hat &amp; Stuff Day</b>		<b>Friday, Dec. 22</b>
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
<b>Professional Development Day</b>		<b>Monday, Jan. 29</b>
<b>Professional Development Day</b>		<b>Friday, Feb. 16</b>

**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

**Monday, Feb. 19**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 28**  
Thursday, Mar. 14  
Tuesday, Apr. 2  
**Friday, May 17**  
**Monday, May 20**  
**Friday, June 7**  
Thursday, June 27