

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 21st, 2023

- **Principal's Message**
- **Did you know...Grade 6/7 Volleyball...Tomorrow's Pajama, Crazy Hair/Hat Day**
- **Holiday Food Drive**
- **PAC Reminders**
- **Logging on to Parent Portal**

After the evening Winter Concert performance last night, we were so impressed by the outpouring of happiness and gratitude from the Hamilton families who attended. We have been at many schools and have hosted many such concerts, but there was something truly special about the feedback we received last night. Once again, we would like to thank all the families who came to see the shows, our Hamilton Staff for all the effort they put into preparing the students, and, of course, the children, for their talent, resilience, energy, and enthusiasm.

What visitors always notice about our school when they visit is our vast diversity, but what *truly* bonds us all together is our shared values of mutual respect, our love and care for our children, and our ability to live together peacefully in a community. Whichever way you and your family celebrate the holidays, we would like to wish you all a happy, safe, restful, and loving Winter Break.

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

Did you know...Our Grade 6/7 girls & boys Volleyball team enjoyed a tremendous year. The players came a long way in their skills and sportsmanship playing a number of games against other schools and competing in the Cambie Classic Volleyball Tournament. A BIG thank you for the coaching by Ms. Malin, Mr. Janz, and Ms Miao. Tomorrow we are having a **School Spirit Pajama-Crazy Hair/Hat Day**. Students are encouraged to come in their PJs and bring a stuffed friend as well.

Hamilton has once again been supporting the Richmond Food Bank this holiday season. Families have sent non-perishable foods to school or have donated to the Richmond Food Bank using our Hamilton School Page link below. As of this writing, **we have collected \$1145.00** in monetary donations and a large array of non-perishable food. Thank you!

<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>

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

Sushi Lunch - Dec 22nd

*If your child will be away on a Fun Lunch Friday, please email: HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com

Term 2 Fun Lunch Fridays is open for online ordering

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

First order and payment 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)

Thank you for your support.

We would like to wish all Hamilton Families a wonderful Winter Break.

Cheers, The PAC Executive Team

All Elementary School parents (except for Garden City and Spul'u'kwuks) were emailed this [MyEd Parent Portal User Guide](#) to assist them with accessing the **written learning updates published online today.**

<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**

Pajama, Crazy Hair/Hat & Stuffed Animal Day

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

Friday, Dec. 22

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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