

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.

February 2, 2024

Dear Hamilton Families,

It's so nice to see the month of January behind us. It seemed we were constantly dealing with extreme weather of some kind, which always makes for interesting days at an elementary school. Hopefully, February will be the start of a return to seasonal norms. The weather aside, it was a very productive month of learning at Hamilton. We are always impressed when walking through the school to see **the variety of teaching strategies being implemented by our teachers.** January and February are such important learning months. This is a prime teaching/learning time of the school year, and it's great to see young minds being so thoughtfully engaged.

On a safety note, I'd like to remind people that during this time of construction across for the school, it is even more important to be extra careful driving or walking to or from the school. **The corner of Smith and Gilley** is a particularly important area to be safe. If you are walking, please **DO NOT CROSS DIAGONALLY** at that intersection. Take the time to cross between the designated white lines. And if you are driving, pay particular attention when proceeding through this intersection. Thank you for your care and attention in keeping everyone safe.

Mr. McCallum and Ms. Burroughs-Chan

PAC Reminders

Please join us on Facebook - **Hamilton Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**
Stay up to date with reminders about events and what is happening at our school.

>>>**To order from Bundle 2** (Valentine's Day Pizza, Pasta, Chinese Food, Sushi)

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

Order deadline: February 7th @ 11:59pm

*This will be the final deadline to order lunch for Term 2. There will be no late orders if you miss the deadline.

*If your child is away on Friday, please contact us and NOT THE SCHOOL: HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com

*Options: 1) Pick up the lunch from the school office between 12:00-3:00pm 2) Give the lunch to a sibling to eat or take home 3) Donate it to an appreciative volunteer

>>>**Next PAC Meeting:** Wednesday, March 6th @ 6:30pm (online)

*Guest Speaker: FamilySmart (more info to follow)

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**

PAC Burrito Lunch	Friday, Feb. 2
PAC Subway Lunch	Friday, Feb. 9
PAC Pizza Lunch	Wednesday, Feb. 14
PAC Pasta Lunch	Friday, Feb. 23
Professional Development Day	Friday, Feb. 16
Family Day Holiday	Monday, Feb. 19
Early (11:50) Dismissal for Conferences	Wednesday, Feb. 28
Pink Shirt Day	Wednesday, Feb. 28
PAC Chinese Lunch	Friday, Mar. 2
PAC Sushi Lunch	Friday, Mar. 8
Class/Group Photo Day	Tuesday, Mar. 12
Last school day before Spring Break	<u>Thursday</u> , Mar. 14
First school day after Spring Break/Easter	<u>Tuesday</u> , Apr. 2
Second Written Learning Update Goes Online	Friday, Apr. 26
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