

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 who's traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

April 11, 2024

Dear Hamilton Families,

This week has brought a mixed bag of weather, but today, even though it was raining, it was warm enough to go outside at recess and lunchtime, and the students still enjoyed getting the fresh air. Now that's westcoast living! Since spring break, though, we have seen a number of students arriving at school after the 8:45 start time. **Sometimes it takes a family-wide effort to get everyone moving in the morning**, but the benefits of arriving before the start of school pay major dividends to students and their classes. And a reminder to **use the drop-off zone at the front of the community centre by pulling up "parallel" to the curb** and dropping your children off efficiently. We are seeing a lot of poor driving habits exhibited on Smith Drive when parents park illegally, block crosswalks, and turn their cars around in the middle of the street. It is the safety of everyone, including the little ones, that we always need to be concerned about.

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

ILLUMA Studio Dance Program April 8 – 19

Our Dance program has been up and running this week. The students have been learning some intricate dance moves and it has been great to see the engagement and enjoyment, even from students who are typically reluctant to do this kind of thing. Directly connected to both the BC Curriculum areas of Physical Health & Education and Arts Education, it is providing our students learning in the areas of:

- developing and applying a variety of fundamental movement skills in a variety of physical activities and environments.
- observing, listening, describing dancers, actors, musicians, and visual artists use processes, movements, and techniques to create and communicate
- developing movement, dynamics, and time.
- how energy is expended and directed through the body in relation to time.

Due to the amount of gym space needed for the performers (2 or 3 classes at a time) and room for the student and staff audience we will make the performances accessible to parents via recordings that will be put online. Thank you for your understanding.

PAC REMINDERS

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

>>> PAC Meeting: April 17th (Wednesday) @ 6:30pm

Please meet in the school library

>>>Fun Lunch Fridays

To order, please visit: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>

Deadline for Bundle 2: May 17th @ 11:59pm

- **May 24th is Pizza Lunch.** Please make sure your child does not miss out on this very popular lunch
- **June 9th is Sports Day.** Parents, don't forget to add your sub sandwiches to your child's order if you are planning to attend the event.
- **June 21st is Grade 7 Farewell.** Grade 7s do not order lunch for this day as a luncheon will be planned for the grads.
- **Please use up your credit on Munchalunch.** The money does not carry over to next school year

If you can help distribute lunch to the students on a Friday, please sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/4RBJC>

>>>Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: April 19th - May 6th

*Stay tuned for the order link

*Pick up on May 15th @ 5:30pm

***Start making room in your freezers!!!**

>>>Popcorn/Ringpop Afterschool Treat Sale: May 10th

>>>PAC Event- Walkathon: May 16th

***more information to follow

Thank you for your support.

EARTH WEEK

Earth Week (www.richmond.ca/EarthWeek ([link](#))) is happening April 20-28 with lots of free and low-cost family-friendly activities.

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Bike to School Week is an annual celebration where students of all ages are encouraged to bike, roll, or walk to school. This year Bike to School Week takes place June 3-7, 2024. Over 140 schools participate in a typical year across Metro Vancouver. HUB Cycling offers support such as resources and event ideas, prizes and packages to make ride tracking easy. [File #1 Link](#)

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 Lunches must be ordered in advance.**

PAC Pasta Lunch	Friday, April 12
Grade 6 and Kindergarten Immunizations	Monday, April 15
PAC Subway Lunch	Friday, April 19
Earth Day Assembly 10:30 Parents welcome to attend	Monday, April 22
Second Written Learning Update Goes Online	Thursday, April 25
PAC Sushi Lunch	Friday, April 26
PAC Burrito Lunch	Friday, May 3
PAC Chinese Food Lunch	Friday, May 10
Walk-A-Thon	Thursday, May 16
Professional Development Day	Friday, May 17
Victoria Day Holiday	Monday, May 20
Welcome to Kindergarten	Thursday, May 23
Pizza Lunch	Friday, May 24
Zone Track Meet at Minoru for grades 4 – 7	Monday, May 27
PAC Sushi Lunch	Friday, 31
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal	Friday, June 7
PAC Subway Lunch	Friday, June 14
PAC Chinese Food Lunch	Friday, June 14
Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony	Friday, June 21
PAC Pasta Lunch	Friday, June 21
Last day students attend	Thursday, June 27