

## 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.*

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Dear Hamilton Families,

It's amazing to see the difference in everyone's outlook as the weather warms up and we are blessed with more sunny days. A reminder that this year's second **Learning Update (report card) will be published online on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. The student's Core Curriculum Self-Assessments will either be online or will come home in hard copy format. We encourage families to read through the documents carefully, paying close attention to the "next steps" that your child's teacher recommends. Learning is all about setting goals and reaching those goals, and this is best achieved through a partnership between the school and home.

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

### **ILLUMA Studio Dance Program**

The dance program we have enjoyed over the past two weeks is coming to an end tomorrow with the second performance. The program has been a great success. We feel the students gained a lot from the instruction. They were engaged, happy, and learning throughout. We would like to thank the Hamilton PAC (and you) for co-sponsoring the program, and a big shout-out to Yay, Chloe, and Swan for the enthusiasm, professionalism, and care they brought to working with our students.

\*\*suggested dress code only, if it is possible for the students...

- DIV 15, 16, 17 - In Summer, Frozen
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tcaM06eGrY>
  - Dress Code: colourful summer clothes!
- DIV 13, 14 - When Will My Life Begin, Tangled
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRXmAIHYQR4>
  - Dress code: purple, blue and cool tones
- DIV 11, 12 - Zero to Hero, Hercules
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOL-EJZjmp0>
  - Dress code: White / Beige
- DIV 9, 10 - Love Is An Open Door, Frozen
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQDw88hEr2c>
  - Dress Code: Green, Yellow, Pink, Light Orange (Spring Colours)
- DIVS 5, 6 - Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Mary Poppins

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZNRzc3hWvE&list=RDUZNRzc3hWvE&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZNRzc3hWvE&list=RDUZNRzc3hWvE&start_radio=1)
- Dress Code: Denim, plaid, cowboy boots
- DIVS 3, 4 - We're All In This Together, High School Musical
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_6pOTCLSxA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_6pOTCLSxA)
  - Dress Code: Red and white
- DIVS 1, 2 - Friend Like Me, Aladdin
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzZdoChwRVg>
  - Dress Code: Blue
- DIV 7, 8 - Do Re Mi, The Sound of Music
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drnBMAEA3AM>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t7gRjFaNLxl>
  - Dress Code: Formal picture day type clothing if possible

**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 tomorrow's performance accessible to parents via recordings that will be put online. Thank you for your understanding.**

#### **Track and Field for Grades 4 - 7**

Our Track Attack practices begin on Monday for our grades 4 – 7 students. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for physical activity and that they are wearing proper running shoes. Since we will be outside, a hat is also recommended. **This year our Track Meet at Minoru will be on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.** More information about the day to follow.

#### **FEEDING FUTURES VS PAC FUN LUNCH**

**NOTE: The Fun Lunch program run by the PAC is a pre-paid program. Parents are responsible for ensuring that they have ordered and paid for food on these Fridays ahead of time. If you forget to pay ahead of time and don't send a lunch for your child that day, they may go to the office to receive some food items from the Feeding Futures to sustain them. They will not receive a PAC lunch unless it has been pre-purchased, and their name is on the list. Thank you.**

#### **Student and Family Affordability Fund**

The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one-time funds for the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

- school and course fees.
- school supplies and course materials.
- field trips.
- school-related extracurricular opportunities.
- clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities.

Please reach out to Mr. McCallum if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

## EARTH WEEK

Earth Week ([www.richmond.ca/EarthWeek](http://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 Subway Lunch	Friday, April 19
Earth Day Assembly 10:30 Parents are 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
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Friday, May 17</b>
<b>Victoria Day Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, May 20</b>
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
<b>Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal</b> <b>PAC Subway Lunch</b>	<b>Friday, June 7</b>
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