

## 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 4, 2024

Dear Hamilton Families,

We would like to welcome you all back after the break to the start of our Spring Term. As can be expected, everyone was a little tired the first couple of days, but we are enjoying a very positive start to the term. At the beginning of the week, we talked about our Hawks word of the day, the "A" in Hawks, which stands for Accountability. We encouraged the students to set a goal, or goals, for this term as a means of self-improvement. You can help us out in this endeavor by having a conversation with your child(ren) to help them identify an area they could work towards improving. Later this month the second Learning Update (report card) of the year will be published and along with student self-reflections. This is another mechanism we use to ensure our students are, not only reflecting on their learning, but looking ahead to be proactive about their social and academic growth. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

### ILLUMA Studio Dance Program April 8 – 19

We are pleased to announce that, with co-funding from our Hamilton PAC, we are able to bring ILLUMA Studio to our school for two weeks of dance instruction for our students. Every class will have 4 dance lessons per week (for a total of 8 lessons) and a performance at the end of each week, April 12 and 19. The first week the focus will be on Jazz Funk/KPOP, and the second week will focus on Musical Theatre. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to learn different styles of dance and artistic expression. Due to the fact that the performers (2 or 3 classes at a time) will be taking up almost half our gym, the live audience will be made up of the rest of the student body. 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)**

### >>>Fun Lunch Fridays

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

**First deadline** for Bundle 1: April 5th @ 11:59pm

- There is **NO LUNCH** on Friday, April 5th. Please pack a lunch for your child.

- **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>

>>> **PAC Meeting: April 17th (Wednesday) @ 6:30pm**  
Please meet in the school library

Thank you for your support.

### **Richmond International Education Homestay Program**

If you are interested in hosting an International Student for month, term, or year, please see the attachment for more information.

### **Early Learning for Families Events**

Do you have a 3–5-year-old preschooler? Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences. Please see the attachment for more details.

## **Important Dates for 2023 -2024 School Year**

**\*Dates in bold are changes to the school day or regular hours of 8:45 – 2:45**

Two-week Dance Program with ILLUMA Studio begins	Monday, April 8 – 19
Earth Day Assembly	Monday, April 22
Second Written Learning Update Goes Online	Thursday, April 25
<b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>Friday, May 17</b>
<b>Victoria Day Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, May 20</b>
Zone Track Meet at Minoru for grades 4 – 7	Monday, May 27
<b>Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal</b>	<b>Friday, June 7</b>
Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony	Friday, June 21
Last day students attend	Thursday, June 27