

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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May 15, 2024

- **Principal's Message**
- **PAC Reminders – Meeting Online Tonight!**
- **Walk-a-Thon Tomorrow at 1:30 – Tropical Theme**
- **Hamilton School Band Concert – June 11th at 1:30**
- **Class Placement Requests for 2024-2025**
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Dear Hamilton Families,

We are all gearing up for our PAC sponsored **Walk-a-Thon tomorrow at 1:30**. It is a **tropical theme**, and even though the weather doesn't look to be a good as it has been the last few days, it should be warm and let's hope for no wet stuff. A reminder that **Friday is a Professional Development Day** so students do not attend, and **Monday is Victoria Day**, a statutory holiday and the school will be closed. Please see the **dates for NEXT school year** at the end of this email so that you may mark your calendars in advance. We hope you all have a wonderful May long weekend to enjoy as a family!

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

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: May 15th (online)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82397750886?pwd=Dd8WVJjsn5ii7hbDV1iZEkuIkHTMO.1>

Meeting ID- 823 9775 0886

Passcode: 208813

>>>Neufeld Farms: Pick up: May 15th (Wednesday) @ 5:30pm in front of Hamilton Community Centre

***Don't be late. The delivery truck will not wait for you.

>>>Walkathon Pledges are due on May 15th

It's still not too late to donate online and enter your child into the prize draw in June

<https://hamilton.sd38.bc.ca/pac/news/2024/04/walk-thon-may-16-online-donation-instructions>

>>>**Fun Lunch Fridays:** Order deadline for the final bundle: May 17th @ 11:59pm

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

- **May 24th is Pizza Lunch.** Please make sure your child does not miss out on this very popular lunch
- **June 7th 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>

Thank you for your support.

Tomorrow is Tropical Themed Walk-a-Thon! We invite families to come and join us at 1:30. Thank you to PAC members Melissa Fong and Lara Truong for organizing the fundraising portion of the event and for providing cookies for all the students upon completion of the walk. Upcoming will be our prize assembly so a big thank you to all the families who pledged donations. The proceeds of the fundraiser go to support the learning of all Hamilton students. Remember to wear your coolest Tropical gear!

Our **Hamilton School Bands will be performing a concert at 1:30 on June 11th** in our school gym. The bands, led by our very own Ms. Burroughs-Chan, are excited to share what they have learned in front of a real audience. Come join us to see, and hear, these wonderful young musicians.

CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS FOR NEXT YEAR: If you are interested in **making a specific request for classroom placement next year**, forms are available for pick up at our main school office. **Please do not make any arrangements with an individual teacher** as staffing may change between now and September. These requests are meant to help staff make the most informed decision possible when placing students in classes for next year. **While we cannot guarantee every request will be granted**, we will take into consideration your thoughts on what you feel is best for your child's educational development. **Please do not identify teachers by name.** Thank you!

Important Dates for 2023 -2024 THIS 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 Chinese Food Lunch	Friday, May 10
Popcorn & Ring-pops Sale	Friday, May 10
PAC Meeting – Online	Wednesday, May 15
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, May 31
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal	Friday, June 7
PAC Subway Lunch	Tuesday, June 11
Band Concert – 1:30	Friday, June 14
PAC Chinese Food Lunch	Friday, June 21
Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony 10:30	Friday, June 21
PAC Pasta Lunch	Friday, June 21
Last day students attend	Thursday, June 27

Important Dates for NEXT school year 2024/2025

***Note: Events Dates in bold indicate changes to the school day or regular hours of 8:45 – 2:45**

*First Day Back – students attend 1 hour	Tuesday, Sept. 3
Individual Photo Day	Monday, Sept. 16
*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend	Friday, Sept. 20
Immunizations K & 6	Friday, Sept. 27
*National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - Statutory Holiday	Monday, Sept. 30
Photo Retakes	Monday, Oct. 7
*Thanksgiving - Statutory Holiday	Monday, Oct. 14
Grade 7s at Camp	Tuesday, Oct. 15-17
*Conferences <u>1:45 Dismissal days</u>	<u>Wed/Thur, Oct 23 & 24</u>
*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend	Friday, Oct. 25
Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30	Friday, Nov. 8
*Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	Monday, Nov. 11
*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend	Monday, Nov. 25
Last day before Winter Break	Friday, Dec. 20
First day back after Winter Break	Monday, Jan. 6
*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend	Monday, Jan. 27
*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend	Friday, Feb. 14
*Family Day - Statutory Holiday	Monday, Feb. 17
*Conferences <u>11:50 Dismissal</u>	Wednesday, Feb. 16
Last day before Spring Break	Friday, Mar. 14
First day back after Spring Break	Monday, Mar. 31
Immunizations	Friday, Apr. 4
*Good Friday- Statutory Holiday	Friday, Apr. 18
*Easter Monday - Statutory Holiday	Monday, Apr. 21

***Pro-D Day – Students do not attend**
***Victoria Day- Statutory Holiday**
***Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal**
Grade 7 Day
Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal
Admin Day - – **Students do not attend**

Friday, May 16
Monday, May 19
Friday, Jun. 13
Friday, Jun 20
Thursday, Jun. 26
Friday, Jun. 27