

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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May 30, 2024

- **Principal's Message**
- **Camp meeting for Parents of Grade 6 students tonight at 7:00 in the library**
- **Walk or Wheel to school next week**
- **PAC Reminders**
- **Class Placement Requests for 2024-2025**
- **Band Concert – June 11th**
- **Important Dates for 2023-2024**
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Dear Hamilton Families,

I would like to congratulate all our Hamilton athletes who participated in this week's Track Meet at Minoru, and thank you to the staff involved for all the effort they put into making this year's event fantastic, with a special shoutout to Ms. Pattyson and Mrs. Burroughs-Chan for spearheading the Track Committee. And it's hard to believe that next **Friday is our annual Sports Day** at the school. Parents are encouraged to come out and join us for this exciting day. There will be lots of goodies available courtesy of our wonderful PAC volunteers.

There will be a short **information meeting tonight at 7:00pm in the library for parents of current grade 6 students regarding Outdoor Education (Camp) in October**. The meeting will provide information about the camp, transportation, the itinerary, and the budget. I met with the students today, so they do not need to attend.

Mr. McCallum

Walk or wheel to School event happening all next week - Monday June 3rd to Friday June 7th. Students are encouraged to participate in the Hub Cycling 'Walk or Wheel' to School event happening all next week all throughout the Lower Mainland. Students can see Ms. Malin for a sticker if they walked or wheeled to school and we will track our entire school's progress. If you are riding / scootering / wheeling to school - PLEASE WEAR A HELMET.

1. On Wednesday, June 5th - students can bring their bikes or scooters to the library in the morning. At lunch, we will host a bike or scooter decorating workshop in order to get ready for the Bike parade on Friday June 7th at the beginning of Sports Day.
2. On Friday June 7th we will have the Bike (or scooter, wheel) parade. Families are encouraged to pull out their bikes early next week to make sure they are in good working

order and students are encouraged to practice riding their bikes before the parade so that they feel comfortable during the event. All students that participate MUST wear a helmet.

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)**

June 1st: Hamilton Elementary PAC Silent Auction will open for bidding
*stay tuned for more details

June 7th: Sports Day

If you can help with recess snacks, Subway lunch or concession, please sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/4RBJC>

June 11th: Prize draw for the Walkathon

*If a donation was made to the Walkathon on behalf of your child, he or she will have a chance to win one of 20+ prizes

PAC AGM & Volunteer Appreciation Event

- **Wednesday June 12**, in the school library. Babysitting provided!
- **6:00pm:** Join us for pizza, treats and refreshments, mingle with other parents, and enter to win one of our great door prizes! We have over \$200 in prizes to give away, including a Sushi Cake from Sushi Lovers, A Landmark Movie Night Out, a Dominos Pizza Gift Card, and a Gift Card to Match Eatery & Public House!
- **6:35pm:** Stay for our Annual General Meeting, where we will review our accomplishments this year, including funds raised and programs we have supported. All of our Executive positions for the 24/25 school year will also be open for voting (we are especially looking for a Co-Chair and Co-Treasurer.) We need parents to fill these roles so that our school does not lose out on important grants and funding!
- **Please RSVP so that we can plan food quantities, babysitting, and space!** We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your support.

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.

Deadline for submissions is Monday, June 3rd

Thank you!

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.

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 Sushi Lunch		Friday, May 31
Sports Day – 1:30pm dismissal	PAC Subway Lunch	Friday, June 7
Band Concert – 1:30		Tuesday, June 11
PAC AGM – 6:30pm		Wednesday, May 12
PAC Chinese Food Lunch		Friday, June 14
Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony 10:30 – Grade 7 families invited to attend		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> *Note date change due to typo		Wednesday, Feb. 26
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**
***Easter Monday - Statutory Holiday**
***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, Apr. 18
Monday, Apr. 21
Friday, May 16
Monday, May 19
Friday, Jun. 13
Friday, Jun 20
Thursday, Jun. 26
Friday, Jun. 27