

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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June 19, 2024

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Dear Hamilton Families,

Tomorrow As you know, **next week is our last week of the school year. Thursday, June 27th is the last day for students to attend** and they will be dismissed at their regular 2:45 time to begin their summer vacation. This week and next are mostly about year-end field trips and year-end assemblies. A number of our classes have gone to Watermania, two have gone to gymnastics, our three oldest divisions are off on a bike trip around Hamilton and Queensborough next week, and our grade 7 students are off to Centennial Beach on Friday after their assembly and luncheon.

On Friday we host **the first of our year-end assemblies**, the Grade 7 Farewell Assembly. This is an opportunity to say goodbye to our oldest students as they leave us to continue their studies in high school. Unfortunately, due to our gym capacity and all staff and students in attendance, we are limiting invitations to the immediate members of grade 7 families only. Thank you for your understanding. **And a BIG thank you to Ms. Sam Le Riche and the grade 7 parent volunteers and the grade 7 teachers for all the work they have done organizing this year's event.**

Next week we have two more assemblies. On **Wednesday it is our Year-End Assembly** when we say goodbye to staff members, recognize members of the Hamilton School Community, and say goodbye to families leaving Hamilton. **On Thursday, a more fun-filled assembly, when we give out the ribbons from this year's track meet and watch our year-end slide show.** We are hoping to have a great finish to what has been a wonderfully engaging school year. Thank you to all our Hamilton families for the support you have shown us this year.

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

We would like to welcome some new staff to our school next year. Ms. Miran Lo comes to us from Cook Elementary where she has been a Resource Teacher for the last 10 years and will bring her wealth of experience to our team. Ms. Abigail Aguilar has been teaching primary students at Diefenbaker since 2020 and she will bring her enthusiasm and care to our Kindergarten Team. Ms. Nicole Yipp, who brings years of experience teaching children dance will replace Ms. Malayeri during her maternity leave as a Relief Teacher working with our primary aged students. Ms. Lina Hao comes to us from Tomsett where she has been working as an Education Assistant and will bring her experience as an Early Childhood Educator and Music Teacher to our EA Team. Please join us in welcoming all these talented educators to the Hamilton Community.

From the PAC:

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)**

Executive PAC Committee for 2024/2025:

Chair: Lorita Tang-Withers

Secretary: Lara Truong

Treasurer: Juliana Yim

RDPA Rep: Jessica Hubele

Communications Coordinator: Melissa Fong

Social Media Coordinator: Kristina Uyeda

Lunch Coordinators: Lydia Liew & Yumi Yamada

Fundraising Coordinator: Position is available

If you have any questions, comments or would like to join the PAC committee, please email: Hamiltonsd38pac@gmail.com

Thank you for all your support! Have a wonderful summer break. See you in September.

Year-end Learning Summaries (report cards) will go online Thursday, June 27th. We encourage you to go to **the MyEducation BC (MyED BC) Parent Portal** which provides parents with a way to access their child's school information directly online **prior to report cards being published online June 27th.**

<https://hamilton.sd38.bc.ca/news/2022/11/myed-parent-portal-activation-login-information>

This is the **last day intermediate students will require Band instruments.** Ms. Burroughs-Chan has collected the instruments that have been loaned by the school district. If you have either purchased or rented an instrument, please ensure it is brought home and accounted for.

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.**

Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony 10:30 – Grade 7 families invited to attend	Friday, June 21
PAC Pasta Lunch	Friday, June 21
Divs. 4,5,6 Watermania	Tuesday, June 25
Divs. 1,2,3 Biking Field trip to Queensborough & McLean Park	Tuesday, June 25
Year-End Assembly 10:30	Wednesday, June 26
Track Ribbons/Slide Show Assembly 10:30	Thursday, June 27
Last day students attend 2:45 Dismissal	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. 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	Friday, Apr. 18
*Easter Monday - Statutory Holiday	Monday, Apr. 21
*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend	Friday, May 16
*Victoria Day- Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 19
*Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal	Friday, Jun. 13
Grade 7 Day	Friday, Jun 20
Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal	Thursday, Jun. 26
Admin Day - – Students do not attend	Friday, Jun. 27