

## Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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*We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the [hənq̓əminəm](#) (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on who's traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.*

September 12th, 2024

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Dear Hamilton Families,

What a fantastic start we are off to at Hamilton! I said to the staff the other day how proud I am of everyone for facilitating such a great start up. It was just this past Wednesday that we learned from the school district that they are holding us at 16 divisions. Since that time, we have been able to place and move the students to their new classrooms, create all our schedules, and have put in place support for our students who need it. And we have welcomed 5 new students just in the last two days! Again, credit to the Hamilton staff for their thoughtfulness and professionalism as we've worked through these early days.

A heads up that this year's information packages will be sent home tomorrow. It is helpful to our office staff if you could please complete the sheets that need to be returned to the school in a timely manner. Thank you also for *your* part in getting your children ready for what looks to be another amazing year at Hamilton!

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

### **Individual Photo Day**

On Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the photographers from Mountain West Studios will be here to take everyone's photo. Experience tells us that beginning with our youngest students before they go out for recess so that they look their best is the way to go. So, comb that hair, put on those nice clothes and we'll take this opportunity to show off the beautiful children at Hamilton.

### **PAC REMINDERS:**

**Fun Lunch Fridays:** First lunch is on September 27th (BP pasta)

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

\*\*\*Order deadline for Bundle 1: September 20th @ 11:59pm

>To Volunteer for lunch distribution, please sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/JMPYA>

\*\*\*If your child is away on a Fun Lunch day, please email: [HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com](mailto:HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com)

**First PAC Meeting of 2024/2025:**

**Date:** September 25th (Wednesday)

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Place:** School Library

\*\*\*Babysitting is available

\*\*\*There will be treats, coffee/tea and more draw prizes

**Terry Fox Run**

This year Hamilton will have our annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:45pm. Students will gather in the gym for a short assembly then head out to the back field to complete our run. Hamilton has partnered with the Terry Fox Foundation to help raise money for cancer research. If your family would like to support our fund raising efforts, students can either bring a “Toonie for Terry” to school or you can donate online on our Hamilton School Terry Fox Page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/HamiltonElementary>



**Construction and Traffic Around the School**

The ongoing construction taking place across the street from the school is just something we will continue to have to live with. The construction people have been quick to reply to our concerns such as parking and the intersection at Smith and Gilley. The City of Richmond, unfortunately, has not been as receptive to suggestions to improve safety around the school. We still have concerns about safe walkways for students and parents as they make their way to and from the school. This will be a work in progress.

**One thing that we do not need to live with are drivers who continue to make poor choices** when dropping off or picking up their children. Most parents have been safe and respectful of pedestrians and parking regulations, but unfortunately, there are those who continue to create unsafe conditions for our students and are not being good neighbors to the people who live near the school. Some reminders of how we can all be safe:

- When dropping off students in the morning, please use the designated drop-off zone in front of the community centre. Pull in **parallel** to the curb, have your children exit through the curb side of the vehicle, and leave the zone in a safe but efficient manner. Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop-off zone.
- Please respect all traffic and parking regulations, especially when parking on the street on front of housing. Try to park in designated spots, but if you must park on the street, please do not block driveways or park/stop on corners.

## Important Dates 2024/2025

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

Individual Photo Day	Monday, Sept. 16
Terry Fox Assembly/Run	Thursday, Sept. 19
<b>*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend</b>	<b>Friday, Sept. 20</b>
Immunizations K & 6	Friday, Sept. 27
<b>*National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation - Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, Sept. 30</b>
Photo Retakes	Monday, Oct. 7
<b>*Thanksgiving - Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, Oct. 14</b>
Grade 7s at Camp	Tuesday, Oct. 15-17
<b>*Conferences <u>1:45 Dismissal days</u></b>	<b><u>Wed/Thur, Oct 23 &amp; 24</u></b>
<b>*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend</b>	<b>Friday, Oct. 25</b>
Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30	Friday, Nov. 8
<b>*Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, Nov. 11</b>
<b>*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend</b>	<b>Monday, Nov. 25</b>
Last day before Winter Break	Friday, Dec. 20
First day back after Winter Break	Monday, Jan. 6
<b>*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend</b>	<b>Monday, Jan. 27</b>
<b>*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend</b>	<b>Friday, Feb. 14</b>
<b>*Family Day - Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, Feb. 17</b>
<b>*Conferences <u>11:50 Dismissal</u></b>	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 26</b>
Last day before Spring Break	Friday, Mar. 14
First day back after Spring Break	Monday, Mar. 31
Immunizations	Friday, Apr. 4
<b>*Good Friday- Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Friday, Apr. 18</b>
<b>*Easter Monday - Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, Apr. 21</b>
<b>*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend</b>	<b>Friday, May 16</b>
<b>*Victoria Day- Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, May 19</b>
<b>*Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal</b>	<b>Friday, Jun. 13</b>
Grade 7 Day	Friday, Jun 20
Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal	Thursday, Jun. 26
Admin Day - – <b>Students do not attend</b>	Friday, Jun. 27