

## 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.*

October 24th, 2024

- **Tomorrow is a Pro-D Day- Students do not attend school**
- **Photo Retakes Monday**
- **PAC Update**
- **Halloween Reminders**
- **Scholastic Book Fair/Conferences**
- **Important Upcoming Dates**

### **Friday's Professional Development Day and Monday's Photo Retake Opportunity**

A reminder that there is no school for students tomorrow as it is a professional development day, and the Hamilton Staff will be engaged in a myriad of their own learning opportunities.

Monday is our Photo Retake Day. The photographers from Mountain West Studios will be here to take photos of any students who missed the initial shoot and those who would like a retake.

Please ensure that you or your child, communicates with the classroom teacher.

### **PAC Reminders:**

#### **PAC Meeting:**

**Date:** October 29th (Tuesday)

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Online:** <https://tinyurl.com/ms3frd9s>

Grade 7 Grad Meeting will follow the PAC meeting at 7:15pm (please join using the above link)

### **Fun Lunch Fridays:**

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

>>>**Deadline to order for Bundle 2:** November 8th @ 11:59pm (don't miss out on ordering pizza for your child's lunch)

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

### **Holiday Photo Mini Session: Nov 2-30**

Please visit: [xmas.kuna.photography.com](http://xmas.kuna.photography.com)

**Early bird deadline:** Oct 25th

**PAC Fundraiser:** \$10 from the session fee will go towards supporting education at Hamilton

### **Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: Save the dates**

Online ordering will open on: Nov 1st

Pick-up: November 28th (Wed) @ 5:30pm in front of the Community Centre

>>>Start making room in your freezer for those frozen cookies and Holiday treats!

**Still looking for a PAC chair** for the next school year.

>If you want to know more about what is involved in being a PAC executive, please check out the PAC 101 Workshop on November 5th @ 6:30pm at Burnett Secondary (pizza dinner is included)

To RSVP (before Oct 25th): <https://forms.gle/yQBmUBKgm6LFb32v8>

Thank you for your support.

### **Halloween Reminders**

Our annual Hamilton Pumpkin Patch will take place on **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Note: this year the children will select their pumpkins during the **last block of the school day at 2:00**. Parents are welcome to watch, we just ask that you stay at the perimeter of the field. Our **younger students will be assisted in gathering their pumpkins by their older buddies**.

With Halloween around the corner, we would be remiss if not to share some thoughts about appropriateness and safety. Halloween day is a fun time for kids to come to school dressed up, but parents, please remember it is a school day, and your child(ren) should be dressed in **costumes that allow them to be comfortable and accessible** to the learning they will be engaged in. It's also good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes: RACE (black face/brown face) CULTURE (Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks) RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab) GENDER (gender switching for humour or to mock) TRAUMA (hangman's noose/weapons).

Thank you all for making Halloween a safe, respectful, and fun time for the kids. **Teachers will be communicating with you their classroom policy for bringing in items for the day**. Please respect each individual teacher's decision for what is right for their class.

### **Book Fair & Conferences**

Thank you To Ms. Malin and all her amazing parent and student volunteers for making this year's Scholastic Book Fair such a success. It is so nice to see children get excited about books and reading. The buzz in the library was always electrifying. And, we raised a lot of money that goes to support school programs. Talk about a win-win situation!

Thank you also to you for attending your child's Parent/Teacher/Conference this week. Remember, you can arrange to meet with your child's teacher any time throughout the year.

### **Important Dates 2024/2025**

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

**\*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend**

Photo Retakes **\*NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30

**\*Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday**

**\*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend**

Winter Concert - times TBD

Last day before Winter Break

**Friday, Oct. 25**

Monday, Oct. 28

Friday, Nov. 8

**Monday, Nov. 11**

**Monday, Nov. 25**

Wednesday, Dec. 18

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