

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.

November 22nd, 2024

- **Principal's Message**
- **PAC Update**
- **Hawkswear Clothing Extension**
- **Volleyball Success**
- **Divisions 7 & 8 at Cheakamus**
- **Important Upcoming Dates**

Dear Hamilton Families,

The past week has seen a lot of rain and wind. Ensuring our students are safe and warm has been one of our top priorities when sending them out for recess or lunchtime play. Thank you for making sure your child comes to school each day with the proper clothing, footwear, and accessories for the weather. This week the wind chill has contributed to the drop in temperature. Ensuring children *wear* their outer clothing on the playground is the next step in helping them deal with the changing weather and temperatures. Some of our younger students especially have been taking off their coats or leaving them unzipped, even on the coldest days this week. Our staff do their part at the school of reminding students the importance of not letting themselves get too cold, but you can help us out by having the conversation with your children about the importance of keeping their body heat in when the weather gets colder. Thank you.

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

PAC Reminders: Join our PAC FB page for up to date reminders: **Hamilton Elementary PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**

Fun Lunch Fridays:

***If your child is away on a Fun Lunch day, please email: HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser:

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

PAC Meeting:

Date: December 4th (Wednesday)

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Online

Thank you for your support!

Hawkswear Clothing Sale Extension

Our Pop-up-Shop to purchase Hawkswear: long and short sleeved T-shirts, hoodies, water bottles and toques, has been extended until Nov. 24th. All you need to do is follow the link...

<https://urstore.ca/group/hamilton-elementary-pop-up-shop>

Success On and Off the Volleyball Court

This past week our grade 6/7 volleyball teams competed in 2 tournaments at Cambie and McNair Secondary Schools. We received so much positive feedback about the skill our students demonstrated, but more importantly, about the way they represented our school at these tournaments. Congratulations and thank you to all our players and coaches!

Braving the Elements for a Great Learning Experience!

On Wednesday this week Divisions 7 & 8 went to the Cheakamus Education Centre in Brackendale, just north of Squamish. The bus left at 7:00am and returned at 5:30pm. It was a long, and at times, wet day for the students, but by all accounts, they had a great time and enjoyed a wonderful learning experience. In the words of the teachers:

“Despite the long bus ride and cold temperatures, our day at Cheakamus center was full of knowledge and experiences that they will hopefully carry as a memory as the children continue to grow. When we arrived, we were treated with hot apple cider and a chocolate chip maple syrup oatmeal granola biscuit. We applaud all those who were courageous and respectful enough to try a new food, despite not knowing how it would taste. During our excursion, we had the opportunity to explore the biodiversity of the cedar forest of Cheakamus and spent time learning about the tools and ways of life of the Chi'yakmesh peoples of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation. An important piece of knowledge shared with us today is how nature is dependent on the lives that live within it and its ability to thrive depends on how well we take care of it. Students also learned about cooking shlom soup with grandfather stones and were particularly excited about preparing bannock over an open fire. In the afternoon, different groups were tasked with different jobs of the Chi'yakmesh peoples (from preparing kindling and weaving blankets to fishing in the Cheakamus river).

The elders and facilitators of Cheakamus also shared important knowledge about how elders (knowledge holding adults) should be treated with honour and respect, at the Longhouse, in the Hamilton community, and at home. Their values mirror the qualities of being HELPFUL, KIND, and SAFE that we treasure at Hamilton elementary.”

Thank you to our parent volunteers, our Education Assistants, Ms. Thomas and Ms. M. Kaur, and especially to Ms. Wong and Mr. Chu for organizing this special event.

Important Dates

***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**

PAC Meeting in Library at 6:00pm

Grade 6/7 Band Concert 1:45

Winter Concert – 1:15 and 6:30

First Term Learning Summaries available online

Last day before Winter Break

First day back after Winter Break

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

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***Family Day - Statutory Holiday**

***Conferences 11:50 Dismissal**

Professor Wow performance 1:00pm

Last day before Spring Break

First day back after Spring Break

Immunizations

***Good Friday- Statutory Holiday**

***Easter Monday - Statutory Holiday**

Hula Hoop Circus 1:00pm

***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**

Monday, Nov. 25

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Monday, Dec. 16

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Thursday, Dec. 19

Friday, Dec. 20

Monday, Jan. 6

Monday, Jan. 27

Friday, Feb. 14

Monday, Feb. 17

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Friday, Feb. 28

Friday, Mar. 14

Monday, Mar. 31

Friday, Apr. 4

Friday, Apr. 18

Monday, Apr. 21

Friday, May 2

Friday, May 16

Monday, May 19

Friday, Jun. 13

Friday, Jun 20

Thursday, Jun. 26

Friday, Jun. 27