

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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

December 12th, 2024

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Dear Hamilton Families,

Only six more school days before the Winter Break and lots going on at the school. Please see below for information about upcoming concerts, photo orders, and important messages from our PAC. On that final note, the staff would like to thank our amazing PAC Executive Committee: Lorita Tang-Withers, (PAC Chair), Lara Truong (Secretary), Juliana Yim (Co-Treasurer), Ada Leung (Co-Treasurer), Jessica Hubele (RDPA Representative), and the many parents who volunteer at Fun Lunch Days, for the wonderful contributions they make to our school. We also wish to acknowledge **Park Pacific Pharmacy** for their generous donation of \$520 (from the net proceeds of the vaccine clinic) to support education at Hamilton.

Let's get ready for some fun next week!

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

Winter Concert – “Candles!”

- The performances will be on **Wednesday, December 18th @ 1:15pm and 6:30pm**. Doors will be open **15 minutes before the performance** for families to get a seat **from the school foyer only**.
- For the evening performance we ask that all students be dropped off in the foyer no earlier than **6:15pm** when the doors to the school will be opened
- There will be 2 showings of the musical to make sure that we are able to allow the greatest number of families to watch the performance. We ask however, that you **pick one performance**

to come to. We do need to be thoughtful of fire safety protocols in the gym and ask that families bring only up to 5 people. Thank you and hope to see you there!

Band Concert – Monday, December 16th

Our Intermediate Band students will perform their own concert on Monday. They have been working very hard under the leadership of Ms. Burroughs-Chan this term and are eager to have an opportunity to perform in front of a live audience. The performance will begin at 1:45 and the doors to **the gym will open at 1:30. Please enter through the school's main entrance to the foyer** not the Community Centre. We are trying to be good neighbors. Thank you!

Individual Photo Orders

Mountain West Studios apologizes for the delay. As the postal strike is ongoing, they have had to devise an alternative solution to ensure that families receive their photos before the holiday closure, as has long been their expectation. Because of this, they will be sending all customer orders directly to the school for distribution. These will come in weekly or bi-weekly shipments and will be sent home with your oldest child.

Hawksweat Orders

If you ordered Hawksweat from our latest Pop-up-Shop, the orders are on their way and should arrive at the school early next week. We will send the orders home with your oldest child.

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

Fun Lunch Fridays:

>To order lunch for Term 2, please visit: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>

>>Deadline to order for Bundle 1: January 10th @ 11:59pm (there will be no deadline extensions)

>>>To help with lunch distribution: <https://volunteersignup.org/Y4PQQ>

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

PAC Winter Wonderland 50/50 Raffle:

To buy tickets: <https://pacwinterwonderlandraffle.rafflenexus.com/>

Deadline: December 17th @ 11:59pm

Draw Date: December 18th before the Winter Concert evening performance (you do not have to be present to win)

Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten Registration Reminders

Richmond School District 38 is excited to welcome Kindergarten registration applications for children born in 2020, turning 5 in 2025. These children will begin Kindergarten in September 2025. Online registration opened on November 1, 2024. Please visit our website

<https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration> for more information about our online registration process, required documents, important dates, and FAQs.

We encourage families to complete their registration within the Priority 1 registration window,

which spans from November 1, 2024 to January 17, 2025, to maximize their chances of securing a spot at their catchment school. All registration applications received any time during the Priority 1 registration period will receive placement decisions by February 7, 2025.

Videos detailing Kindergarten registration have been made available on our District website, providing new parents with guidance on the registration process, English Language Learner (ELL) assessments, and District Program Options (Early French Immersion and Montessori). These videos are available in English and Mandarin. Please view the videos at <https://sd38.bc.ca/student-registration/kindergarten-registration>.

Thank you and please share this information with your friends and family who have Kindergarten aged children!

‘12 Days of Giving - Food Drive

This past term, Div. 4 participated in the Global Read Aloud program and read the novel, ‘And Then, Boom!’. The main character is a resilient hero who lives in poverty and struggles to feed himself and some rescued puppies. As part of a culminating project, the students of Div. 4 will be running Hamilton’s Food Drive as well as help to raise money for **Food Runners**, a local organization that has volunteer drivers deliver surplus food to nonprofits across Metro Vancouver.

NOTE: As with past years, families may choose to make a monetary donation using our Kev Online System. Donations up to \$20, please. No tax receipt will be issued. Please follow the link: <https://richmondsd38.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/89732/125/False/True>

Div. 4 is calling their event, ‘12 Days of Giving’. However, this is voluntary, and families should only participate if they would like to. Families can try to donate the following items on the following days:

Twelve Days of Giving at Hamilton

Day 1 (Thurs. Dec. 5th)

Snacks such as Crackers / Sea weed / chips

Day 2 – Fri. Dec. 6th

Friday fun Day – cookies or treats

Day 3 – Mon. Dec. 9th

Soup day or Noodle day

Day 4 - Tues. Dec. 10th

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Day 5 – Wednesday Dec. 11th

Water Wednesday – bottled water, juice boxes, drinks

Day – 6 – Thursday Dec. 12th

Condiment day – ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, ranch dressing, sauces, cooking oil

Day – 7 – Friday Dec. 13th

Fruity Friday – fruit cups, canned fruit, fruit snacks,

Day 8 – Monday Dec. 16th

Money Monday – Bring a donation or donate online through School Cash Online

Day 9 – Tuesday Dec. 17th

Toiletry Tuesday – toothpaste, shampoo, tooth brushes, soap, bubble bath

Day 10 – Wednesday Dec. 18th

Pet Food Day – cat food, dog food, pet treats

Day 11 – Thursday Dec. 19th

Baby Day! (formula, baby food, diapers, wipes, baby crackers or snacks)

Day 12 – Friday Dec. 20th

Fun Friday – candy canes, winter treats, nut free chocolate, etc.

Families are welcome to bring in any item on any day they would like. These are just suggestions. We greatly appreciate your support in helping us to make the holidays brighter for people in our community, especially children.

Online Public Open House – Long-Range Facilities Plan – January 14, 2025

The district is hosting an Online Public Open House on January 14, 2025 from 6 to 8 p.m. This virtual event will provide community members with the opportunity to learn about the 2025 Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) and offer input to help shape the district’s long-term facilities strategy.

More information about the LRFP can be found on our district website ([link](#)).

Important Dates

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

Grade 6/7 Band Concert 1:45	Monday, Dec. 16
Winter Concert – 1:15 and 6:30	Wednesday, Dec. 18
First Term Learning Updates available online	Thursday, Dec. 19
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
McNair Gr. 7 Parent Info Evening	Thursday, Feb. 6
*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
Professor Wow performance 1:00pm	Friday, Feb. 28
Illuma Studio - Musical Theatre Program	Mar. 3 – 7
Musical Theatre Presentation	Friday, Mar. 4
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
Second Term Learning Updates available online	Tuesday, Apr. 29
Hula Hoop Circus 1:00pm	Friday, May 2
*Pro-D Day – Students do not attend	Friday, May 16

***Victoria Day- Statutory Holiday**

***Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal**

Grade 7 Day

Final Term Learning Summaries available online

Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal

Admin Day - – **Students do not attend**

Monday, May 19

Friday, Jun. 13

Friday, Jun 20

Thursday, Jun. 26

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Friday, Jun. 27