

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.

December 19th, 2024

- **Staff Message**
- **Pajama Day tomorrow**
- **Winter Concert – A big Success!**
- **PAC Reminders**
- **HEC Fitness Pass Raffle**
- **Kindergarten Registration**
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- **Important Upcoming Dates**

Dear Hamilton Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to pass on our heartfelt best wishes to all Hamilton Families and wish you a happy and safe Holiday Season. We feel blessed every day we come to work to be a part of this vibrant and welcoming community. Events like our concerts yesterday, remind us of how important family is to all of us. So, from our family to yours, we thank you and hope you all have a chance to relax and enjoy the holidays with your loved ones.

The Hamilton Staff

Pajama Day School Spirit Day Friday

What has become a tradition at Hamilton we are having a School Spirit Pajama Day tomorrow on our last day before the Winter Break. Students are encouraged to wear their PJs, come with wacky hair or a favorite hat, and bring their (reasonably sized) stuffy. It's a fun way to bring the term to a close.

Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert "Candles" was a huge success. We had so much positive feedback from families and such excitement and pride from our students that it just reinforces why and how important these kinds of events are. A big thank you to our staff who made it all happen, especially Ms. Nicole Yipp and Ms. Burroughs-Chan for their direction and leadership.

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 from Bundle 1: January 10th @ 11:59pm (there will be no exceptions and no deadline extensions)

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

>>>Thank you to all our parent and student volunteers! There would be no fun lunch without you!

Winter Wonderland 50/50 Raffle Draw:

***A huge congratulations to the winner: Melany Vidal Galiz

**Thank you for your support,
The PAC Executive Team**

Hamilton Community Centre Fitness Pass Raffle

New Year, New You! We are kicking off 2025 by giving people the chance to jumpstart their fitness journey. To help crush New Year's resolutions, we are giving away two 1-Month Fitness Passes just in time to make 2025 the strongest/healthiest year yet! There is a ballot box and blank ballot forms at the front desk; people can enter by filling out their name, phone number, and listing their fitness goal(s) for 2025. We will draw the lucky ballots on Dec. 31st. Who can enter? Anyone 13+ who is ready to level up their fitness game!

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, 2024, 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!

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**

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
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	Monday, May 19
*Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal	Friday, Jun. 13
Grade 7 Day	Friday, Jun 20
Final Term Learning Summaries available online	Thursday, Jun. 26
Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal	Thursday, Jun. 26
Admin Day - – Students do not attend	Friday, Jun. 27