

## Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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January 8th, 2025

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**Dear Hamilton Families,**

We'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome you back to the second term of the school year. This is an important term in the school year when teachers are able to build upon the routines and expectations developed in the first term and really delve into the important work of teaching and learning. We have seen a wonderful excitement and positive energy from the students this week as they have settled into their classrooms, reconnected with classmates, and quickly focused on their learning. Arriving at the appropriate time each morning is a huge part of student success.

One of the areas we saw a need to improve before the break was students arriving on time each morning so this term we are instituting an **Arriving at School on Time Initiative**. Our goal is to reach out to families to help us ensure their child(ren) arrive each morning with enough time to get to their classroom, hang up their things, connect with classmates, and settle in *before* the 8:45 start of the day. We made it clear to staff that this is not about blaming or embarrassing students, but rather it is an effort to involve all the family to ensure they get off to a good start. Please begin developing these positive habits by having a conversation as a family and assist us in this important endeavor. Thank you for your support!

Mr. McCallum & Ms. Burroughs-Chan

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE GOING HOME FRIDAY!**

On Friday we will be sending home the annual **Notice of Intent to Attend form**. This is a very important document as it states your intention to either have your child(ren) attend Hamilton next year or inform us of a change. This information helps us plan for next year to ensure that every student in our catchment is guaranteed a place at Hamilton. Our 16 divisions are now at capacity, and with all the new construction happening in the neighborhood. We will need to know if we

need to add more classes to the school in September. **Please complete the form carefully and return it to the school by January 17<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your attention to this.

### **Early Learning Family Event At Hamilton: January 22, 2025 from 9:30 -11:00 am**

Do you have a 0 - 5 year old child? The Richmond School District welcomes your family to a *free* Early Learning for Families (ELFF) event hosted at Hamilton Elementary. Join us for fun and engaging learning experiences while meeting new friends and building home to school connections. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions all about Early Learning.

- 9:30 - 10:30 am - Hand-on activity stations
- 10:30 - 11:00 am - Music performance by JUNO-nominated musician and educator Will Stroet of Will's Jams

See attached for mor information  
We hope to see you there!

### **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**

Early Learning Family Event for preschoolers 9:30	Wednesday, Jan. 22
<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>
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
<b>*Good Friday- Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Friday, Apr. 18</b>
<b>*Easter Monday - Statutory Holiday</b>	<b>Monday, Apr. 21</b>
Second Term Learning Updates available online	Tuesday, Apr. 29
Hula Hoop Circus 1:00pm	Friday, May 2
<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
Final Term Learning Summaries available online	Thursday, Jun. 26
Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal	Thursday, Jun. 26
Admin Day - – <b>Students do not attend</b>	Friday, Jun. 27