

Hamilton Elementary School - Newsletter

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

April 17th, 2025

- **Principal's Message**
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Dear Hamilton Families,

Every once in a while, a special moment comes our way. This week at Hamilton, I'm pleased to announce that we had two such special moments.

The first came from Kelly Johnson, Richmond's Coordinator for Libraries and Information Services, who contacted me with some wonderful news:

"I am thrilled to share the exciting news that **our very own Elizabeth Malin has been named the Best New Teacher-Librarian in BC by the BCTLA!**

Elizabeth's dedication to her students, leadership in inquiry-based learning, and dedication to invigorating the LLC program have been truly inspiring. Her work not only strengthens literacy and inquiry in your school but also serves as a model for other teacher-librarians across the province. This recognition is well deserved, and I know it reflects the supportive and collaborative culture that you have helped cultivate.

Thank you for the ongoing encouragement and leadership you provide—achievements like this are made possible by strong school communities.

Warmest congratulations to Elizabeth, and to your whole community!"

The second piece of good news occurred at our PAC meeting last evening. **Our PAC agreed to donate \$10,000, raised from the Hamilton Community, to partner with \$7000 raised by Ms. Malin from running Book Fairs and \$7000 approved by our school budget committee to renovate our school Library Learning Commons.** The project will include all new state-of-the-art shelving to create a more warm and welcoming learning space for our students and the community. The work should begin next school year. What a fantastic example of collaboration to bring about positive change for our school. Thank you to our PAC, and you, for your continued support of our school.

Mr. McCallum

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

Fun Lunch Fridays:

Please visit: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton>

***Grade 7s DO NOT order pizza lunch on June 20th. A special luncheon will be provided for the farewell event.

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser:

***Online ordering link coming soon.

***Pick up date: May 22nd @ 5:30pm

Thank you for your support.

Summer Learning 2025

Did you know that Richmond Continuing Education Summer Learning Program is **FREE** (one free course) for BC students who are Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, who have refugee status and whose parents are living in BC with a valid work permit? Registration begins for elementary students Monday April 21st at 7:00pm. See attachment for further details.

Strategic Plan Open Houses

The Richmond School District is hosting a series of open houses in April to engage parents and caregivers in the **2025-2030 Strategic Plan** process. These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about the plan, ask questions, and share feedback that will help shape the district's priorities for the next five years.

Upcoming Open Houses

- **April 24, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** at Cambie Secondary
- **April 28, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Online session ([Click here to register](#))

For more details and ongoing updates on the strategic planning process, please visit sd38.bc.ca/strategicplan.

[Strategic Plan 2025-2030 - Open Houses April 2025](#)

Important Dates

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

***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

***Non-Instructional Day – Students do not attend**

***Victoria Day- Statutory Holiday**

Welcome to Kindergarten Event **12:45-1:30 and 1:45 – 2:30**

Zone Track Meet at Minoru – grades 4 – 7

***Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal**

Grade 7 Day – 10:30 assembly

Final Term Learning Summaries available online

Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal

Administration Day – **Students do not attend**

Friday, May 16

Monday, May 19

Thursday, May 22

Monday, May 26

Friday, Jun. 13

Friday, Jun 20

Thursday, Jun. 26

Thursday, Jun. 26

Friday, Jun. 27