

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.

March 14h, 2025

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Dear Hamilton Families,

Well, another exciting term comes to a close at Hamilton, and what a term it has been. Today we had our **Hamilton Talent Show**, an opportunity for students to take a risk, build their confidence, grow as a person, and share their talents. Thank you to all our performers and Ms. Burroughs-Chan and her staff committee of Ms. Robyn Mesic, Ms. Christine Wong, and Ms. Ashley McKittrick for their time and thoughtfulness bringing the show to the stage.

Last week, of course, we had our final performance of our school-wide **Musical Theatre** program led by the instructors at ILLUMA Studio. I hope you had a chance to watch the video done by Ms. Burroughs-Chan. Please see their message from ILLUMA Studio below.

Division 7 & 8, led by Ms. Chritine Wong and Mr. Matthew Chu, have been working on their **Canadian Heritage Fair** projects. Each child chooses a focus on an aspect of Canadian history or culture to research, learn about, and present to their schoolmates and parents. The projects will be on display in our school foyer on April 23rd.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week a number of parents and former Hamilton students joined us at the **McNair Feeder School Basketball Tournament** to cheer on our grade 6/7 girl's and boy's teams. What an amazing atmosphere as the boys played the final game against Kingswood. Both teams went undefeated during the regular season, won all their games at the tournament, and brought the two trophies back to Hamilton. Laura Nguyen and Jayden Canlas were voted MVPs of the tournament, Nathan Nguyen was named an Allstar, and Sejal Jagdeo won the girl's Hotshot competition. Thank you to our coaches this year Mr. Barker, Ms. Miao, and Ms. Yipp for being fantastic mentors to these young athletes. On a personal note, I want to say how proud I am to have coached the boys' team this year. After 24 years of my career coaching both boys' and girls' teams at a variety of Richmond schools, this group has been a joy to coach. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship represented our school in true HAWKS fashion.

What a great way to end my coaching career!

Mr. McCallum

We would like to wish all our Hamilton families, however you are spending your time, to have a wonderful, rejuvenating, and safe Spring Break. See you back March 31st!

The Hamilton Staff

Dorothy in Wonderland: A Musical

Hello Hamilton Families! We have some exciting news to share about a project happening at Hamilton! Our grade 6 and 7 students from Division 1, 2, 3, and some of 4 have spent the last few months putting together a musical titled “Dorothy in Wonderland.” You might have seen some posters around the school. **The show will be held on April 10.** We have all been working very hard and are eagerly anticipating showing the school the results of our efforts! There will be **two showings, one during the school day with all Hamilton students invited to watch, and one in the evening for the families of our Grade 6/7 students to attend.** Our hope is to build excitement in our younger schoolmates to be excited for the opportunities they will get when they reach grade 6 and 7 themselves. “Dorothy in Wonderland” is a musical that takes place following the events of “Alice in Wonderland” and “The Wizard of Oz.” Our adventure begins when a young girl named Dorothy attempts to leave the magical Land of Oz. As the wizard tries to send Dorothy home, a massive tornado lands on Dorothy and all her friends who get sent to Wonderland where a new problem arises. Dorothy can't go home unless she defeats the terrible tyrant Queen of Hearts and her army! Will she defeat her and get back home? Find out April 10th.

Some Important Attachments...

Please see the information on **Immunizations for Measles** and more, a notice from the Hamilton Community Centre about their **Reuse & Repair Café** happening tomorrow from 10:00 – 2:00 at HCC, and information about our **Richmond International Education Homestay Program.**

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

Fun Lunch Fridays: Online ordering for Term 3 is now open

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

Deadline to order first lunch: March 28th @ 11:59pm

To volunteer: <https://volunteersignup.org/TMQ7E>

Any questions: HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com

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

Silent Auction:

Please visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-elementary-pac-silent/home>

Bidding will close on March 14th @ 11:59pm

Important Dates

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

Last day before Spring Break	Friday, Mar. 14
First day back after Spring Break	Monday, Mar. 31
Immunizations	Friday, Apr. 4
Class Photo Day	Thursday, April 10
Musical	Thursday, April 10
*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	Friday, May 16
*Victoria Day- Statutory Holiday	Monday, May 19
Zone Track Meet at Minoru – grades 4 – 7	Monday, May 26
*Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal	Friday, Jun. 13
Grade 7 Day – 10:30 assembly	Friday, Jun 20
Final Term Learning Summaries available online	Thursday, Jun. 26
Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal	Thursday, Jun. 26
Administration Day – Students do not attend	Friday, Jun. 27

Dear Hamilton Students, Parents, Staff and Administrators,

In our world of digital communication and Artificial Intelligence (AI), the genuine essence of the human spirit is more important than ever. Hamilton students exemplified this during our Musical Theatre week! Your teachers—Ms. Swan, Ms. Bella, Mr. Powell, and Ms. Macenat—were overjoyed to see all students bringing their best selves to the performance! We hope you were able to experience how your unique human energy brought these songs to life. You made magic happen, Hamilton! And we were delighted to be part of your learning journey!

Would you like to experience more magic? You are invited to...

Watch a Live Musical: Beauty and the Beast Jr. presented by RCS!

Come experience the magic and wonder of Beauty and the Beast Jr., brought to life by over 60 of our talented Richmond Christian School Middle Campus students (Grade 6, 7, 8)! This enchanting production promises to transport you to a world where true love conquers all and inner beauty shines brightest. On stage at Richmond's Gateway Theatre on March 12th and 13th at 7:00pm. **Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.gatewaytheatre.com/events/beauty-beast-jr/>.**

Introducing...



Jeremy
as Gaston



Jayden
as Le Fou



Micah
as LeSot



Victor
as Monsieur
D'Arque



Nathaniel
as Maurice

Get your tickets now!

Introducing...



Jeremy
as Gaston



Sarah
as Les Filles



Vanessa
as Les Filles



Claire
as Les Filles



Avalee
as Les Filles

Get your tickets now!

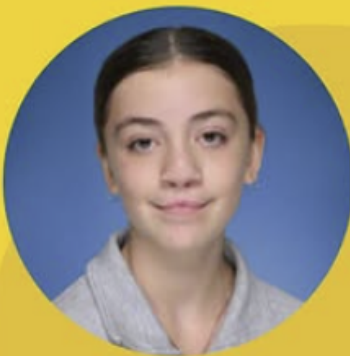
Introducing...



Hanna
as Belle



William
as Beast



Emily
as Rose



Elizabeth
as Mrs. Potts



Phinehas
as Chip

Get your tickets now!

We are looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming class or camp soon!! **Spring Break Camp registration: [please hurry and register today!](#)**

Thank you for believing in performing arts; it is a crucial part of child development!

Glowing regards,

Swan Lee, B.Com (*My salutation and pronouns are: Ms and her/she/hers*)

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