

## 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 7th, 2025

- **Principal's Message**
- **Illuma Studio Dance Performance Video**
- **PAC Information**
- **Important Upcoming Dates**

**Dear Hamilton Families,**

Another action-packed week at Hamilton Culminating in the Musical Theatre performances by all our students. Please see the information below on how to access the video to watch this weekend with your family. Next week brings the McNair Basketball Tournament for our grade 6/7 teams on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you so much to Mr. Barker, Ms. Miao, and Ms. Yipp for volunteering their time and making it such a great experience for our students this year! And on Friday is our Hamilton Talent Show with a variety of performances by our very own Hamilton students.

We all know in our heart-of-hearts when it is time to make a change in our lives. Sometimes those changes are easy, and other times, like this one, are very difficult. After 32 years with the Richmond School District, 14 as a Classroom Teacher, 18 as a School Administrator, (the last six here at Hamilton), I have made the important decision to retire as a full-time Principal at the end of this school year. I am so glad that my last assignment was at Hamilton. Six years ago, when I heard that my friend Ron Manning was leaving Hamilton, I made a phone call to my Superintendent and requested to come to this school. What a great decision that turned out to be. It has been my honor, and a highlight of my career, to have spent this time in such a warm, welcoming, and caring community. While I will continue to work as hard as always to maintain the efficient running of the school and the safety of the students and staff, I will miss the Hamilton Community dearly. It is my intention to continue to work for the Richmond School District as both a Principal on Call and a Teacher on Call, and I hope to be back at Hamilton from time to time to reconnect with all these wonderful people. Thank you, Hamilton!

Mr. McCallum

### Illuma Studio Musical Theatre Dance Video

The performances today went off very well. While we were packed in close quarters, the performers rose to the occasion and really light up the gym with their enthusiasm and performance skills. A BIG THANK YOU to Swan and her team of dance instructors from Illuma Studio for leading our students with such professionalism and thoughtfulness.

Please follow the link:

 [Dance Show 2025.mp4](#)

**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](mailto: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:** Online bidding is now open

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

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

Thank you for your support.

### Important Dates

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

McNair Boy's and Girl's Basketball Tournament	Mon/Tue Mar 10/11
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
<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