

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.

May 7th, 2025

- **Principal's Message**
- **Welcome Mr. Trevor Schuto!**
- **Important Dates for NEXT School Year**
- **Hamilton PAC Update and AGM Agenda**
- **Important Upcoming Dates (this year)**

Dear Hamilton Families,

Last evening I had the opportunity to attend the **Music in Our Schools** program at the Gateway Theatre and watch representatives of our band program perform. I proud to say our Hamilton students not only played well, but they also conducted themselves with grace and maturity. Thank you to Ms. Burroughs-Chan for organizing, preparing, and conducting the students.

Our **Track Attack** program is just about coming to an end. The great weather has been on our side enabling us to get out in the afternoons and rotate the intermediate students through the various stations. Between now and the track meet on May 26th, teachers will continue to provide their students with practice time as a part of the Physical & Health Education component and some voluntary practices will be made available to students.

Tomorrow, **Ms. Alice Wong, Richmond School Trustee** will be visiting Hamilton. Ms. Wong is the School Board Liaison for Hamilton, and she is eager to visit the school to see our wonderful students and staff. Welcome, Ms. Wong!

Some way you as parents can get involved at Hamilton are: the **PAC AGM meeting at 6:00** next Wednesday evening open to all Hamilton parents followed by a Grade 7 Grad meeting at 7:30, the Grade 7 Camp meeting on May 21st at 7:00 for parents of this year's grade 6s, our Welcome to kindergarten even on May 22nd for next year's Kindergarten parents, and our Zone Track Meet at Minoru for parents of grade 4 – 7 students.

In June we are planning a **Pancake Breakfast on June 4th** (back by popular demand) welcoming all Hamilton Families, our school Band Concert on June 10th at 1:00, Sports Day on June 13th, our Grade 7 Farewell assembly on June 20th for families of grade 7s, our Year-End Assembly on June 25th, and our Year-End Slide Show on the 26th. Lots of ways you can stay connected to the amazing things happening at Hamilton.

Mr. McCallum

Welcome to Hamilton Mr. Shuto!

As I am retiring at the end of this school year, we have just been informed that **Mr. Trevor Shuto will be the Principal at Hamilton starting July 2nd**. Mr. Shuto has been an administrator in the Richmond School District for the past ten years at Diefenbaker, DeBeck and most recently at Gilmore. I have known Mr. Shuto for many years and he and Ms. Burroughs-Chan attended UBC together. We are confident he is going to be very successful at Hamilton and continue providing safety for your children and ensuring they get the best educational experience during their time at our school.

The Ministry of Education's School Calendar Regulation requires that on or before May 31st schools make the following information available to every parent of a student in the school:

SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION 2025 – 2026

School Days in Session: 187

Minimum Number of Days of Instruction: 180

DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:40 a.m. First Bell – students may enter school and go to their classrooms

8:45 a.m. Classes Begin – students are considered late

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Recess

11:50 p.m. – 12:42 p.m. Lunch

2:45 p.m. Classes Dismissed

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Some Important Dates for NEXT School Year – Please mark your calendars.

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

First Day Back – Students attend for 1 hour

Grade 7s at Camp Sasamat

Individual Photo Day

Professional Development Day – students do not attend

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – stat. holiday

Thanksgiving Day – stat. holiday

Parent/Teacher Conferences – 1:45 Dismissal Days

Professional Development Day – students do not attend

Photo Retakes Day

Remembrance Day – stat. holiday

Professional Development Day – students do not attend

Last day before Winter Break

Tuesday, Sep 2

Mon, Sep 8 – Wed, Sep 10

Monday, Sep 15

Monday, Sep 22

Tuesday, Sep 30

Monday, Oct 13

Wed, Oct 22/ Thur, Oct 23

Friday, Oct 24

Monday, Oct 27

Tuesday, Oct 11

Monday, Dec 1

Friday, Dec 19

First day back after Winter Break

Professional Development Day – students do not attend

Professional Development Day – students do not attend

Family Day – stat. holiday

Parent/Teacher Conferences – 11:50 dismissal

Class Photo Day

Last day before Spring Break

First day back after Spring Break

Good Friday – stat. holiday

Easter Monday – stat. holiday

Professional Development Day – students do not attend

Victoria Day – stat. holiday

Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal

Grade 7 Day/Assembly

Last School Day for Students - 2:45 dismissal

Administrative Day – Students do not attend

Monday, Jan 5

Monday, Jan 26

Friday, Feb 13

Monday, Feb 16

Wednesday, Feb 25

Tuesday, Mar 10

Friday, Mar 13

Monday, Mar 30

Friday, Apr 3

Monday, Apr 6

Friday, May 15

Monday, May 18

Friday, Jun 12

Friday, Jun 19

Thursday, Jun 25

Friday, Jun 26

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

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: Online ordering is now open!

Please visit: <https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-hamilton-elementary>

Order Deadline: May 12th at the end of the day

Pickup: May 22nd (Thurs) @ 5:30pm in front of Hamilton Community Centre

Questions? Email: charpac38@gmail.com

Fun Lunch Fridays:

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

****Please email us if your child is away on a Fun Lunch**

Day: HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com

> Options: 1) Pick up the lunch 2) Give the lunch to a sibling to eat or take home 3)

Donate the lunch to a volunteer

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

*****To volunteer on a Fun Lunch Friday: <https://volunteersignup.org/TMQ7E>**

PAC AGM:

Date: May 14th (Wednesday)

Time: 6:00pm

Place: School Library

*****All PAC Executive positions are up for voting**

Thank you for your support!

Important Dates (THIS school year)

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

PAC AGM Meeting 6:00

Grade 7 Parent Grad Committee Meeting 7:30

***Victoria Day- Statutory Holiday**

Next Year's Grade 7 Camp Meeting 7:00

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

Zone Track Meet at Minoru – grades 4 – 7

Family Pancake Breakfast 7:30am

Grade 7s visit McNair

School Bands Concert 1:00

***Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal**

Grade 7 Day – 10:30 assembly

Year End Assembly – 10:30

Year End Slide Show – 10:30

Final Term Learning Summaries available online

Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal

Administration Day – **Students do not attend**

Friday, May 16

Wednesday, May 14

Wednesday, May 21

Monday, May 19

Wednesday, May 21

Thursday, May 22

Monday, May 26

Wednesday, Jun 4

Monday, Jun 9

Tuesday, Jun 10

Friday, Jun 13

Friday, Jun 20

Wednesday, Jun. 25

Thursday, Jun. 26

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Friday, Jun. 27