

## 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.*

June 6, 2025

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Dear Hamilton Families,

What an amazing atmosphere at our Hamilton Family Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday. I spoke with so many parents who were so appreciative to have this tradition return to Hamilton. Thank you to all the families who were able to join us and make it a special moment of this school year. And thank you Ms. McKittrick for re-introducing the idea and for the many staff members who came early that day to volunteer their time to ensure its success. It's this kind of event that reminds us of the wonderful community in which we live, work, and learn.

Three more weeks left in the school year, and they are going to be busy ones with a School Spirit Week, the Band Concert on Tuesday, Sports Day on Friday, Grade 7 Day on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and many year-end field trips planned. On Monday, our grade 7 students go to McNair for the morning to get a little taste of what high school is like. Always an exciting day for the kids.

Today, we say goodbye to three amazing UBC Teacher Candidates, Ms. Sidney Clarke, Mr. Arri Morales, and Ms. Antonia Lopez, who complete their extended practicums today and begin their journeys in the education system. We all thank them for their contributions to our school and wish them great success in the future.

Mr. McCallum

### **Hamilton School Spirit Week**

Get ready—Spirit Week is coming next week, and it's going to be so much fun! With the help of Division 4, Sofia has planned a week full of exciting themes (think matching socks, pajama day, and more!) to **help our students show off their school pride and enjoy some laughs along the way**. We'd love for you to help your child get involved—dress up, get creative, and join the excitement! Let's fill the school with energy, color, and tons of spirit! Let the fun begin!

### **Band Concert on Tuesday**

Our divisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 Bands, led by Ms. Burroughs-Chan, will be performing on **Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00, in our school gymnasium.** The students have been eagerly practicing songs and are very much looking forward to having an audience to perform for. Come and join us to hear some great songs by these wonderful young musicians.

### **Sports Day on Friday, June 13**

One of the most fun and special days of the school year, Sports Day, is happening next Friday. **A great opportunity for parents to come to the school and be a part of the excitement.** Highlights include the Team Cheers, the Wheels (bike) Parade, the Preschool Race, and, of course, the circuit of events for the students. The day culminates in the annual Tug-o-War featuring the staff vs grade 7s in the finale. Always a lot of enthusiasm and fun! Below is a shape of the day, and **a reminder, it is a 1:30 dismissal day for all students.**

**8:50 am** – Big buddies collect little buddies and bring them outside to the basketball court, same set up as Wednesday. Team leaders hand out name tags and team sits.

**9am** – Team cheers and warm up.

**9:15** Wheels parade for all grades (bikes will be locked up at the tennis courts)

**9:30am** – teams move outside to first station

**9:30am – 10:30am** – First five rotations of the Sports day stations

- 10 minute stations

- 2 minutes' change (music will signal station changes)

**10:30am** – refreshment break after 5 stations for banana, etc. (MC will be calling a representative from each family team)

**10:45am to 11:45am** – Rotation of the final four stations

**11:45am** – preschool race

**Noon to 12:30 pm** = lunch / PAC doing Subway lunch and Concession Stand

**12:40pm** - students will gather back in classrooms for attendance

**12:45pm** - students will be directed to head out to the field to meet their family teams and sit with teams for tug-of-wars

**12:50pm** – Tug of wars (Primary & Intermediate)

**1:25pm** – students head back to classrooms for ribbons and dismissal

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

### **Fun Lunch Fridays:**

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

Day: [HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com](mailto:HamiltonFunLunch@gmail.com)

> Options: 1) Pick up the lunch between 12-3pm 2) Give the lunch to a sibling to eat or take home 3) Donate the lunch to a volunteer

> We need ONE MORE volunteer to help distribute lunch tomorrow (June 6th) between 11:30am-12:30pm: <https://volunteersignup.org/TMQ7E>

**Last PAC Meeting of the school year:**

**Date:** June 11th (Wednesday)

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Place:** School Library

**Sports Day: June 13th:**

Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser- \$2 per donut

\*Complimentary coffee will be available for parents & guardians

**Important Dates (THIS school year)**

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

School Spirit Week	June 9 - 13
Grade 7s visit McNair	Monday, Jun 9
School Bands Concert 1:00	Tuesday, Jun 10
<b>*Sports Day – 1:30 Dismissal</b>	<b>Friday, Jun 13</b>
Grade 7 Day – 10:30 assembly	Friday, Jun 20
Year End Assembly – 10:30	Wednesday, Jun. 25
Year End Slide Show – 10:30	Thursday, Jun. 26
Final Term Learning Summaries available online	Thursday, Jun. 26
Last Day Students Attend – 2:45 Dismissal	Thursday, Jun. 26
Administration Day – <b>Students do not attend</b>	Friday, Jun. 27

**The Ministry of Education’s School Calendar Regulation requires that on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

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**First Day Back – Students attend for 1 hour**

**Tuesday, Sep 2**

Grade 7s at Camp Sasamat

Mon, Sep 8 – Wed, Sep10

Individual Photo Day

Monday, Sep 15

**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  
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, 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  
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