



January 19th, 2026

Hamilton

Elementary School

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Richmond, BC

V6V 2W5

Trevor Shuto

Principal

Karen Burroughs-Chan

Vice Principal

School Schedule:

8:40 - Warning Bell

8:45 - Classes Begin

10:15 - 10:30 - Recess

11:50 - 12:42 - Lunch

2:45 - Dismissal

**School / Early Warning #
604-668-6514**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Fun Lunch - Pasta

Hello Hamilton Families,

Newsletters in this format will be one of the main sources of communication that you can expect to receive from the Hamilton office this year.

Welcome to Hamilton. We are looking forward to another great year!

- Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey** - is a survey completed by families (at home), staff, and students in grades 4 and 7 (will be done at school). You have the opportunity to fill out this anonymous survey to provide input to the Ministry of Education about the school system. Everyone's feedback is valuable. Click the link below to fill out the survey:
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm
- Spirit Days** - themes and dates have been chosen for the rest of the year. Please scroll down to see the poster with further information. Reminders will be sent out in the Week at a Glance leading up to the Spirit Days. Students can participate in whatever big or small way they see fit.
- Illuma Dance** - sessions will be taking place next week in classes from Grades K-7. We hope to send out a video at the end of the sessions of the dances that the students learn. Thank you to the Hamilton PAC for providing us with this opportunity!
- Stay Informed with SchoolMessenger Text Alerts (Opt-In)** Our District uses SchoolMessenger to share important school and district updates, including weather closures, emergency notifications, reminders, and time-sensitive announcements. All families with a current cell phone number in our MyEdBC database will receive a text message from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338) around February 6th, 2026. To start receiving text alerts, you will need to opt in. How to opt in: **1. Watch for a text from SchoolMessenger (Text #: 978338)** **2. Reply with "Y" to 978338.** **3. You will receive a confirmation message letting you know you're successfully subscribed.**
- PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for PAC Information about ordering Fun Lunch for January - March as well as a bottle and can drive. Thank you for your ongoing support.
- Affordability Fund Reminder** - The Student and Family Affordability Fund is still in place if you require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. Please reach out to Mr. Shuto if you could benefit from this fund.

As always, we thank you for your support and look forward to teaching, learning with, and supporting our Hamilton students throughout the school year!

Sincerely, Karen Burroughs-Chan, Trevor Shuto and the Hamilton Staff

Important Dates

Jan 26th No School - Pro-D Day

Jan 30th Fun Lunch - Burritos

Feb 6th Fun Lunch - Sushi

Feb 6th Spirit Day - Red and White

Feb 12th Fun Lunch - Burgers

Hamilton Highlights!

Throughout the year, in this section, we will highlight some important fun and learning happening at Hamilton so that families can follow along in our journey!

We are excited about the Illuma Dance group coming to Hamilton next week to teach musical theatre sessions to all classes in our school. Classes will pair up to learn together and they will share with the school at the end of the week. Our goal is to video the dance and send it out to families. We are looking forward to this opportunity paid for by PAC, Thank You! Basketball season is up and running and many of our grade 6 and 7 students are participating. We look forward to them representing Hamilton is a respectful and enthusiastic way throughout the season. We will be continuing with our Family Teams get-togethers tomorrow afternoon. We notice that this has continued to help build connections for the students with others in the school, whether it is other students or adults. The theme of our get-together on Friday will be reading. Some of the older students will read to the younger students and vice versa. Others will share a reading experience together where they can read and talk about their favourite stories. Looking forward to it! Hope everyone is well. ~ Trevor Shuto

Hamilton Hawks

We continue to work with our school language / acronym at Hamilton to help build expectations and a culture of care and respect at the school.

HAWKS stands for:

H-Helpful A-Accountable W-Wise K-Kind S-Safe

The students are gaining a good understanding of what this means and how they can demonstrate this in their day to day lives. You can help by discussing the language with your children at home as well. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated!



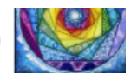
School District / Hamilton Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is used at Hamilton and around the District to help remind all of us of the expectations in all School District Buildings as well as when participating in all School District events.

Reconciliation, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Calendar

This is an inclusive calendar, and living document that shares dates of significance, recognition, and celebration for members of the school community. The Multi Faith Society has created a calendar to help highlight dates of significance. Dates for each month will be highlighted here.

JANUARY 2026



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Spirit Moon

Solar New Year

Gantlan-sai

New Year's Day

St. Basil's Day

Berchtold Day (Switzerland)

Mahāyāna New Year

Full Moon (Supermoon)

Ghambar
Mekdyarem ends

World Braille Day (Int)

Birth date of
Guru Gobind
Singh Ji (1666 -
1708)

Epiphany (W)

Armenian
Christmas

Theophany (E -
New Calendar)

Christmas (Old /
Julian Calendar)

Linji Memorial

11

Seijin-no-hi

12

Maghi

St. Knut's Day
(Finland, Sweden)

Lohri (India)

13

Makar
Sankranti

New Year (Old /
Julian Calendar)

Pongal (S India)

14

Laylat al-Mirāj
(Night Journey
to Heaven)
(beginning at
sunset to
sunset of the
next day)

15

16

Baizhang
Memorial

17

Week of Prayer
for Christian
Unity begins

Hakuin Ekaku
Memorial

Suljān

World Religion Day

New Moon

18

Eihei Dogen
Kigen Birth
date

Theophany (E -
Old Calendar)

Martin Luther King
Day (USA)

19

20

Quebec Flag
Day

21

22

Vasanta
Panchami

23

24

Honen Shonin
Memorial

Burns Night

25

Australia Day

Republic Day
(India)

26

Holocaust
Remembrance
Day (UN)

27

28

National Day of
Remembrance
and Action
Against
Islamophobia
(Canada)

29

Sadeh (Iran)

Education Day
(The Three Holy
Hierarchs)
(Greece)

30

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Please see other information, events, and opportunities below!

Hamilton Spirit Days 2026



Friday,
February 6

Red and White
Day

Wear Red and
White to support
Team Canada in
the Olympics!



Friday,
March 6

Crazy Hair
and Hat Day

Style your hair in
a new, fun, and
creative way!



Friday,
April 17

Matching Day

Match with your
classmates on
matching day.
Or wear Hamilton
Hawks gear!



Friday,
May 22

Beach Day

Wear your beach
gear to school:
hats, towels,
sunglasses, flip
flops and more!



Thursday,
June 25

Jersey Day

Wear your
favourite sport or
country jersey to
celebrate the Fifa
World Cup!



FUN LUNCH FRIDAYS

Happy New Year! Fun Lunch Fridays is back for another term! All money raised from lunch purchases will go towards supporting our children's education and programs.

HOW TO ORDER

Visit <https://munchalunch.com/schools/hamilton> to register today.

Please note that all orders must be purchased prior to 11:59pm on the due dates indicated in each bundle. No exceptions will be made afterwards on confirmed or incomplete orders.



BUNDLE 3

Orders due January 10, 11:59pm

JAN 16 | **SANDWICHES**
Subway

JAN 23 | **PASTA**
Boston Pizza

JAN 30 | **BURRITOS**
Taco Luis

FEB 6 | **SUSHI**
Sushi Lovers

FEB 12 | **BURGERS**
McDonald's

BUNDLE 4

Orders due February 14, 11:59pm

FEB 20 | **CHINESE FOOD**
Bala Foods

FEB 27 | **SANDWICHES**
Subway

MAR 6 | **BURRITOS**
Taco Luis

MAR 13 | **PIZZA**
Boston Pizza

HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

Fun Lunch Fridays will return April 10!



WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH US?

Sign up to help with lunch distribution in the foyer, 11:30am - 12:30pm:

<https://volunteersignup.org/TQECJ>

DON'T FORGET YOUR UTENSILS!

Questions, concerns or to inform us of an absent student, please reach out at: hamiltonfunlunch@gmail.com



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR
CHILD(REN)'S EDUCATION!



HOW TO SUPPORT?

- ☒ Bring your empty bottles & cans
- ☒ Find Kiosk
- ☒ Tag your bag by entering:
604.668-6514
- ☒ Your deposits will be donated!

Your donation will go towards:

- √ Updated Tech
- √ Reading Materials
- √ Art & Music Supplies
- √ Sports Equipment
- And many more...*



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Personal Digital Devices

Personal digital devices should not be used unless permission has been granted. Students are expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Guidelines and District Code of Conduct.

Read the full policy here: [**sd38.bc.ca/devices**](https://sd38.bc.ca/devices)

