



**Hamilton  
Elementary School**

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Richmond, BC  
V6V 2W5

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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**

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|-----------|-------------------|
| 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](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 in 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!



**DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER**

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive, safe and caring, healthy environment.

**As we learn and work together, we will...**

- 1** Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2** Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3** Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault in any way any person within our school district community through physical violence, verbal or electronic media.
- 4** Use the possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs and the like in school and/or school district property.
- 5** Show respect and pride for our school district by caring and appropriate use of school district property.
- 6** Respect the non-smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.

**Our expectations for how we learn and work together still apply to everyone in our schools and off school facilities.**

The complete code of conduct is available online at [www.richmond.k12.vt.us](http://www.richmond.k12.vt.us)

**RICHMOND**  
LEARNERS DISTRICT 89-11

## 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   |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|
|  |   |   |  | <span>⌚ Spirit Moon</span><br><span>⌚ Solar New Year</span><br><span>⛩ Gantan-sai</span><br><span>⚠ New Year's Day</span><br><span>⌚ St. Basil's Day</span> | <span>⌚ Berchtold Day (Switzerland)</span>  | <span>⌚ Mahāyāna New Year</span><br><span>⌚ Full Moon (Supermoon)</span> |
| <span>← Ghambār Mādyārem ends</span><br><span>⌚ World Braille Day (Int)</span> | <span>⌚ Birth date of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1566 - 1708)</span>   | <span>⌚ Epiphany (W)</span><br><span>⌚ Armenian Christmas</span><br><span>⌚ Theophany (E - New Calendar)</span>                           | <span>⌚ Christmas (Old / Julian Calendar)</span>   |   |   | <span>⌚ Linji Memorial</span>  |
| 4  | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10   |
|  |   |   |  |   |   |  |
| 11   | <span>⛩ Seijin-no-hi</span>   | <span>⌚ Maghi</span><br><span>⌚ St. Knut's Day (Finland, Sweden)</span><br><span>⌚ Lohri (India)</span>                                   | <span>⌚ Makar Sankranti</span><br><span>⌚ New Year (Old / Julian Calendar)</span><br><span>⌚ Pongal (S India)</span> | <span>⌚ Laylat al-Mi'raj (Night Journey to Heaven) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)</span>   |   | <span>⌚ Baizhang Memorial</span>   |
| 18   | <span>⌚ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</span><br><span>⌚ Hakuin Ekaku Memorial</span><br><span>⌚ Sultan</span><br><span>⌚ World Religion Day</span><br><span>● New Moon</span> | <span>⌚ Eihei Dogen Kigen Birth date</span><br><span>⌚ Theophany (E - Old Calendar)</span><br><span>⚠ Martin Luther King Day (USA)</span> | <span>⌚ Quebec Flag Day</span>   |   | <span>⌚ Vasanta Panchami</span>   | 24   |
| 25   | <span>⌚ Honen Shorin Memorial</span><br><span>⌚ Burns Night</span>  | <span>⌚ Australia Day</span><br><span>⌚ Republic Day (India)</span>   | <span>⌚ Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)</span>  | <span>⌚ National Day of Remembrance and Action Against Islamophobia (Canada)</span>   | <span>⌚ Sadeh (Iran)</span><br><span>⌚ Education Day (The Three Holy Hierarchs) (Greece)</span> | 30   |
|  |   |   |  |   |   | 31   |

**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       | <b>SANDWICHES</b> |
| <b>16</b> | Subway            |
| JAN       | <b>PASTA</b>      |
| <b>23</b> | Boston Pizza      |
| JAN       | <b>BURRITOS</b>   |
| <b>30</b> | Taco Luis         |
| FEB       | <b>SUSHI</b>      |
| <b>6</b>  | Sushi Lovers      |
| FEB       | <b>BURGERS</b>    |
| <b>12</b> | McDonald's        |

## BUNDLE 4

Orders due February 14, 11:59pm

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| FEB       | <b>CHINESE FOOD</b> |
| <b>20</b> | Bala Foods          |
| FEB       | <b>SANDWICHES</b>   |
| <b>27</b> | Subway              |
| MAR       | <b>BURRITOS</b>     |
| <b>6</b>  | Taco Luis           |
| MAR       | <b>PIZZA</b>        |
| <b>13</b> | 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](mailto: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...



RETURN-IT EXPRESS KIOSK - **604-668-6514**

# 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](http://sd38.bc.ca/devices)

