



January 26th, 2026

## Hamilton

### Elementary School

5180 Smith Drive

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	No School - Professional Development Day
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Fun Lunch - Burritos

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!

- Volunteer Driver Forms Change:** We appreciate those who volunteer to drive for school sponsored activities throughout the year. There has been a change in forms to fill out including a required online Criminal Record Check as well as a required proof of insurance. If you are volunteering to drive, please give yourself time to stop by the office to fill out and provide us the required documents. Thank you.
- Illuma Dance:** was a great experience for the school this week. A video will be sent out Friday afternoon to all families. Thank you again to the Hamilton PAC for providing us with this opportunity!
- 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)
- 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!

## Important Dates

Feb 6th	Fun Lunch - Sushi
Feb 6th	Spirit Day - Red and White
Feb 12th	Fun Lunch - Burgers
Feb 13th	No School - Pro-D Day
Feb 16th	No School - Family Day

## 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!

A beautiful week at Hamilton! The sun shining was welcomed this week, although the grounds were a little slippery with ice. The School District as well as Ms. Burroughs-Chan and I do our best to salt slippery areas daily. Please be aware that there may still be some slippery areas on school property, we have let the students know to be careful as well. Basketball season is in full swing. Players have been practicing with enthusiasm as well as playing games at Hamilton and away at other schools. We are proud of how our student athletes have won and lost with respect and sportsmanship! Illuma dance sessions have been a highlight this week. The instructors have been fantastic with our students by being encouraging, supportive, and fun. We understand that dance, like other subjects taught in school, may be new to some and that some have had more experience than others. We are so proud of all of our students for participating to the best of their ability, especially when trying something new. Hamilton is a great place to work and to learn! ~ 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!



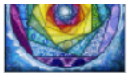
## School District / Hamilton Code of Conduct

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

🪄 Ganlan-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-Mi'rāḥ  
(Night Journey  
to Heaven)  
(beginning at  
sunset to  
sunset of the  
next day)

16

☾ Baizhang  
Memorial

17

✦ Week of Prayer  
for Christian  
Unity begins

☾ Hakuin Ekaku  
Memorial

☾ Sulṭān

☾ World Religion Day

● New Moon

☾ Eihei Dogen  
Kigen Birth  
date

✦ Theophany (E -  
Old Calendar)

△ Martin Luther King  
Day (USA)

20

🇬🇧 Quebec Flag  
Day

21

22

☾ Vasanta  
Panchami

23

24

☾ Honen Shonin  
Memorial

🌐 Burns Night

☐ 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

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 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](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...*



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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)

