



February 2nd, 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

Spirit Day - Red and White Day
Fun Lunch - Sushi

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!

- 1. Student Birthdays at Hamilton:** We celebrate each child's birthday at school with their name on the announcements as well as they receive a birthday balloon and a prize from the box in the office. If their birthday falls on a weekend we do it before or after the weekend and on a natural break from school we do them leading up to the break or after the break. This is the way we celebrate student birthdays at Hamilton to ensure that it is equitable for everyone. Please refrain from sending cakes / cupcakes etc to school.
- 2. 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
- 3. 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.**
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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

Feb 12th	Fun Lunch - Burgers
Feb 13th	No School - Pro-D Day
Feb 16th	No School - Family Day
Feb 20th	Fun Lunch - Chinese Food
Feb 25th	11:50 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences

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!

Another wonderful week at Hamilton! Field Trips are a fun part of the school experience for our students. We are proud of how Hamilton students have represented our school on recent field trips to New Westminster Quay, Fort Langley, Skating, Pumpkin Patch, Richmond Nature Park, Biodiversity Museum, and the Hamilton Residence. Thank you to the staff for organizing these educational opportunities for the students who have such a great time! This week Div. 11, 12, and 13 have experienced the "Young Actors Project" which is a Drama based in school experience where Drama educators come to the school and have students participate in Drama games etc. Students have had a great time. During our last Professional Development day our Hamilton staff had updated training with our School Emergency Management Plan. This plan is put into place anytime there is a evacuation, drop cover and hold on, hold and secure, lockdown, or reunification. Health and safety of students and staff is something that we talk about as a staff on an ongoing basis. It is always a good reminder to check if you are prepared in your own homes for what to do in the event of an emergency to ensure everyone stays safe. Hope you are all 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.

Search: [All Events]
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FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bear Moon Eve of Tu B'Shevat Indigenous Storytelling Month (Canada) World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN) Black History Month (USA, Canada) Full Moon 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laylat al Baraat (Nisf Sha'ban) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) Tu B'Shevat Imbolc World Wetlands Day 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setsubun-sai 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Cancer Day (WHO) Rosa Parks Day (USA) National Day (Sri Lanka) 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution Day (Mexico) 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mulk Waitangi Day (New Zealand) 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kitchen God Day (Vietnam, China) 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Foundation Day (Japan) 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentine's Day
<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nehan-e (Nirvana Day) Mahashivaratri National Flag of Canada Day Brotherhood / Sisterhood Week (Canada, USA) Independence Day (Serbia) 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nichiren Shonin's Birth date Family Day (parts of Canada) President's Day (USA) Independence Day (Lithuania) 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunar New Year (4724) - Year of the Horse Losar - Tibetan New Year Shrove Tuesday (W) Annular Solar Eclipse New Moon 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday (W) Independence Day (The Gambia) 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First of Ramaḍān 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Day of Social Justice (UN) 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Mother Language Day (UNESCO)
<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abu Simbel Festival (Egypt) 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Fast begins (E) 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independence Day (Estonia) 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayyám-i-Há Anti-bullying Day (Canada) National Day (Kuwait) People Power Day (Philippines) 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independence Day (Dominican Republic) 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kalevala Day (Finland)

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)

