



**Hamilton
Elementary School**

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V6V 2W5

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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	Fun Lunch - Burgers
Friday	No School - Professional Development Day

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!

- PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for exciting PAC activities (Fun Lunch, Fundraisers etc.) Thank you for your ongoing support.
- A message from the Hamilton Community Center:** "Join us for Family Day on February 14th for a morning of crafts, face painting and a special show presented by Science World. Free and no registration required. All ages welcome!"
- 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
- 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.**
- 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 16th	No School - Family Day
Feb 20th	Fun Lunch - Chinese Food
Feb 25th	11:50 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb 25th	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 23 - 26	Scholastic Book Fair

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 fabulous week at Hamilton! Fun Lunch Fridays are a hit... Thank you to the Hamilton PAC for organizing! It was fun seeing all the red and white for our first Hamilton Spirit Day of the year today. Lots of support for the Olympic Opening Ceremonies. Have fun cheering on Canada and other countries close to your hearts throughout the Olympics. I would like to take a moment to thank the Richmond School District Trades and Grounds People, and our Hamilton Custodians who take care of all aspects of our building inside and out. When we discover something wrong, broken etc. we place a Service Requests to the District and the District sends Trades / Grounds People out to do repairs, service and much more. Also, our Custodians Mr. Klair and Mr. Patel do such an amazing job daily of ensuring that our building is safe, clean and ready to go each morning for the arrival of our students and staff. Wanted to thank them publicly for the valuable work that they do. Reminder that next weekend is a long weekend for families, with a Professional Development day on Friday February 13th and Family Day on Monday February 16th. 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 JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC 

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Bear Moon  Eve of Tu B'Shevat  Indigenous Storytelling Month (Canada)  World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN)  Black History Month (USA, Canada)  Full Moon	 Laylat al Baraa (Niṣf Sha'bān) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)  Tu B'Shevat  Imbolc  World Wetlands Day	 Setsubun-sai	 World Cancer Day (WHO)  Rosa Parks Day (USA)  National Day (Sri Lanka)	 Constitution Day (Mexico)	 Mulk  Waitangi Day (New Zealand)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	 Kitchen God Day (Vietnam, China)	 National Foundation Day (Japan)			 Valentine's Day	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
 Nehan-e (Nirvana Day)  Mahashivaratri  National Flag of Canada Day  Brotherhood / Sisterhood Week (Canada, USA)  Independence Day (Serbia)	 Nichiren Shonin's Birth date  Family Day (parts of Canada)  President's Day (USA)  Independence Day (Lithuania)	 Lunar New Year (4724) - Year of the Horse  Losar - Tibetan New Year  Shrove Tuesday (W)  Annular Solar Eclipse  New Moon	 Ash Wednesday (W)  Independence Day (The Gambia)	 First of Ramadān	 World Day of Social Justice (UN)	 International Mother Language Day (UNESCO)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 Abu Simbel Festival (Egypt)	 Great Fast begins (E)	 Independence Day (Estonia)	 Ayyám-i-Há  Anti-bullying Day (Canada)  National Day (Kuwait)  People Power Day (Philippines)		 Independence Day (Dominican Republic)	 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!



JOIN IN ON THE

ENTER TO GET A
CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF
OUR 3 PRIZES

HAMILTON PAC
RAFFLE

RAFFLE PRIZES – 3 WINNERS!

- **GRAND PRIZE – 1 WINNER: 2 VANCOUVER CANUCKS TICKETS – MARCH 4TH GAME**
- **ADDITIONAL PRIZES (2 WINNERS): GIFT BASKET (ONE PER WINNER)**

EACH INCLUDE: 2 STARBUCKS TUMBLERS, 2 TACO LUIS MEALS, 2 LANDMARK MOVIE TICKETS WITH POPCORN VOUCHER, TEA AND CHOCOLATE



**SINGLE TICKET FOR \$5,
3-TICKETS PACK FOR \$10,
8-TICKETS PACK FOR \$20.**

DEADLINE
FEB 20TH
AT MIDNIGHT

DRAW
FEB 24TH
7PM

BUY TICKETS

[HTTPS://HAMILTONELEMENTARYPAC.RAFFLENEXUS.COM/](https://hAMILTONELEMENTARYPAC.RAFFLENEXUS.COM/)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT US AT HAMILTONSD38PAC@GMAIL.COM



FUNDRAISE YEAR ROUND

Did you know we fundraise all year round? Support your child(ren)'s education by participating in any of the fundraisers below. Raised funds go towards updating tech, new reading materials, art & music supplies, sports equipment and more! Have questions? email us at hamiltonsd38pac@gmail.com.



BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

Return-it Depot

- Bring your empty bottles and cans to a local depot
- Use the express kiosk to print a sticker tag
- Tag your bag by entering: **604-668-6514**
- Your deposits will be donated!



SHOP & DONATE

FlipGive

- Join our fundraising team with code **KCPJ5J**
- Shop from brands you love
- Each brand donates a percentage back
- Receive a \$5 bonus for on your first purchase!



[Shop here!](#)



WATERPROOF LABELS

Mabel's Labels

- Customize labels for your child(ren)'s items
- Order online, search: **Hamilton Elementary PAC (Richmond, BC)**
- 20% of all purchases are donated



[Shop here!](#)



CLEANING THAT CARES

Tru Earth

- A less wasteful and more mindful way to do laundry!
- Shop a variety of products for home or travel
- 30% of all purchases are donated back to PAC



[Shop here!](#)

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	SANDWICHES
16	Subway
JAN	PASTA
23	Boston Pizza
JAN	BURRITOS
30	Taco Luis
FEB	SUSHI
6	Sushi Lovers
FEB	BURGERS
12	McDonald's

BUNDLE 4

Orders due February 14, 11:59pm

FEB	CHINESE FOOD
20	Bala Foods
FEB	SANDWICHES
27	Subway
MAR	BURRITOS
6	Taco Luis
MAR	PIZZA
13	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

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

