



April 27th, 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	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Fun Lunch - Pasta

## Important Dates

May 4th	Saleema Noon Parent Night
May 6/7	Saleema Noon Class Presentations
May 8th	Fun Lunch - Burritos
May 13th	District Hot Lunch
May 14th	Fun Lunch - Burgers

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 a great year!

- Saleema Noon / Track / Next Year Grade 7 Camp:** info about these events to come out early next week. Thank you for your patience.
- Longer Term Important Upcoming Dates:** Grade 7 visit to McNair June 4th, Pro-D Day May 15th, No School May 18th Holiday, Track Meet May 26th, Sports Day June 12th, Grade 7 Farewell June 19th, Last day of school June 25th.
- Safety in our School Zone:** We are asking a favour of everyone in our community. Wanted to ask that we all continue to take good care and caution while driving in our school parking lot and on Gilley Road and Smith Drive around the school property, as well as in our neighbourhoods. Please ensure that we are driving no more than 30kms in our school zone and pay particular attention near the crosswalks around the school as many students and families use these crosswalks to access the school / community center. Thank you for your support as we continue to make safety a priority as we all travel to and from school each day.
- Free Universal Hot Lunch - May 13th:** this is an opportunity provided by the School District for all children to receive a free hot lunch at school once a month starting in March. Please see email sent out by Karen Burroughs-Chan for many more details (**how to order, ordering due dates, lunch dates etc.**) We are looking forward to providing this opportunity. Our next one will take place on April 15th for those who have ordered though Munch a Lunch. Orders are accepted until one week prior to the day.
- PAC Events/Reminders:** Please scroll down for exciting PAC activities (Fun Lunch, Fundraisers etc.) 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

## 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 had another exciting week this week with our Earth Day assembly. Our Earth Club planned and presented the whole assembly, we appreciate their hard work throughout the year reminding us about our environmental footprint and how to reduce that individually and as a school in different ways. Thank you also to Divisions 11, 8, 7, and 4 who performed beautiful songs at the assembly. We ended the week with another fantastic Family Teams activity where we took time to read the book "Me and My Sit Spot" which reminded all of us to slow down, take a breath and appreciate the natural world around us. If you get a chance over the weekend, please take a walk around the school and notice the students' beautiful chalk artwork. Family Teams is such a powerful structure that we have in our school that reminds us to be respectful of each other, ourselves and the world around us. As always, hope you are all well. Have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

~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.

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2026



APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 🌙 Sucker Moon 🙏 Hanuman Jayanti 🌿 Theravāda New Year 🕯️ Eve of Pesach (Passover) 🌐 Sikh Heritage Month (Canada)	<b>2</b> ✝️ Maundy (Holy) Thursday (W) 🕯️ First Day of Pesach (Passover) 🌐 World Autism Awareness Day (UN) 🌑 Full Moon	<b>3</b> ✝️ Good Friday (W) 🕯️ Second Day of Pesach (Passover)	<b>4</b> ✝️ Holy Saturday (W) ✝️ Lazarus Saturday (E) 🌐 Refugee Rights Day (Canada) 🌐 Int Day for Mine Awareness (UN) 🗳️ Ch'ing Ming Festival (China, Taiwan) 🗳️ Independence Day (Senegal)
<b>5</b> ✝️ Easter (W) ✝️ Palm Sunday (E) 🌐 International Golden Rule Day	<b>6</b> 🌿 Birth of Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva ✝️ Easter Monday (W) ✝️ Holy Week begins (E) 🗳️ Chakri Day (Thailand)	<b>7</b> 🙏 Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay 🌐 Int Day of Reflection on the 1994 Rwandan Genocide (UN) 🌐 World Health Day (WHO)	<b>8</b> 🕯️ Seventh Day of Pesach (Passover) 🌿 Buddha's Birth date	<b>9</b> 🕯️ Eighth (Last) Day of Pesach (Passover) 🌿 Jalāl ✝️ Holy Thursday (E)	<b>10</b> ✝️ Holy Friday (E)	<b>11</b> ✝️ Holy Saturday (E)
<b>12</b> ✝️ Pascha (E)	<b>13</b> 🌿 Saka New Year 🕯️ Eve of Yom HaShoah ✝️ Orthodox Easter Monday (E) 🗳️ Songkran (Thailand)	<b>14</b> 🌿 Saka New Year 🕯️ Yom HaShoah 🙏 Vaisakhi (Solar New Year) 🙏 Vaisakhi 🗳️ Puthandu (India, Sri Lanka, Tamil diaspora)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 🗳️ Independence Day (Syria) 🌑 New Moon	<b>18</b> 🗳️ Independence Day (Zimbabwe)
<b>19</b> 🌐 National Volunteer Week (Canada, USA)	<b>20</b> 🙏 Akshaya-tritiya	<b>21</b> 🌿 First Day of the Festival of Ridván 🗳️ Kartini Day (Indonesia) 🗳️ Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) (Israel)	<b>22</b> 🌐 Earth Day (UN) 🗳️ Yom HaAtzma'ut (Independence Day) (Israel)	<b>23</b> 🌐 St. George's Day 🌐 World Book Day (UNESCO) 🗳️ National Sovereignty and Children's Day (Turkey)	<b>24</b> 🗳️ Martyrs Day (Armenia)	<b>25</b> 🗳️ Liberation Day (Italy) 🗳️ Anzac Day (Australia, New Zealand) 🗳️ Freedom Day (Portugal)
<b>26</b> 🗳️ Freedom Day (South Africa) 🗳️ Independence Day (Togo)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 🌿 Jamál 🙏 Nichiren Foundation Day 🌐 Int Workers' Memorial Day	<b>29</b> 🌿 Ninth Day of Ridván 🗳️ Shōwa No Hi (Japan)	<b>30</b> 🌐 Ghambar Maidyozarem begins 🗳️ Walpurgis Night (Sweden)		

From HaShoah begins at sundown.

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!



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](mailto: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!

# 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)

