











WHAT'S UP at DOC?



Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School e-memo

Date	School Day	
Monday, April 20	2 	Grade 5 Handball Club at 12:30 Library Club TBA
Tuesday, April 21	3 	Grade 4 Handball Club at 12:30
Wednesday, April 22	4 	Library Club TBA
Thursday, April 23	5 	Grade 3 Handball Club at 12:30 Grade 4 & 5 Drama Club at 12:30
Friday, April 24	6 	HOT LUNCH Library Club TBA 3:00 Drumming Performance for Families: Chorney, Anderlic, Ducharme, Brown, O'Leary & Popovich

Date	School Day	
Monday, April 27	1 	Grade 4 Handball Club at 12:30 Grade 4 & 5 Drama Club at 12:30
Tuesday, April 28	2 	Library Club TBA Grade 4 Handball Event p.m.
Wednesday, April 29	3 	Grade 5 Handball Event p.m.
Thursday, April 30	4 	Library Club TBA
Friday, May 1	5 	Grade 4 & 5 Drama Club at 12:30

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 12	PAC AGM Meeting at 6:00: EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!
May 13	Grade 1 – 3 Folkdance Event at Centennial Park
May 18	VICTORIA DAY: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS & STAFF
May 20	Welcome to Kindergarten Event at 6:00 p.m. at DH
May 22	Grade 4 & 5 Basketball Event with BHS at Dr. Hamilton
May 29	Grade 5 Track & Field Event

CALL for PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Dear Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton Families-

We are in the early stages of dreaming about making some impactful improvements to our school playground. A project like this requires the work of many hands to make it happen!

Together, with representation from our PAC, we are aiming to form a Playground Enhancement Committee comprised of school staff, as well as parents and caregivers who would like to get involved in this endeavor.

No special experience is needed, just a willingness to help make a wonderful playground space that is accessible and exciting for our kids! Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

Here are some examples of committee roles:

Committee Chair/Lead: Coordinate meetings, set goals, and serve as the primary liaison with school personnel.

Fundraising: Research and manage fundraising events, corporate sponsorships, and family donation campaigns.

Grant Writing: Identify and apply for provincial, municipal, or other applicable grants.

Communication: Spread the word to neighbors and local businesses through social media, email, and community outreach.

Technical/Design Work: Work with playground equipment companies to develop preliminary design plans and budgets.

Secretary/Treasurer: Manage meeting notes and track the committee's budget and expenses.

Other: Members at large who may help in a variety of areas.

Please reach out if you are interested in joining our Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton Playground Improvement Committee by calling the school at 204-661-2500 or emailing Bailey McIntyre at bmccintyre@retsd.mb.ca

We would like to meet at least once before the end of this school year. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Sincerely-

Bailey McIntyre

Principal

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRADE 1s in ROOM 2

Ms. Chambers' Grade 1 class did a shared write to show our appreciation for the wonderful donation we received. We hope you enjoy reading our writing ...

Cozy, Cozy Cushions

Thank you VERY much to the family who donated the cozy cushions to our school! In Room 2, we have three of the cushions that were donated and we use them for reading. Did you know that 4 kids can read comfortably on each cushion? We LOVE the cushions! They are the best! They make reading fun and extra comfy. It was so nice of you to give us these comfy, cozy cushions!

We appreciate you!

Love, Ms. Chambers and The Students in Room 2.



CLASSROOM PLACEMENT PROCESS: YOUR INPUT

As we head into the last portion of the year, we are starting to think ahead to the 2026-2027 school year. Part of our thinking includes collecting information for class placements. Placing students into classrooms is a team process with input from administration, classroom teachers, resource teachers, counsellors and specialists. It is our strong belief that the learning atmosphere in the classroom must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes will be organized to maximize learning and teaching opportunities for students and for teachers. We will make every effort to minimize the potential for negative student interactions. Staff teams strive to create classes that are heterogeneous and balanced in all respects.

The following dynamics are all considered when determining class lists:

- Range of student learning profiles
- Social dynamics among students
- Learning and working styles
- Placement of students new to Dr. Hamilton School
- Male/female ratio
- Students with additional needs
- Family considerations (twins, siblings, cousins, etc.)
- Approximately equal class sizes at any grade level

Parents can assist the class formation process by helping their children to understand the importance of class formation and supporting placements that have been made. It is our professional responsibility to ensure balanced classes which maximize learning for all students. This is a complicated and multi-faceted task for teachers. Our teachers have a wealth of collective knowledge regarding how individual children learn and socialize. While staff members have much of the information required to create balanced classes, parents may want to provide us with specific input about the learning needs of their children. Helpful information may include learning and work styles, needs for heightened structure, etc. As a result of the reasons outlined above, requests for specific teachers cannot be accepted. **If you have information regarding your child that would be helpful to our team to consider for class composition for the 2026-2027 school year, please send the written information to bmcintyre@retsd.mb.ca by April 30, 2026.**

Please note: The school reserves the right to make the final decision based on the overall educational needs of all students at a particular grade level. All placements are subject to staffing changes. Class placements will be included in the June report card.

To aid our planning for the fall, we are asking any families who are planning to move over the summer to inform the school office as soon as your plans are confirmed. Finally, if you are aware of new families with school age children moving into our designated area, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your support!

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IMPORTANT SCREENING REQUIREMENTS for ALL VOLUNTEERS

RETSD requires all volunteers in schools to submit a Child Abuse Registry (CAR) check. As the CAR process can take six to eight weeks, we encourage any parents and caregivers who are considering volunteering at the school or on field trips to apply in advance. Forms are available in the office and are easy to complete; two government-issued ID pieces are required at the time of submission. There is no cost for this application.

NEW

In addition to the CAR, all volunteers are now also required to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check. CRCs can be applied for at any time online through the City of Winnipeg or the RM of East St. Paul, depending on your home address.

In short, here are RETSD's updated screening requirements:

- **Child Abuse Registry (CAR) checks are required annually**
- **Criminal Record Checks (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check are required every two (2) years**

We are aware that there has been a high volume of inquiries referencing a previous three-year expiry. Please note that RETSD has established its own screening requirements, and these timelines are not subject to negotiation.

For those planning to volunteer during the 2026–2027 school year, CAR checks will need to be reapplied for in JUNE 2026 to ensure they are valid for the upcoming school year. Hard copies of the application can be picked up from the school office and returned there once completed.

We appreciate all folks who volunteer at Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School, and we thank you for your continued support of our school community!

THANK YOU PAC: FUBUKI DAIKO JAPANESE DRUMMING RESIDENCY at DH

Students have really enjoyed Week 1 of our Japanese Drumming Residency.

A HUGE THANKS to OUR PAC for financially supporting this opportunity for all students!!!

OPEN PAC POSITIONS for 2026-2027

If any of these opportunities on our Parent Advisory Council pique your interest, please contact drfwlhamiltonpac@gmail.com and/or join us at the AGM Meeting on May 12 at 6:00 in the Library.

If sharing a role might work for you, we are open to the creative distribution of responsibilities!

- **FUNDRAISING LEAD**
- **TREASURER**

OPEN LUNCH PROGRAM COMMITTEE POSITIONS for 2026-2027

If any of these opportunities on our Lunch Program Committee interest you, please contact dhlunchprogram@gmail.com to learn more.

Sitting on this committee requires only a small commitment of time, (approximately 4 short meetings per year), and is a great way to contribute to our school!

- **LUNCH PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR**
- **TREASURER**

PHOTO STORY

Photos from today's Fubuki Daiko student performance ...



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Please phone the school at any time with any questions you may have!