WHAT'S UP at DOC?



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

Date	School Day	
Monday, November 2	2	Grade 4 & 5 Volleyball Club at 12:30
Tuesday, November 3	3	Minecraft Challenge (Chorney) at 12:30
Wednesday, November 4	4	
Thursday, November 5	5	Grade 4 & 5 Volleyball Club at 12:30 Minecraft Challenge (O'Leary & Merluza Gr. 3s) at 12:30
Friday, November 6	6	**HOT LUNCH**

Date	School Day	
Monday, November 9	1	Minecraft Challenge (Grade 5) at 12:30
Tuesday, November 10	2	**Remembrance Day Service at 9:40: Families Welcome** Grade 4 & 5 Volleyball Club at 12:30 **PAC MEETING at 6:00** **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING at 7:00**
Wednesday, November 11		**REMEMBRANCE DAY:** **No School for Students & Staff**
Thursday, November 12	3	Vision & Hearing Screening (K, 1, 3, 5) Minecraft Challenge (Grade 4) at 12:30
Friday, November 13	4	Vision & Hearing Screening (K, 1, 3, 5) Grade 4 & 5 Volleyball Club at 12:30

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

November 16 — **School Based Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**

November 26 — **CELEBRATION of LEARNING 4:30 – 8:00 (and Scholastic Book Fair)**

November 27 — **Coordinated Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**

CELEBRATION of LEARNING 9:30 – 12:00 (and Scholastic Book Fair)

STUDENT COVERAGE FROM OUR PAC HALLOWEEN PARTY

Here is what some of our Grade 2 students had to say about the event …

On Thursday, October 22, from 6:00-8:00, Dr. Hamilton School PAC organized an exciting Halloween Party! There was a magician and pumpkin carving, and people dressed up in their spooky, silly costumes. There was also a busy canteen with plenty of scrumptious treats! This took place in the Gym at Dr. Hamilton School. About 110 students attended with their families.

“My favourite part of the event was the entertaining magician doing magic tricks,” reported Jason.

“Our favourite part of the event was carving creative pumpkins,” exclaimed Coral and Georgia.

“My favourite part of the night was seeing my friends,” announced Keltie.

Thank you, PAC, for running this event! We can’t wait for the next fun thing we get to attend!

-By Jason, Coral, Georgia and Keltie








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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE



DR. F.W.L. HAMILTON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT

WE ALL PLAY TOGETHER!

Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School is in the beginning stages of a playground enhancement project and we need your help!

Did you know that Parent Councils and family/community support play an integral role in school replacement and upgrade projects?

We need your support!

- **The old, smaller structure needs to be removed due to its age and broken components**
- **We aim to replace the old structure with a new play structure and accessible rubber surfacing**
- **We need help with fundraising, securing funds and grants, and working with vendors**
- **Donations of any amount are graciously accepted - tax receipts will be provided**

HELP WITH OUR PROJECT, JOIN OUR COMMITTEE, OR DONATE

drfwlhamiltonplayground@gmail.com 204-661-2500

THANK YOU for SUPPORTING the TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

Thanks to the generosity of our students and families, Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School was able to donate $865.30 to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of Cancer Research. Contributions of all sizes were made, and we appreciate every single one of them. THANK YOU!!!

SOME GREAT PLACES to WORK & LEARN

We are fortunate to have several welcoming learning spaces within our school that support students in different ways throughout the day. These areas provide opportunities for students to learn, grow, connect, and succeed in a supportive environment.

You will notice the spaces are named after bodies of water: places where Dragonflies are nurtured and grow …

The Pond

Our Resource Room, where students can access additional support with learning, work on play skills, enjoy time to regulate and calm, complete classroom assignments, or enjoy a quiet space to focus and do their best work.

The Lagoon

Our Counsellor's Office, a safe and caring space where students can participate in activities that build social skills, friendship skills, self-awareness, emotional regulation, and overall well-being. It can also be a quiet space to re-focus and learn alongside helpful adults.

The Marsh

Another Learning Support Room, where students may receive extra assistance with academics, develop learning strategies, participate in group activities, and strengthen skills that support success both in and out of the classroom.

These spaces have been created to be positive, purposeful learning environments that are available to support a variety of student needs. Students may visit individually, in small groups, or as part of a planned learning activity. Whether they are completing work, practicing social skills, building friendships, or receiving extra support, time spent in these spaces is valuable and meaningful.

We want students and families to know that **The Pond, The Lagoon, and The Marsh are simply different places to learn**. Just as every child learns in their own unique way, these spaces provide flexible opportunities for students to access the support, strategies, and experiences that they need to thrive.

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FLAG FOOTBALL EVENT

Thank you to Mrs. Ralph for coaching our Flag Football Club. Congratulations to the student participants who played with heart, and did a wonderful job representing our school both on and off the field!



VOLUNTEER WITH US

When our families can join us in the volunteer role, it creates a special connection between home and school that is valued and important to us. We invite the support of volunteers at various times throughout the school year to assist in the classroom, join field trips, and help out at school-based events. Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) also appreciates the support of volunteers at school events!

RETSD has implemented a 3-step screening process for our volunteers to ensure that the safety of our students is always at the forefront.

Here are the 3 screening requirements for all RETSD volunteers:

1. **Child Abuse Registry (CAR) checks are required annually (free – come to the school)**

2. **Criminal Record Checks (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check are required every two (2) years (come to the school for a letter to waive fees if completing via rural RCMP detachments)**

3. **Completion of the Commit 2 Kids online training session. We provide the access via email, you bring the certificate here to the school**

We collect hard copies of the 3 items and submit the information on your behalf. There are some signatures required, so please connect with Carly or Hannah face-to-face in the Main Office. 😳

PHOTO STORY

Some spooky shots of our multi-grade Family Group “loose parts play” collaboration and creations.

Click here to read about the many benefits of loose parts play:
[Benefits of Loose Parts Play | Only About Children]







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