

WHAT'S UP at DOC?



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

Date	School Day	
Monday, October 19	4 	
Tuesday, October 20	5 	Grade 4 & 5 Volleyball Club at 12:30
Wednesday, October 21	6 	
Thursday, October 22	1 	Grade 4 & 5 Volleyball Club at 12:30 PAC Family Halloween Event at 6:00 in the Gym <i>see details below</i>
Friday, October 23	2 	Coordinated Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS

Date	School Day	
Monday, October 26	3 	Grade 3 Minecraft Challenge at 12:30 (Library) Grade 4 & 5 Volleyball Club at 12:30
Tuesday, October 27	4 	Picture Re-Takes and EVEN Kindergarten Photos
Wednesday, October 28	5 	Coordinated Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS
Thursday, October 29	6 	
Friday, October 30	1 	Silly Halloween Stories for Grade 1 & 2 at 12:30 (Library) Halloween Assembly at 1:30: Families Welcome <i>see details below</i>

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

November 10	Remembrance Day Service at 9:40: Families Welcome PAC MEETING at 6:00 PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING at 7:00
November 11	Remembrance Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS & STAFF
November 12 & 13	Vision & Hearing Screening (K, 1, 3 & 5)
November 16	School Based PD Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS

PAC HALLOWEEN EVENT: WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!!!



DR. F.W.L. HAMILTON PAC PRESENTS

THE GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY

PUMPKIN CARVING/DECORATING,
MAGICIAN, AND CANTEEN

OCTOBER 22ND

6-8PM

PUMPKIN CARVING/DECORATING: 6-7PM
MAGICIAN: 7-7:40PM
\$5 ADMISSION PER CHILD

Bring a pumpkin and supplies to carve or decorate with your family and show off your creativity! Think outside the box - paint, stickers, feathers, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, etc. - or go classic and carve it!
(Please - no glitter)

ADULT SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED
NO MASKS OR WEAPONS, PLEASE

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HALLOWEEN at DR. F.W.L. HAMILTON SCHOOL

Kindergarten-Grade 5 students can bring costumes to school on Friday, October 30. We will give children time to dress in their costumes after the Lunch Recess. Students will gather in the Gym at 1:30 for a short Assembly and Halloween Parade. Families are welcome to join us!

Even Day Kindergarten students can bring costumes to school on Thursday, October 29. They will have time to dress in their costumes in the afternoon. All students will engage in some Halloween activities on that day in their multi-grade Family Groups.

Please ensure you consider the following guidelines when choosing a costume:

- Costumes should allow for free and comfortable movement at school
- No one's culture or identity should be used as a costume
- Avoid weapons and masks that cover the whole face
- "Accessories" can be left in classrooms so that they do not get lost during the day



OUR ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE

THANK YOU, families, for honouring the spirit and intent of our accessible parking space. We truly appreciate your cooperation.

TOYS & OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS FROM HOME

We are noticing a DECREASE in the number of toys, fidgets, Pokémon Cards, "squishies" and other personal items being brought to school from home since placing this reminder in our last e-memo. Teachers are spending LESS time organizing searches for lost items, as well as helping students navigate complications around trades and the corresponding emotions. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Please continue to remind students to leave personal items at home. Consistent messaging from home and school helps us immensely! If your child benefits from a particular tool to support attention and focus during learning, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. We will work together to formulate a plan.



★ 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 need help with fundraising, securing funds and grants, and working with vendors
- We aim to replace the old structure with a new play structure and accessible rubber surfacing
- Donations of any amount are graciously accepted - tax receipts will be provided

HELP WITH OUR PROJECT, JOIN OUR COMMITTEE, OR DONATE



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OCTOBER IS AAC AWARENES MONTH

October is AAC awareness month. At Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School, we have quite a few students using this type of communication!

AAC stands for Alternative Augmented Communication. Devices used can be an iPad, a single button, or a small talker (like the ones displayed in the hall just outside of our Resource Room).



Students have been visiting the hallway display and engaging in the book *Lucas the Lion Loves the Tiny Talker* that has been adapted to use a small 'talker.'



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. ☺

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

PHOTO STORY

It was a little damp and chilly, but that didn't stop us from running, wheeling, walking and jogging in commemoration of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. Thank you to all who were able to donate! We are still accepting donations online or here at the school



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