

WHAT'S UP at DOC?



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

Date	School Day	
Monday, September 21	4 	
Tuesday, September 22	5 	Grade 3-5 X-Country Run Club at 12:30 PAC Meeting at 6:00 in the Library: ALL PARENTS are WELCOME to ATTEND Playground Enhancement Committee Meeting at 7:00 in the Library: ALL PARENTS are WELCOME to ATTEND
Wednesday, September 23	6 	Grade 3-5 X-Country Run Club at 12:30
Thursday, September 24	1 	Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Sign-Up at 12:30
Friday, September 25	2 	Bus Patrol Training

Date	School Day	
Monday, September 28	3 	PICTURE DAY
Tuesday, September 29	4 	ORANGE SHIRT DAY Grade 3-5 X-Country Run Club at 12:30
Wednesday, September 30		National Day for Truth & Reconciliation: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS & STAFF
Thursday, October 1	5 	Grade 3-5 X-Country Run Club Meet at BHP 9:30 – 2:00
Friday, October 2	6 	

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

October 7	Bus Evacuation Practice (K-5)
October 8	Bus Evacuation Practice (K)
October 9	HOT LUNCH
October 12	Thanksgiving Day: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS & STAFF
October 13	Terry Fox Walk/Wheel/Run/Jog
October 13	PAC Meeting at 6:00 in the Library

PARENT CONNECTIONS

We value strong partnerships with our parents and families. Here are some ways you may wish to connect with our school and play a deeper role in your child(ren)'s educational experience ... 😊

Join our Parent Advisory Council (PAC)- PAC works alongside us to make the school experience even better for our students. PAC organizes evening events like Halloween and Movie nights here at the school, coordinates weekly popcorn sales and monthly hot lunches, fundraises for the benefit of students, and contributes voice to our school community. All are welcome to attend the first meeting on **Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00** in our Library!

Follow PAC on Instagram at **drfwlhamiltonpac** to stay connected!

Join our Playground Enhancement Committee- This committee is working toward replacing our oldest existing play structure. Roles include vendor procurement, fundraising, grant writing, and contributing community voice to the project. Our first meeting is this **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00** in our Library! (Directly following our PAC meeting).

Join our Lunch Program- Did you know that the care and supervision of children over the lunch hour is a parent responsibility? Schools in RETSD have parent-run Lunch Program Committees who coordinate this important portion of the school day. The committee sits about four times per year to provide financial oversight and ensure staffing is meeting the needs of our school. The lunch program staff work with students every day while they eat lunch and enjoy their lunchtime recess.

Please contact us if you are interested in a committee role, or a paid lunch supervisor role:
dhlunchprogram@gmail.com

Dr. Hamilton Lunch Program is currently hiring Lunch Supervisors!

This is a great opportunity for parents, caregivers, university and high school students who are looking for a flexible, part-time role that fits easily into the school day.

POSITION DETAILS:

- Pay: \$20/hour
- Time commitment: 1 hour per day
- Schedule: Flexible days available throughout the week

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kelly at
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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!

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

We love sharing “Good News Stories!” If your child has accomplished something special, met a new goal, or contributed positively to the wider community, we would love to hear about it!

We can share good news at the classroom level, school-wide with all students, or even with the school community in this e-memo forum. Please reach out to any school staff at any time so we may spread the good news in whichever way you and your child(ren) are happy and comfortable with.



REPORTING an ABSENCE

Please phone the school office anytime, day or night, to let us know if your child will be away from school. Leaving a message on our office line is the best way to communicate attendance information, as teacher emails are not always received in a timely manner.

VISION & HEARING SCREENING for KINDERGARTEN and GRADE 1, 3 & 5

Families with students in Kindergarten, Grade 1, 3 and 5 will have received emails about Vision and Hearing Screening. We conduct the screenings here at school and require your consent to do so.

Consent can be granted on the Parent Portal. Instructions were shared for accessing the portal.

If you need any assistance at all accessing the Parent Portal, we're here to help! Just phone Carly or Hannah in the Office who will help you every step of the way. The Parent Portal will be an ongoing and important tool throughout your child's time in RETSD, so please do not wait to get set up.

PLEASE HELP US MAINTAIN a FOOD-SAFE ENVIRONMENT

At Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton School, and all Early Years Schools, we make every effort to maintain a **nut-free** environment throughout the school building. We kindly ask that all lunches and snacks are free from all nuts or products that may contain nuts.

Early Years is when allergic reactions are often most severe, and when new allergies are being discovered. While nuts are a very common allergen, there are others that impact students in our school. If your child's class has additional allergens to consider, more information will be shared on a class-by-class basis.

The safety and health of our students is incredibly important. For this reason, we ask for your help to ensure students do not share food here at school. This request applies to everyday lunches and snacks, as well as special occasions like birthdays and Halloween. It is important that we all work together to ensure students who have dietary restrictions, anaphylaxis, etc., are afforded a school environment that is as proactively safe as it can be.

We acknowledge that sharing with peers and teachers on a special occasion feels important for many of our students, and we believe in cultivating generosity. Some alternatives to food-based treats could include stickers, pencils, "nice notes," etc. We thank you very kindly for your support!

MORNING ARRIVAL

Our school day begins at 9:25 a.m. We begin supervising students at 9:10 a.m. when our first busses arrive. For the safety of all, **please do not drop children off prior to 9:10 a.m.**

Thank you for using the drop-off loop parallel to Henderson Hwy for a quick STOP, DROP and GO!

Mr. Ragbirsingh and I are happy to help students cross the bus loop safely each morning from 9:10-9:25, and soon our patrols will be too!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please note these important dates on your calendars. More dates will be shared throughout the year!

Any off-site sport/club event dates are subject to change.

OCTOBER

- 1 Grade 3-5 X-Country Run Event at BHP
- 7 Bus Evacuation K - 5
- 8 Bus Evacuation K
- 12 Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)**
- 13 Terry Fox Walk/Wheel/Jog/Run
- 13 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND MEETING at 7:00
- 15 Grade 4 & 5 Flag Football Event
- 22 PAC Halloween Event (evening)
- 23 MTS PD Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 27 Picture Re-Takes and K Pictures
- 28 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**

NOVEMBER

- 10 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00
- 12 Vision & Hearing Screening
- 13 Vision & Hearing Screening
- 16 School Based PD Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 26 Report Cards Published
- 26 Celebration of Learning 4:30 – 8:00 (Scholastic Book Fair)
- 27 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 27 Celebration of Learning a.m. (Scholastic Book Fair)

DECEMBER

- 16 Winter Concerts (afternoon & evening)
- 18 Last Day of Classes before Winter Break (2:55 Dismissal)

JANUARY

- 4 Welcome Back to School!
- 12 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00

FEBRUARY

- 5 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 9 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00
- 15 Louis Riel Day (NO SCHOOL)**

MARCH

- 9 PAC Meeting at 6:00
- 18 Report Cards Published
- 18 Celebration of Learning 4:30 – 8:00
- 19 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 19 Celebration of Learning a.m.
- 25 Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
- 26 Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)

APRIL

- 5 Welcome Back to School!
- 13 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00
- 16 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 27 Grade 4 Handball Event
- 28 Grade 5 Handball Event

MAY

- 7 Coordinated Day (NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS)**
- 11 PAC Meeting at 6:00 & PLAYGROUND Meeting at 7:00
- 21 Dance Day at DH
- 24 Victoria Day (NO SCHOOL)**
- 28 Grade 5 Track & Field Event

JUNE

- 7 School Based PD Day (NO SCHOOL for Students)**
- 18 Field Day at DH
- 23 Grade 4 & 5 Soccer Event at DH
- 24 Report Cards Published
- 30 Last Day of Classes (2:55 Dismissal)

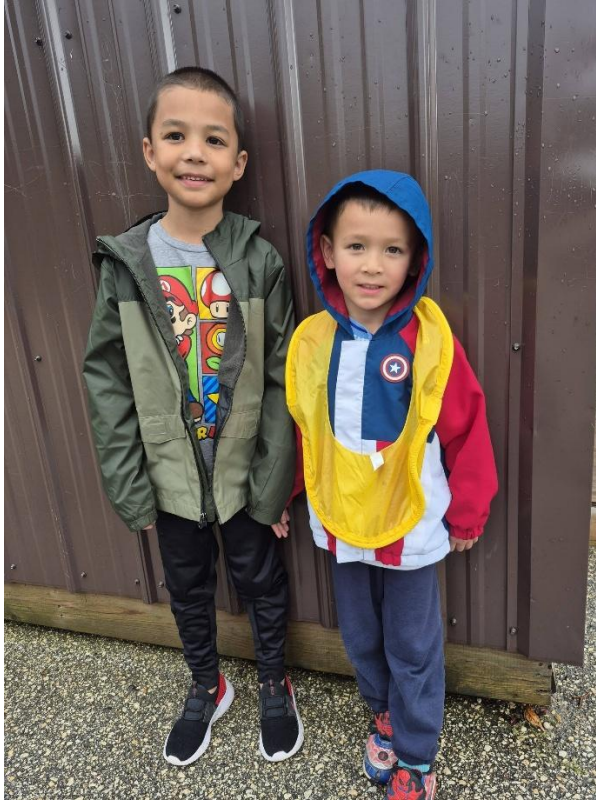
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PHOTO STORY

Some of our Kindergarten students enjoying the recess experience!





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