

WHAT'S UP at DOC?



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

Date	School Day	
Monday, September 7		LABOUR DAY No School for Students & Staff
Tuesday, September 8	1	Coordinated Day: No School for Students School Year's Eve BBQ from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9	2	Welcome to Kinder Sessions as Scheduled (30 mins) First Day of Classes for all students in Grades 1-5
Thursday, September 10	3	Welcome to Kinder Sessions as Scheduled (30 mins)
Friday, September 11	4	Welcome to Kinder Sessions as Scheduled (30 mins) Welcome Back Mini Assemblies for Grades 1-5

Date	School Day	
Monday, September 14	5	Welcome to Kinder Sessions as Scheduled (30 mins)
Tuesday, September 15	6 	First Regular Day of Classes for All Even Day Kinders
Wednesday, September 16	1 	First Regular Day of Classes for All Odd Day Kinders
Thursday, September 17	2 	
Friday, September 18	3 	

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

September 22	PAC Meeting at 6:00 in the Library (all parents are welcome to attend)
September 28	Picture Day (Re-Takes & EVEN Kinder Pictures are on October 27)
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS & STAFF)

- Our two **SCHOOL BASED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS** are **NOVEMBER 16** and **JUNE 7**. These days are not marked on the RETSD calendar. There are no DH classes on these days.
- Additional dates will be shared in our next e-memo as we finalize more plans and events!

START-UP REMINDERS

The first day of classes for students in Grades 1-5 is on Wednesday, September 9.

Our school day begins at 9:25 a.m. We follow a direct entry model where we welcome our students into the building upon their arrival, beginning at 9:10 a.m. Please do not arrive earlier than 9:10 a.m.

The school day ends at 3:55 p.m. (Bus students are dismissed at the 4:00 bell to alleviate congestion).

If you drop your child off at school, you may access the first “drop-off” loop parallel and closest to Henderson Hwy for a quick stop, drop and go. Please avoid pulling into the second (bus) loop, as well as our staff parking lot. We ask families to be mindful of the sidewalks along Henderson Hwy just to the south of the school, as we do have students who use them to walk or ride their bikes to school.

Kindergarten students have been provided with a 30 minute timeslot over the first four school days. The purpose of this session is for families to have some uninterrupted time to connect with our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Fernandes, to explore the classroom space, to bring in supplies and student fees, and to ask questions and share information. If you have misplaced your scheduled timeslot, or are unable to attend, please call the school as soon as possible. The first day of regular Kindergarten classes will be on Tuesday, September 15 for our EVEN day Kinders, and Wednesday, September 16 for our ODD day Kinders. We have informed RETSD Transportation that Kindergarten students will not be taking the school bus to or from school prior to September 15.

All students who ride the school bus will be supervised carefully by an increased number of staff during the first week of school to ensure they are guided to the correct bus. Bussing delays are inevitable during the first week or two of school, especially en route home at the end of the day. Follow RETSD’s website or your StopFinder App to monitor your child’s route. School personnel will be here in our school office to assist with any issues that may arise until the last bus reports back to base.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES & STUDENT FEES

Classroom teachers will be purchasing school supplies for the entire class using School Fees.



School Fees are \$60.00 per student (\$40.00 for Kinders)

***** Fees can be paid online or by cash or cheque *****

We ask that each child bring these additional supplies to school:

- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 pair of headphones/ear buds clearly labelled and stored in a Ziploc bag
- Indoor Shoes

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes: Outdoor shoes are to be removed when students come inside.

Indoor shoes will be used in the Gym and need to have non-marking soles.

All students in Grades 3-5 have the option to change for Phys Ed. Please bring a T-shirt, shorts or sweats in a small tote bag clearly labelled with the student’s name for Phys Ed classes if you choose to change.



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SCHOOL YEAR'S EVE & PAC BBQ

PAC Presents

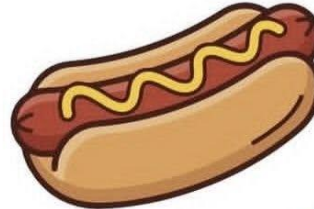
SCHOOL YEAR'S EVE

AT DR. HAMILTON
SCHOOL

4:30 PM-
6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPT 8

COME MEET YOUR TEACHER,
DROP OFF SUPPLIES, AND
PAY SCHOOL FEES



HOT DOG, CHIPS,
AND DRINK
FOR \$5

Reach out to PAC to volunteer or for questions: drfwlhamiltonpac@gmail.com

INSTAGRAM PAGE - Did you know that our PAC has an Instagram Page? Please follow us at **drfwlhamiltonpac** to keep up to date on events, fundraisers and other news from PAC!

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!

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.

OUR LUNCH PROGRAM is HIRING

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 dhlunchprogram@gmail.com



Thank you, and please feel free to share this opportunity with anyone who may be interested!

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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 our first meeting on September 22 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**

We truly value the partnership of our parent community. Thank you for your consideration!

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 amount of time, (approximately 4 short meetings per year), and is a great way to contribute to our school!

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

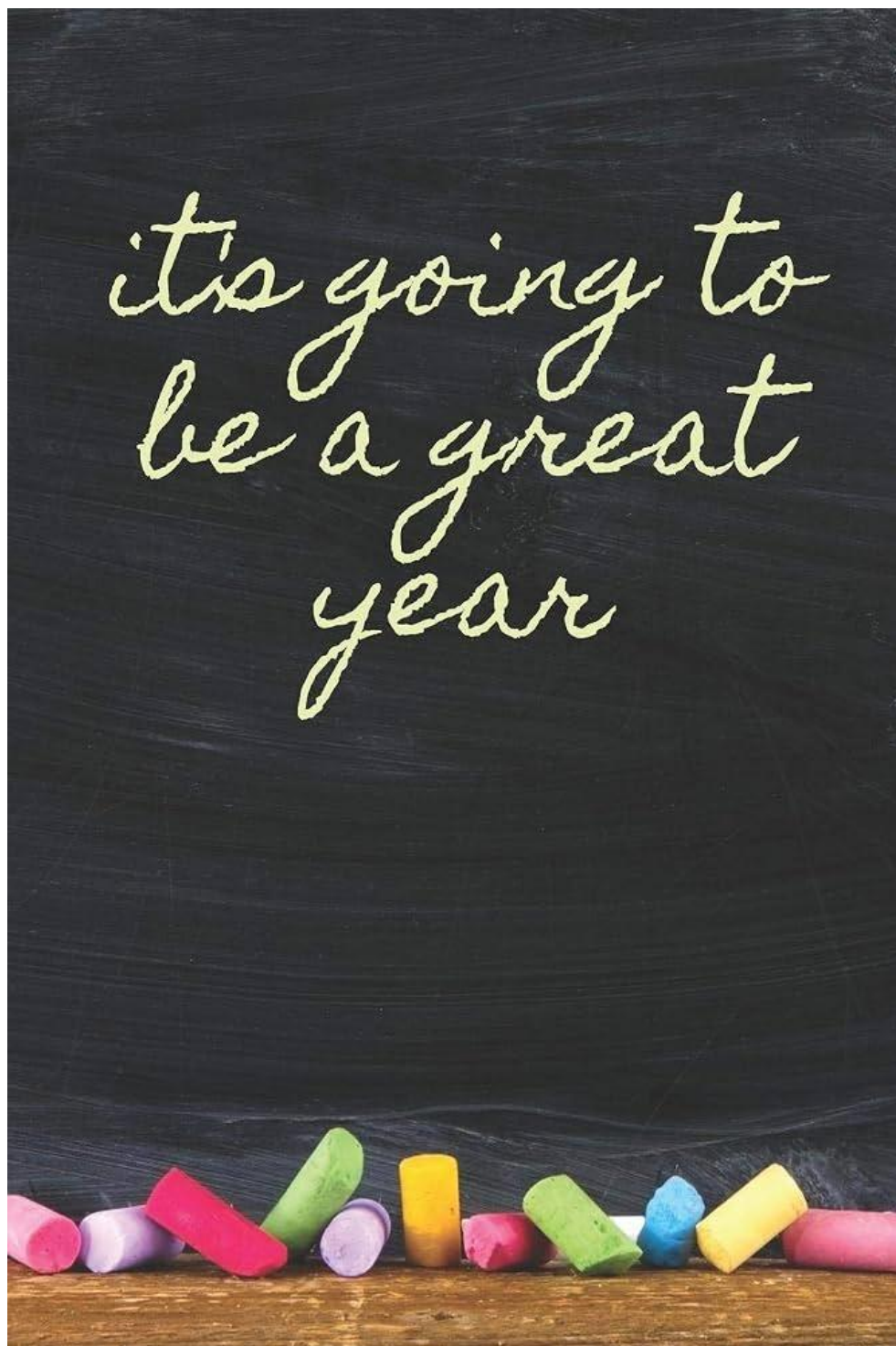
RETLife PROGRAMMING for KIDS: RETSD'S VERSION of the "LEISURE GUIDE"

Welcome back to another year of [RETLife](#) Programming! We're excited to announce that our Fall Programming for 2026 is now online and [open for registration](#)!

We have a lot of classes available for kids and families. A few examples include:

- **Bricks4Kidz**
- **Theatre Classes**
- **Engineering for Kids**
- **Gym Games**
- **Indoor Soccer**
- **Kids Can Cook**
- **Parent and Child classes**
- **Soccer Baseball**
- **Stay Safe**
- **Volleyball for Kids**
- **Bonjour! French for French Immersion Parents!**

Visit the [RETLife](#) website today so you can register for one of over 70 programs available throughout the River East Transcona School Division! [Register](#) early to avoid disappointment!



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