

Hamilton Elementary PTA

Date: September 13th, 2022

Attendance: Nicole R., Patty J., Kelly C., Angie H., Dr. Recker, Kacy G., Meena T., Mala G., Diana P., Kazuyo N., Miyoung N., Arun I., Elaine H., Tracy O., Erin T., Silvia K., Ashley A., Robert B., Juan M., Christine D., Jen C., Robin F.,

I. Introductions

- Executive Board: Nicole, Lindsay, Patty, Kelly, and Angie
- Principal: Dr. Recker
- Staff Liaison: Kacy Garvelink; 2nd grade teacher

- Ways to communicate with the PTA
 - *Webpage at <https://hamilton.troy.k12.mi.us>
 - *PTA Webpage: <https://hamilton.troy.k12.mi.us/hamilton-pta>

II. Upcoming School Events

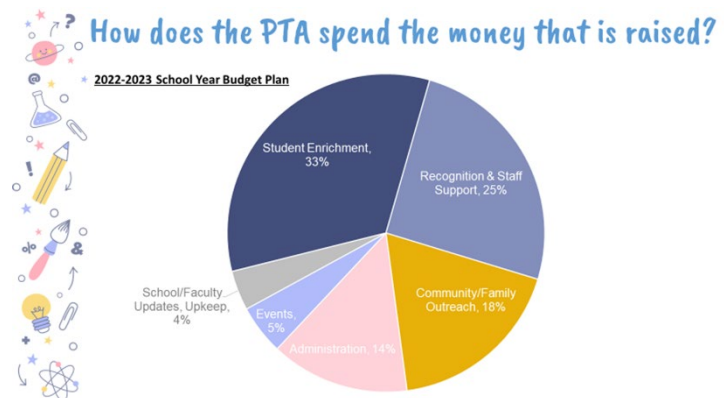
❖ Come watch the Troy High Parade (September 16 th 5:30-7pm)
❖ Jog-a-thon Kick Off Assembly (September 19 th) in school *students only
❖ Picture Day (September 20 th)
❖ Half Day (September 28 th dismissal at 12:59 pm)
❖ Jog-A-Thon (October 7 th during the school day) *Parents are welcome to attend
❖ PTA meeting (October 11 th 7:00 pm)
❖ 5 th Grade Camp (October 17 th -19 th)
❖ Trunk or Treat (October 21 st from 7:00-8:00 pm)
❖ 1/2 Days (October 26 th and 27 th dismissal at 12:59pm)
❖ Parent Teacher Conferences (October 26 th and 27 th)
❖ Halloween Class parties/parade (October 31 st)

- Jog-a-thon: Big fundraiser for the year! Kid only assembly will be on Monday September 19th. You will be receiving paperwork in the red folder.
- Friday, September 23rd - Movie Night! More information will be coming
- Friday October 7th - Parents are welcome to attend; timing TBD
- Next Meeting: October 11th @7
- Friday, October 21st - Trunk or Treat
- These dates will be shared out via: Hamilton Happenings, Website, and Facebook

III. How to support the PTA

- Mabel's Labels - Go to Mabel's Labels website and click on support a fundraiser - Hamilton, Elementary
- Kroger Rewards - Can be signed up on their digital account
- Box Tops –using phone app and scanning receipts - Need an app on your phone and you have to scan receipts
- Amazon Smile - smile.amazon and link to your account
- Hawk Bags (\$5 each) - Purchased at PTA events
- Spirit Wear- B&R Sports (located in Troy Sports Center)
- Participating in Restaurant Nights - Various restaurants will give a % back on sales

IV. Budget



- Visual representation on our budget and where our money goes
- 1/3 of all money is spent on school enrichment
- 1/4 Staff support and recognition
- 1/5 Community Connection - bringing students and families together

V. Events

Things we are hoping to host this year and to watch out for:

Holiday Craft Fair

Family Carnival

Skateworld Party

Jimmy John's Baseball Family Night

VI. Ways to help

- Check out sign-ups on our website or in Hamilton Happenings throughout the year!



Fill out this form to tell us more about you!

VII. Jog-A-Thon Updates

- **IMPORTANT DATES**
 - Assembly Presentation: **Monday, September 19th** (Donation envelopes will go home this date)
- Shirt Distribution: Week of October 3rd
- Jog-a-thon: **Friday, October 7th: around 2pm**
- Going cashless and using our GIVE BUTTER account to donate this year!
<https://givebutter.com/HamiltonHawksJogathon>
- School Goal: \$25,000
- Student Goal: \$50
- Every student who participates gets a reward; higher fundraisers get bigger prizes
- Top Fundraisers get larger prizes, ranging around \$200
- Community fundraising currently @ \$8,750
- New this year! Give Butter option - accepts: Apple Pay, Venmo, Paypal, and Credit Card
- You can use Give Butter for donating to PTA anytime!

VIII. After School Programs

- Math Pentathlon - math problem solving; will start in October
- Cub Scouts - troop with Leonard
- Need leaders to run: Girl Scouts, Robotics, and Girls on the Run

IX. Principal Update

- Excited that it feels like a typical start to the school year! Impressed with how well the kids are already “doing school.” Impressed by strength of the staff. Excited to see our new staff members and what they have brought to our teams. New students to Hamilton (79 kindergarteners); international move in students (post-Covid regulations) past 2 weeks we have added students from around the world; 40% of students at Hamilton speak a language other than English
- 437 students
- All classrooms at Hamilton are trying out Bridges math program. A lot more student centers/student choice. Student centered games. Kids are thinking about math as more practical and less rote.
- 80% teachers piloting new phonics
- Thank you to PTA for the new Centrum furniture, help
- Monday (19th) 5th Grade parents have zoom for Camp

- Tuesday (20th): Picture Day - K goes first
- Character Program - October 5th - school wide character day; students are being divided into groups of multi-age 15 students with a full time staff member
- Dr. M will come to PTA Meeting on October 11th to discuss the bond

X. Faculty Update

- Grateful for the PTA support
- Helping to remind staff to use their teacher designated funds provided by the PTA

XI. VP Shoutouts

- Lindsay Habermas - helping with PTA table
- Kelly - jumping into help with lunch process
- Angie - staff appreciation
- Front Landscaping crew
- Elaine and Brian Herbon, Katy Cook, and Garret - Meet and Greet Clean Up
- Emily P. - Hamilton Sign Out Front
- Jog-a-thon Committee!!

XII. Questions