

# Hamilton Elementary PTA

Date: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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## I. Keep In Touch

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Check out the NEW Hamilton spirit wear section and flyers in upcoming events!

\*Link to order spirit wear! ☐ <https://hamiltonhawks.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

## Notes:

## II. Upcoming School Events

❖ 1st Grade Music Performances (October 12 <sup>th</sup> 2:15-3:00)
❖ Math Pentathlon Club Open House (October 13 <sup>th</sup> 6pm in the Media Center)
❖ 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Camp (October 17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> )
❖ <u>McVee's</u> Restaurant Night Fundraiser (October 18 <sup>th</sup> )
❖ Trunk or Treat (October 21 <sup>st</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm)
❖ Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Westview Orchard (October 25 <sup>th</sup> )
❖ 1/2 Days (October 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> dismissal at 12:59pm)
❖ Parent Teacher Conferences (October 26 <sup>th</sup> in person and 27 <sup>th</sup> on zoom)
❖ Halloween Parade with Troy High Drum Line and Classroom Parties Afterward (October 31 <sup>st</sup> @2:30)
❖ Picture Retake Day (November 1 <sup>st</sup> )
❖ PTA Meeting (November 10 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm)
❖ Skate World Skating Party (November 16 <sup>th</sup> )
❖ Thanksgiving Break Begins No School (November 23 <sup>rd</sup> )
❖ School Resumes (November 28 <sup>th</sup> )

## Notes:

Book Fair - during conferences

Discussion - pictures taken before school even starts - such as Meet the Teacher Night?

Trunk or Treat - sign up for decorating a trunk; could it go through teachers to include in their Friday newsletters? We are low on trunks

### III. Troy Bond Presentation- Kerry Birmingham

#### Notes:

- \$555 million bond (spent over 10-12 years)
- Touch every facility in the district
- Facility review team proposed over \$725 million/ board and administration felt like it was too high and reduced the scale of impact to address only the real needs of the district
- Why:
  - Average age of school buildings is 48 years old
  - Buildings are showing their age
  - ADA/Developmentally appropriate playgrounds - for our students and for the community
  - Hamilton is the only ADA playground in the district
  - Safety
  - Preparing the classroom environment for how students learn and how teachers teach; and how jobs operate (highly collaborative)
- Facilities Review Committee: 63 volunteers across the district came together over 9 months to assess the needs
- 4 major focus areas:
  - Safety and Technology
    - Enhance security measures
    - Upgrade network/phone/technology
    - Invisible to students safety features (such as locks in doorways/hallways can be automatically locked down)
    - Troy Police - access to TSD security cameras
  - Infrastructure and Sustainability
    - Roof
    - Boilers
    - Lighting - LED lighting throughout classrooms; and teachers having dimming ability
  - Program Enhancements
    - Robotics space
    - Athletics
    - Fine Arts
  - Future-Ready Learning Environment
    - Listed above
- [Upgrades across all schools chart - available online](#)
- Hamilton Proposals (specifically)
  - Flexible seating K-3 for Hamilton
    - New furniture was recently provided for 4-5 at Hamilton
  - Playgrounds with accessibility (Innovation Hills style playground)
    - ADA playgrounds for all students in all weather
  - Remodeling classrooms

- LGI space reimagined - possibly for Orchestra/Band
- ADA upgrades to restrooms
- Roof replacement - soggy roof tiles after any heavy rain
- Replacing exterior doors
- Kitchen updates - specifically updating the oven which doesn't work
- Temperature control -
- Sight drainage - track has flooding issues which is ice risk in the winter
- Media Center - better flexible space use
- If the bond passes - it comes back to the school for input on what solutions will truly be moving forward
- Smith - significant problems and needs
  - Roofing/foundation/drainage issues
  - New building on the same property (where Smith's baseball field) and smaller footprint
- Bouland Park and Larson - "minecraft" cinderblock building
  - Brighten the classrooms - increase natural lighting
  - Reconfigure inside of the buildings
  - Collaboration spaces
  - Redesign Media Centers
    - Accommodations for robotics
- Baker
  - Redesign Media Center
  - Needs less - only 16 years old
- Athens
  - Front entrance/more natural light
  - Security features
  - Whole academic wing addition - 3 story
- Troy High
  - Add front signage and overhang
  - 30+ years old
  - Built for 1,850 students - currently 2,100+ students now
    - Open middle of the building to create a safer passing time
    - They used to allow students to walk around the building outside to alleviate the overcrowding issues - no longer a feasible option
  - Collaboration spaces
- IAE/Troy Center for Transition (old Baker Middle School)
  - Gym upgrade from Middle School size to high school size
- Financials
  - About \$1/day
  - [Video by Stacy Milette](#)
    - "We need to make sure our buildings continue to attract families to our area."
- Questions
  - Submit Questions: [bond2022@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:bond2022@troy.k12.mi.us)

- Community Conversation Sessions (Found here: <https://www.troy.k12.mi.us/bond-2022>)
  - ⅔ of our residents do not have students currently enrolled
- If it passes - it would be assessed on summer taxes (double checking)
- Categorical classroom upgrades - teachers will be able to remodel the classrooms as needed in the categorical classrooms; including bathroom remodels to accommodate all students needs and abilities
  - ALL MEANS ALL

**IV. Jog-A-Thon Updates**

Currently we have raised.....

Cash: \$21,769.11

Sponsors: \$8,750.00

We have just passed the \$30,000 mark!!!!

There is still time to donate using our Give Butter account! 



**SHOUT OUT TO OUR 2022 JOG-A-THON SPONSORS !!!!!**



**Notes:**

Perhaps a little long - should we shorten the time for the future?

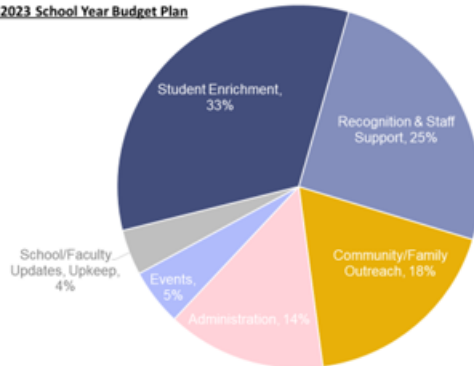
Looking for help on next year's Jog-a-thon committee

Closing assembly - upcoming

## V. Budget Updates

We will be breaking down the budget for this year and having that discussion at the next meeting!

2022-2023 School Year Budget Plan



Items we have spent funds on thus far....

- Staff Appreciation
- Movie Night
- Teacher enrichment subscriptions
- November Assembly Mad Science
- School shirts
- November Skate Party
- School blue notes

### Notes:

We will deep dive budget at November's meeting

## VI. Helping Hawks

\*Becoming a noon aid (Please contact Dr. Recker @ DRecker@troy.k12.mi.us )

\*Help with our conference bookfair (Please contact Mrs. Henderson @LHenderson@troy.k12.mi.us)

\*Trunk or Treat

(Please contact Lindsey Larivee @ LRietscha@gmail.com )

Fill out the form tonight online here [?](#)



### Notes:

## VII. Principal Update

### Notes:

Thank you to the PTA for the fun start of the year and the community events. Successful Jog-a-thon! Grateful this is the one big fundraiser so we aren't inundated with multiple fundraising events throughout the year

Reading to the classes "The Blur"

Hawks Nest - grateful to Ms. Bovee for her time and effort in launching this initiative

5th Grade Camp - looking for male high school age counselors, needed ASAP

Conferences

## **VIII. Faculty Update**

### **Notes:**

Thank you for your continued support!

Appreciation for Jog-a-thon! Kids had a wonderful time!!

Room Parents - next year during Curriculum Night more information about what room parents expectations

## **IX. VP Shoutouts**

### **Notes:**

Jog-a-thon Committee!!! ROCKSTARS!!

Teacher Appreciation - all those who donated for the staff lounge snacks and drinks

Picture Day

Room Parents!

## **X. Questions**

### **Notes:**

How to alleviate the up-front cost:

- Possibility of moving Jog-a-thon to Spring? Help to alleviate the start of the year overwhelming
  - Wass Elementary - as an example
- Move the room collection until November - PTA pays for the Halloween Party
- Could we have a room coordinator fund that is then shared between all the classes