

Hamilton PTA Meeting January 16, 2025

- Let's Stay Connected
 - *Home Webpage: <https://hamilton.troy.k12.mi.us>
 - *PTA Webpage: <https://hamilton.troy.k12.mi.us/hamilton-pta>
 - *PTA Email: hamiltontroypta@gmail.com
 - *PTA Facebook Page: [Hamilton Elementary PTA | Facebook](#) (must answer privacy questions)
- Upcoming Events
 - Copies of the Calendar of Events are available in the front office if you need a copy
 - Important Dates
 - Friday, 1/17 – 4th Grade STEMi Field Trip
 - Friday, 1/17, 3:10pm – Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff Assembly
 - Monday, 1/20 – MLK Jr. Day – No School
 - Wednesday, 1/22 – Half Day of School (12:59 dismissal); teachers working on reports cards
 - Wednesday, 1/23 – Half Day of School (12:59 dismissal); teachers working on reports cards
 - Wednesday, 1/24 – Half Day of School (12:59 dismissal); teachers working on reports cards; end of first semester
 - Tuesday, 1/28, 6pm – The Magic of Lights
 - Our second annual Magic of Lights cultural event will occur on **Tuesday, 1/28 starting at 6 pm**. Hamilton families will be sharing their traditions through table displays and performances. All are invited to attend, and there is no prior sign-up required! We can't wait to see your family there!
 - Tuesday, 2/4 – Report cards released in PowerSchool Parent Portal
 - Friday, 2/7, 6:30-8:30pm – Hamilton Family Dance
 - Fundraising Event – Urban Air Trampoline Park
 - 12050 Hall Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48313
 - January 23, 2025 // 1:30pm-4:00pm
 - See Facebook flyer for more details
 - Hamilton Family Dance
 - Friday, February 7th @ 6:30pm-8:30pm – Hamilton Gym/Cafeteria
 - Sign-up is full.
 - If you are attending the dance, please consider volunteering:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FA5A72DA7F85-53806507-hamilton#/>
 - See Hamilton Happenings and/or Facebook for more information
- Kids Heart Challenge
 - Our school is getting ready to kick off the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge (KHC)! You've been at the heart of our KHC program in the past and we are hoping we can count on you again. Join today to make a difference in the fight against heart disease and stroke.
 - **Register online and complete Finn's Mission to learn Hands-Only CPR.**
 - [Register today](#) and download the AHA Schools app
 - Start Finn's Mission to complete your challenges and change lives!
 - We're going to make a huge impact together!
 - P.S. [Check to see](#) if your employer has a matching gift program—it could double your donation! Follow the steps and forward the confirmation to MatchingGifts@heart.org.

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- Family Tech Talk for Parents and Caregivers – Learn the risks your kids face online in an AI driven world
 - This is a free webinar
 - Available in multiple language
 - Tuesday, February 11th @ 7:00pm
 - <https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/93342821541?pwd=ETkaEYsAXIJ4rrZwQWHziecMqsjbSm.1>
- Past Events
 - Skate World Party
 - Winter Celebrations
- Staff Appreciation - Try to do something for the teachers every month
 - If interested in helping, click on this link:
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70A0F4AABA728A7FD0-50889189-staff>
 - Cookie Exchange – Thank you to all who donated cookies!
 - New Order Coffee donated their services – Thank you!
 - Longhorn Steakhouse donated a potato and salad bar – Thank you!
- Hamilton PTA | 2024-25 School Year Budget Summary and Account Overview
 - Operating Income
 - Total Revenue: \$35,872
 - Total Expenses: \$5,060
 - Net Operating Income: \$30,812
 - Account Balance
 - Opening Accounts Balance: \$23,387
 - Net Operating Income: \$30,812
 - Budget Safety Rollover: (\$8,500)
 - Current Accounts Balance: \$45,699
 - Program Costs
 - Total Budget Program Costs: \$43,614
 - Residual Unallocated Funds: \$2,085
 - Breakdown
 - 38% of the budget goes towards Student Enrichment (e.g., Student Weekly News/Subscriptions, Supplemental Books, Assemblies, etc.)
 - 23% goes towards Staff Recognition/Support (e.g., Classroom Grants, Teacher Grant, Staff Appreciation, etc.)
 - 21% goes towards Community Family Outreach (e.g., Movie Night, Bingo Night, Trunk-or-Treat, etc.)
- Support Hamilton PTA
 - Venmo/Zelle/Cash Donations (front office PTA mailbox)
 - Mabel's Labels
 - Kroger Rewards Box Tops- Add phone app and scanning receipts
 - Participating in Give Back Days (**Urban Air 1/23**)
 - Hawk Bags (\$5 each)
 - Spirit Wear- B&R Sports (located in Buffalo Wild Wings Center)
 - ***Link to order spirit wear!**
 - <https://hamiltonhawks.itemorder.com/shop/home>
- How Can You Help?
 - Please reach out to these leads if you want to help with the following events:
 - **Lindsay Habermas:** LHabermas@carhartt.com – Bingo Night

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- **Brittany Wheeler:** wheel1bm@gmail.com- Bagels with Buddies
- **Andera Brown:** amclark1@gmail.com - Family Picnic
- Look for additional sign-ups to volunteer throughout the year! Fill out the form online here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZIFH4aKb84fK6CRD7RLyCv15CXVyFyKST0-dcvhAljKawiA/viewform>
- PTA Officer Shadowing
 - We are looking for new board members for the 2025-2026 school year. You can spend the 2024-2025 shadowing the board position you are interested in taking over. Please contact us at troyhamiltonpta@gmail.com if you are interested.
- Upcoming District Events
 - Troy Parent Advisory Committee
 - Contact Sarah Smotherman, Special Education Director at ssmotherman@troy.k12.mi.us
 - Virtual Meetings at 6:00pm: 1/15, 4/9
 - Pre-K/Kindergarten Enrollment
 - Info Night: 1/30/25 | 6:30-7:30pm | Athens High School Auditorium
- MLK Day of Service
 - Breakfast: 8:00am
 - Program: 8:30am
 - Athens High School
- Gala Concert
 - Troy High School Auditorium – 2/1/25 at 6:30pm
- TSD Teacher Nominations
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHoXLXyzumNLjUgeXQXy__ka0uDKdsgUOciXCjnec9jzM3FA/viewform
 - Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered. Every question must be answered: an answer of N/A or a single word is not considered complete.
 - Please be mindful of your nomination length.
 - The deadline to nominate someone is Friday, January 17, 2025, at 5 p.m. Nominations will NOT be accepted after this date and time. If you have any questions, please email me at kmontante@troy.k12.mi.us.
- Principal Update – Dr. Recker
 - Magic of Lights – everyone is welcome! Come hungry!
 - Assessment season – kids may have substitutes while they do assessments – two conferences this year – report cards go out on 2/4 in PowerSchool
 - Attendance Area Review Committee Update
 - Committee finished work of proposing 4-5 idea – committee did not end in agreement – pros and cons to every option – Dr Machesky presented options to newest board – of the 5 options, one affected Hamilton and all other left us status quo – the option that impacted Hamilton path, the board is not interested in pursuing – interested in Option C, which leaves Hamilton as is – doesn't mean they are still going to do anything, they want more community input at this point – going to put out a parent survey for input from those impacted and will host listening sessions at the communities impacted – Option C is the option that had Troy Union going to Smith (right now they split for middle school) – a lot of kids open enroll to go to Larson and then go to Athens so they don't divide – has Troy Union staying together but going to Smith but wouldn't change high school boundaries and go

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back to Athens – also talked about Somerset Apartments that are at a few elementaries and go to Boulton – the proposal would say whatever elementary they go to, they would stay on that track and go to the middle school in that path – Smith would end up slightly larger at 680, but would right-size for the most part

- Next week we have 3 half days – 1/22, 1/23, 1/24 – following same format as the high school who have final exams
- Cold weather cancellation – superintendent consults with other school districts and come to a consensus – usually around -25 degree windchill – not comfortable with kids at the bus stop
- Faculty Update – Ms. Garvelink
 - No updates
- Thank You
 - Erin Tobin, Christine Dudzinski – Fleece and Thank You
 - Ashley Cirilli – Skate Night
 - Wendy Yee – Cookie Exchange
 - Blue Ribbon Assembly Helpers
 - Book Fair Volunteers
 - The Brown Family – Hot Cocoa Concert
 - Room Captains and Winter Part Volunteers
 - Patrick Seeney – New Order Coffee / Teacher Appreciation
- Join us for our next meeting
 - February 13th @ 7pm