

Hamilton PTA Meeting March 18, 2025

- Prior Events
 - Bingo Night Fun
 - Loved having it at THS Aux Gym – will consider doing again in the future – set-up worked really well
- Staff Appreciation
 - March
 - March breakfast
 - Conferences lunch and snack cart
 - Help
 - Do you love making Hamilton staff feel special? Then we need you to help plan monthly treats and surprises. We are looking for parent volunteers and are happy to help with past ideas or feel free to come up with your own! If you have any questions, send an email to hamiltontroypta@gmail.com. Thank you!
 - <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70A0F4AABA728A7FD0-50889189-staff>
 - Teacher Appreciation Week May 5th-9th
- March is Reading Month
 - Hamilton students enjoyed a visit with Corey "Basketball" Jones as a fun inspirational speaker, encouraging us to be the best we can be. He taught us lessons of why it is important to really be living our Hamilton Core Values and not simply knowing them.
 - March Bedtime Stories for Sleepy Hawks (Ready by Hamilton Staff)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYEB0HqlqaJZlGiKbm3Sk7H5znN5OVMDu>
- Upcoming Events
 - Copies of the Calendar of Events are available in the front office if you need a copy
 - Important Dates
 - Bagels with Buddies – 4/16/25
 - PTA will be serving families from 8:25am until 9:00am. Have breakfast with your student(s) and visit with other families, teachers and staff!
 - Pre-registration is required to attend this event. Registration ends 4/9/25.
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePJ_bNIsprjvuZTN83ACKPUaTwSVZp-AI_uyYEXCfK4SS1Q/viewform
 - Family Picnic – 5/15/25 @ 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Hamilton
 - Look out for opportunities to help at the picnic!
 - Jimmy John's Hamilton Elementary School Spring Outing – 5/31
 - <https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/GroupPortalPEC.asp?HoldID=904&SponsorID=17590&EventID=349377>
- First Day School Supplies
 - Place an order: <https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/52406>
- Hamilton PTA | 2024-25 School Year Budget Summary and Account Overview
 - Operating Income
 - Total Revenue: \$36,500
 - Total Expenses: \$5,078
 - Net Operating Income: \$31,422
 - Account Balance

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- Opening Accounts Balance: \$23,387
- Net Operating Income: \$31,422
- Budget Safety Rollover: (\$8,500)
- Current Accounts Balance: \$46,309
- Program Costs
 - Total Budget Program Costs: \$43,614
 - Residual Unallocated Funds: \$2,695
 - Open to ideas for projects to use the unallocated funds
- 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.)
- Signage
 - PTA purchased new signs for the Media Center – will be installed 3/20
- 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
 - Gilly's night in April
 - 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>
- 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.
 - We are looking someone to fill a Co-Treasurer and Social Media position. Please reach out for more details!
 - Co-Treasurer
 - Money management – Jog-a-Thon is the busiest time of year depositing checks – otherwise, spend one hour, once a week cutting checks/reimbursements – make sure there is change/cash box for PTA-sponsored events – very flexible – everything entered into Excel and the other Co-Treasurer balances the budget
 - If you are interested in a board position role next year, please join us for our April board meeting on 4/8 @7:15 pm on zoom!
- How Can You Help?
 - We are looking for additional noon-aids to help during lunchtime throughout the week!
 - Please reach out to these leads if you want to help with the following events:
 - **Andrea Brown:** amclark1@gmail.com - Family Picnic
 - Considering adding carnival games

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- 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>
- Upcoming District Events
 - 2025-2026 Kindergarten Enrollment
 - www.troy.k12.mi.us
 - Enrollment begins February 3, 2025
 - <https://www.troy.k12.mi.us/enrollment-k12/pk-12>
 - Please contact the attendance area elementary building the student will be attending, and the office staff will add their information to the school's incoming 2025-2026 kindergarten list. Buildings will distribute enrollment information in January based on this list.
 - Enrollment is a two-step online process. Please contact Central Enrollment if you need assistance:
 - Patricia Barash | (248) 823-4002 | pbarash@troy.k12.mi.us
 - Cheryl Ruppel | (248) 823-4042 | cruppel@troy.k12.mi.us
 - Attendance Area Community Meetings
 - All meetings will begin at 5:30pm
 - Thursday, March 20th at Larson Middle School
 - NEW! – Tuesday, April 8th at Larson Middle School
 - Troy Fitness Run for 5th Grade Students – Saturday, 5/17/25, 9am @ Boulton Park
 - 2 mile run/walk
 - Cost is \$15
 - Registration open from 3/15-4/15: <https://troyfitnessrun.weebly.com>
 - Questions? Contact your school's physical education teacher
 - The Bookmobile
 - The Troy Public Library Bookmobile is a library on wheels!
 - Mark your calendars:
 - The Bookmobile will be visiting Hamilton Elementary School on 2/25 and 3/18 from 4:15pm-5:15pm.
- Principal Update – Dr. Recker
 - March is Reading Month
 - PTA sponsored Corey Basketball Jones assembly – played on same team as LeBron James – reinforced character messages
 - PTA purchased Hamilton water bottles
 - Another sports-related surprise coming 3/21
 - Partnered with THS Parenting 2 class – learning about child development – students came to observe kids under teacher direction for 30 minutes – will try to partner a few times a year
 - Every 5-7 years, each content area of curriculum is reviewed – 2 years ago was math – this upcoming year (Next school year), elementary will review writing – currently use Lucy Caulkins – 100 teachers on review process – Hamilton has a teacher from each grade level represented on the review committee – parents will be invited to a night to review materials and offer time for parent input
 - Offer parent feedback here:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HFSE7ftO7kaKrQXH05cAyzKYW7IKOyhCukyITOVHiKFUOFcyN1o2WlQ4Sk1BWlZXSzQxRUtMUDUyTC4u&origin=QRCode>

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- Gearing up for MSTEP season in April
- Playgrounds
 - Adjusted options based on feedback from the first round of schools who got playground equipment
 - A general manager will oversee 3 schools instead of 6 schools this year
 - Will either have to end this school year or start next school year without playground equipment – Hamilton will opt to end the school year without playground – Hamilton and Schroeder will be first two schools to go – might have to adjust end of school year plans
- Gym wall is officially broken and needs to be replaced – if a purchase is over \$x things have to go through a bidding process per district policy – will go up for bid at a school board meeting and then installed in June – the wall is safe in the closed position, it just cannot be opened until it's replaced
- Faculty Update – Ms. Garvelink
 - Thank you for PTA support during conferences – pizza lunch and snack cart were very much appreciated
 - Hamilcott is due tomorrow (3/19) – teacher will work together to review and select winners for each grade level – will figure out a way to do a celebration given the broken door between the gym/cafeteria
- Thank Yous
 - Lindsay Habermas & Family – Bingo Night
 - Lauren Carey Hoard – Fun Picture Day
 - Everyone who volunteered for the Book Fair
 - Teacher of the Year nominees
 - Mrs. Alexander | Ms. Connolly | Mrs. Dospil
- 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)
- Join us for our next meeting
 - April 8th @ 7pm
- Q&A