

## Hamilton PTA Meeting April 8, 2025

- Upcoming Dates
  - Tuesday, 4/8, 7 pm: PTA Meeting
  - Wednesday, 4/9, 6:30 pm: Kindergarten Round-Up for 25-26 School Year
  - Wednesday, 4/16, 8:25 – 9 am: PTA Bagels with Buddies
  - Wednesday, 4/16, 3:10 pm: Hawk Nest
  - Thursday, 4/17: 4th Grade MSTEP Begins
  - Friday, 4/18: No School
  - Tuesday, 4/22: 2nd Grade Field Trip to Innovation Hills Park
  - Friday, 4/25: 3rd Grade MSTEP Begins
  - Friday, 5/9: Schoolwide Zoo Field Trip - more details coming next week
  - Thursday, 5/15, 5:30 pm: Hamilton Family Picnic
  - Saturday, 5/17: Troy Fitness Run for 5th Graders
  - Monday, 5/26: No School; Memorial Day
  - Thursday, 5/29: Field Day
  - Saturday, 5/31: Hamilton Jimmy John's Field Outing
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Specific Dates
    - Tuesday, 4/15: 5th Grade MSTEP Begins
    - Tuesday, 4/22, 7 pm: Growing Up Program Virtual Preview for 5th Grade Parents
    - Tuesday, 5/6, 6 pm: 5th Grade Parent Night at Smith - new time
    - Tuesday, 5/6, 6:30 pm: 5th Grade Parent Night at Boulan - new time
    - Wednesday, 5/7, 7 pm: 5th Grade Festival of Orchestras
    - Thursday, 5/15: Future Boulan Students Visit Boulan during School Day
    - Friday, 5/16: Future Smith Students Visit Smith during School Day
    - Monday 5/19, 2 pm: Optional Math 6 Test-Out at Hamilton
    - Friday, 5/23, 3 pm: Growing Up Program
- Upcoming Events
  - PTO Scoop Night @ Gilly's Ice Cream – Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> | 3:00pm to 8:00p, | 1059 E. Long Lake Rd., Troy 48084
    - Join us for scoop night at Gilly's Ice Cream where 10% of the sales will be donated to the Hamilton PTA. Just mention that you're with Hamilton at checkout.
  - Bagels with Buddies | Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>
    - 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. Use this QR code to sign-up:
        - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePJ\\_bNIsprjvuZTN83ACKPUaTwSVZp-AI\\_uYEXClfK4SS1Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePJ_bNIsprjvuZTN83ACKPUaTwSVZp-AI_uYEXClfK4SS1Q/viewform)
  - Jimmy John's Hamilton Elementary School Spring Outing – 5/31
    - <https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/GroupPortalPEC.asp?HoldID=904&SponsorID=17590&EventID=349377>
  - Family Picnic – 5/15/25 @ 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Hamilton
    - Look out for opportunities to help at the picnic!
- First Day School Supplies

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- Patricia Barash | (248) 823-4002 | [pbarash@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:pbarash@troy.k12.mi.us)
- Cheryl Ruppel | (248) 823-4042 | [cruppel@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:cruppel@troy.k12.mi.us)
- Festival of Cultures | Smith Middle School | April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00pm-8:00pm
  - Come visit and learn other cultures!
    - The festival of cultures lets us come together and celebrate different backgrounds! Come to learn about different cultures. There will be live performances, delicious food, and rich information.
    - Profits will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.
    - Share your culture with everyone! Sign-up here:
      - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HF5E7ftO7kaKrQXH05cAy3FSDTO8NbBLs3W7SAOVbQBUMlgyWjNDMDRNRDFFTIJNUkVPRIZWS1JISS4u>
- Troy Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) | 2025 Parent Enrichment Virtual Symposium | Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm
  - The district started up the special needs PAC this year – Reem Sater is rep for Hamilton and the district – trying to bring more awareness to the community and to the schools - want to make sure the information and support that families need is available and accessible to those who need it
  - More information and sign-up here:
    - [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4AAFAA2EA1FB6-55746178-2025#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4AAFAA2EA1FB6-55746178-2025#/)
- Community Conversation with Matt Haupt, Dr. Audra Melton & Vital Anne | Troy School District Board of Education Members | Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am | 4400 Livernois Rd, Troy, Michigan, 48098
  - The Board wants to hear from you! Bring your questions and join the discussion.
- Principal Update – Dr. Recker
  - Dr. Recker had a meeting with operations on 4/7 – Hamilton and Schroeder will be first round of schools for playground updates – Hamilton will start early (still waiting on exact dates), which means as soon as May 1<sup>st</sup>, could begin working on the playgrounds – kindergarten playground will remain untouched – likely, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade playground will be touched first – will take 2-3 weeks to take existing playground equipment out and prepare the site for new materials – lots of construction vehicles present in May – will be able to shift 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades to different playgrounds/green spaces – still possibility that landscape and fencing (8ft, metal security fences) may need to be done at the beginning of next school year – playgrounds will be done, but large fenced areas that we won't be able to access until the Spring as the grass grows in – still expecting some drainage issues, but it's top of mind to address – doing drainage as the work is done, but again, still expecting some drainage issues – might be able to address drainage issues in future years – existing asphalt will remain – pulling out existing basketball hoops, but will re-use – the soccer fields will remain as-is – area closest to houses will remain largely untouched – moving from 4 to 3 playgrounds (more than most schools)
  - Are You Returning Survey
    - See Dr. Recker's email – PLEASE COMPLETE!
    - Tentatively think we are staying the same size – currently have 19 classrooms and expect to stay there for 2025-2026 school year
    - Mrs. Dospil is retiring after 40 years of teaching – will be looking for 1 staff member – this Friday (4/11) have first round of TSD job fair – in two weeks, do a second

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round for a teaching demonstration and post interview and use that list for vacancies

- Weiner, Stoica, and Henderson planning a retirement party
- Kindergarten Round-Up
  - So far, 51 kids
- MSTEP starts next Tuesday (4/15) with 5<sup>th</sup> graders kicking things off
- This Friday (4/11), expect email on zoo details
- Next PTA meeting will include an update from Dr. Machesky
- Hawk's Nest
  - Final Hawk's Nest in May, will be receiving details on how each kid can invite a special event to attend the Hawk's Nest
- Faculty Update – Ms. Garvelink
  - Hamilcott is taking place – teachers judging submissions – no school-wide celebration due to cafeteria/gym being separate right now – but will figure out a different way to honor the recipients and will inform/notify parents – information released 4/25
- Thank Yous
- Join us for our next meeting
  - May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
- 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](mailto:hamiltontroypta@gmail.com)
  - **\*PTA Facebook Page:** [Hamilton Elementary PTA | Facebook](#) (must answer privacy questions)
- Q&A
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade clap-out on last day of school at 1230 with 5<sup>th</sup> graders, seniors, and Mrs. Dospil