

Hamilton PTA Meeting

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TSD Spring Update – Kristine Griffor

- Bond Update
 - Series 1 - \$190 million
 - New Smith Middle School
 - On track for opening 2026/2027
 - On budget
 - Troy High School
 - Re-worked athletic facilities, including restrooms and concessions
 - Athens High School
 - Construction begins in summer 2025 for baseball/softball
 - Redesigning the front and adding a new academic wing – Athens has no windows currently – construction will begin in 2026
 - Boulton Park & Larson Renovations
 - Fall 2026 – Boulton Park will move into old Smith Middle School and in Fall 2027, Larson will move into the old Smith Middle School
 - Playground Enhancements
 - \$700,000 per school
 - Hamilton update starts 5/19
 - Furniture
 - All elementary schools will have updated playground and new furniture after this summer
- Budget Update
 - Budget and finance is tied to enrollment – birth rate is declining – 2005/2006 had \$9200 per student; not keeping up with rate of inflation – working to right size in terms of our sizing
- Attendance Area Review – In final phase, all information has been gathered and board has to review the information
 - Goals
 - Goal 1: Right-size middle schools, equal student ratios
 - Goal 2: Resolve double splits
 - Goal 3: No impact on high school
- Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) – Making sure kids have access to high quality teaching on a regular basis
 - What does this look like?
 - Won't look that different for most students
 - Piloting at Bemis and Leonard for students in resource room and seeing positive results
- Website Update
 - Working to make the website more user-friendly
- #OneTroy Highlights

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- Teachers of the Year
 - Nominees from Hamilton (Garvelink, Dospil, Alexander)
- 2025 Michigan Schools of Character
 - Hamilton!

Upcoming Dates

- Friday, 5/9: Schoolwide Zoo Field Trip
- Tuesday, 5/13, 7 pm: PTA Meeting - Spring District Update
- Thursday, 5/15: ALICE Drill
- Thursday, 5/15, 5:30 pm: Hamilton Family Picnic
- Wednesday, 5/21, 3:10 pm: Hawk Nest - Adults Invited!
- Monday, 5/26: No School; Memorial Day
- Thursday, 5/29, 1:45 - 3:25 pm: Field Day
- Saturday, 5/31: Hamilton Jimmy John's Field Outing
- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 6/4 - 6/6: Half Days (12:59 dismissal)
- Friday, 6/6: Last Day of School
- 5th Grade Specific Dates
 - Tuesday, 5/6: 5th Grade Safety Orange Bowl Field Trip
 - Tuesday, 5/6, 6 pm: 5th Grade Parent Night at Smith
 - Tuesday, 5/6, 6:30 pm: 5th Grade Parent Night at Boulan
 - 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
 - Saturday, 5/17: Troy Fitness Run for 5th Graders
 - Monday, 5/19, 2 pm: Optional Math 6 Test-Out at Hamilton
 - Wednesday, 5/21: Greenfield Village Field Trip
 - Friday, 5/23, 3 pm: Growing Up Program
 - Friday, 5/30, 6 - 8 pm: 5th Grade Party at Troy High Auxiliary Gym
 - Friday, 6/6, 12:30 pm: Clap Out for 5th Graders, TSD Seniors, and Parents
 - Thursday, 8/14: Schedule Pick-Up and Picture Day at Your Middle School
 - Monday, 8/25: WEB Orientation Day for 6th Graders at Your Middle School

Upcoming Events

- Family Picnic – 5/15/25 @ 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Hamilton
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4AABA728A7FD0-56278120-hamilton#/>
- Red Robin Restaurant Night – 5/20/2025 | 5460 Corporate Dr, Troy, MI 48098
 - Donated a burger bar for Teacher Appreciation Week! Please show your support for Red Robin!
- Field Day | 5/29/2025 | 1:45p – 3:25p | Hamilton Track
 - Website: <https://hamiltonfieldday.weebly.com/>
 - Volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4CA5AA28A5FD0-55685875-2025#/>
- Jimmy John's Hamilton Elementary School Spring Outing – 5/31
 - <https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/GroupPortalPEC.asp?HoldID=904&SponsorID=17590&EventID=349377>

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Teacher Appreciation

- Thank you Troy teachers and staff!
- Thank you Teacher Appreciation Committee!
- Included a make your own bouquet station, burger bar, Starbucks run and more!

First Day School Supplies

- Order by 5/31 to be entered in a contest to receive school supplies for life!
- Supplies are delivered straight to the classrooms in advance of Back to School Night in August
- Place an order: <https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/52406>

Class of 2025 Clap Out – Join us for clap out celebrations:

- Hamilton | June 6th | 12:30p
- Graduating seniors will also join

Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence

- Join the Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence (TFEE) at its 2025 Golf Outing. Tuesday, June 10th, at Greystone Golf Course. The day includes 18-holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, dinner and more! Sign-up to golf at troyfoundation.org/golf.
- Interested in sponsoring the event? Corporate sponsorship is available. Please reach out to David Bosman at 734-718-1320, tfee@troyfoundation.org.
- TFEE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, devoted to strengthening the educational excellence of Troy School District Students by funding learning opportunities, through private support. In the past years, TFEE has sponsored literacy libraries, elementary and middle school English language arts classroom libraries, district-wide art initiatives, STEM projects, and more.

TSD Spring Art Show

- Troy Community Center | 3179 Livernois Rd | April 16th – May 14th
- We are excited to announce the Troy School District Spring Art Show at the Troy Community Center! The show features student artwork from Kindergarten through 12th Grade throughout the district. The talent is remarkable – you won't want to miss it!
- This year we are proud to feature artistic excellence from the following Hamilton students:
 - Kindergarten: Nathan G., Norah T., Emma T.
 - 1st Grade: Claire C., Mason G.
 - 2nd Grade: Emilia A., Luke T., Aryahi S.
 - 3rd Grade: Darshika P., Joan S., Harper H.
 - 4th Grade: Leo G., Yelyzaveta S., Rachel H.
 - 5th Grade: Carmen T., Jonas N., Mckenzi K., Serena H.

Voting for 24-26 PTA Board Positions

- Voting Results
 - Yes – 16
 - No - 0

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- Nominees
 - President: Nina Lavelanet-Lewnau
 - Vice President: Ashley Alexander
 - Co-Treasure: Kelly Mantey
 - Co-Treasure: Jennifer Carl
 - Secretary: Erin Tobin
- Communications
 - Not a nominated position – involves posting to the Facebook/Instagram pages – but is a vital part of the team and keeping everyone informed – talk to Lauren Carey Hoard (lecarey1127@gmail.com) for more information

Principal Update – Dr. Recker

- Monday, May 19th – Playground construction will begin
- Hawks Nest – May 21st – Parents invited
- Kindergarten Roundup – 3 sections of kindergarten next year – Kindergarten team goes to join the preschoolers on 5/14 to get to know them
- Lots of field trips coming up – including the schoolwide field trip – always a fun time!
- Officially finished MSTEP testing on 5/12
- Lots of 5th grade move-up activities happening – Smith and Boulton visits this week
- Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Staff were really impressed with the quality
- Planning for next years sections – Hamilton will remain at 19 classrooms with a larger cohort for 2nd grade (4 classrooms) – Mrs. Dospil is retiring after 40 years in education – 2 rounds of job fair where process 200+ candidates – have a list ready to go that we are interested in getting to know if need to hire for an open spot
- Thank you to the PTA Board – Liz, Kelly, Patty, Angie and Lauren!
 - Special thank you to Nicole – you have been a joy to our school and truly made a difference!
 - Looking forward to welcoming a new board

Faculty Update – Ms. Garvelink

- Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week! Teachers felt so cherished, loved, and appreciated!

Thank You – Please join the PTA in thanking this month's Super Stars:

- Andrea Brown – Family Picnic
- Patty Joliat
- Lauren Carey Hoard - Teacher Appreciation
- Nicole Reinkensmeyer - Teacher Appreciation
- Catherine Lacey – Teacher Appreciation
- Amara Fattah – Teacher Appreciation
- Atika Acchava - Teacher Appreciation
- Shoutout to the new board!

Enjoy your summer!