

Welcome to a new school year!

I am Laura Martin, Principal of Hamilton Middle School. I bring with me over 23 years of experience at the middle school level within the Long Beach Unified School District and a passion for academic and social development for all students. I am thrilled to welcome students and their families to what will be a fun, interactive, and learning-centered school year.

This year is especially exciting as we celebrate **Hamilton's 100th year** of serving our community and the **grand opening of our brand-new gymnasium**. Together, we will honor our proud history while embracing the future with new opportunities for our students.

Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 26th, and is a minimum day—dismissal will be at 1:10 pm.

- Classes begin at 8:00 am (gates open at 7:35 am)
- Regular dismissal is at 2:40 pm

Communication with our students and families is very important. One way we will communicate with families is through ParentVue, so it is critical that all contact information is up to date. Please click here to log in to ParentVue and update your email address and phone numbers. If you need to update your home mailing address, please contact our office for an appointment to bring in the necessary documentation so we can update your information.

We will also use CANVAS to share information with families. After August 22nd, your child will have their class schedule, which is when you will be able to “pair” your account with theirs. Pairing your account allows families to monitor student progress, communicate with teachers, and access school announcements. For directions on how to pair your CANVAS account with your child's, click here.

Families are encouraged to view the **Monday Message** each week, in CANVAS, which includes information about school events, parent involvement opportunities, and celebrations of our collective work. Families are also encouraged to get involved at Hamilton by joining the School Site Council, ELAC, or becoming a Volunteer in Public Schools. Call the office to learn more about how you can participate.

Our office is open to the community from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, and our staff is available to assist you each school day via phone at (562) 602-0302.

I appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you to make this school year exceptional. With our **100-year legacy**, a **new gym**, and a strong community, it's a great day to be a Wolverine!

Warmly,

Ms. Martin, Principal
Hamilton Middle School