HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Greetings Hamilton Elementary Families!

Can you believe we've made our way to the final week of school and, along with it, our last newsletter of the year? Time surely flies when you're having fun! It has been our pleasure to work alongside all of your wonderful children as we've traveled the 2018-19 school year! We know they've learned so very much, and more than that, we know that they've grown as individuals both socially and emotionally!

In order to maintain the growth that our students have made this year, our students need to READ, READ, READ! Please make that the #1 summer learning activity at your house! In order to help with this, our PTO organized our book swap donations and distribution on Monday. Each student had the opportunity to select 2-3 books from our swap - we hope this is a great kick start to your student's summer reading!

As we look toward next year, we are excited to let you know about some schedule changes in the works! Next year our students will have 50-minute specials classes at the same time every day. For example, a student might have music on Monday, PE on Tuesday, Art on Wednesday, and STEM on Thursday. On Friday, that same student would have Art in the first marking period, STEM in the second, Music in the third, and PE in the fourth marking period. Students will also have Library every other week for book checkout. Additionally, each day our students will have 90 minutes of reading, 60 minutes of writing, 60 minutes of math, 30 minutes of reading intervention or enrichment, 30 minutes of math intervention, science, social studies, or social emotional learning, and 20 minutes of recess (in addition to the 25-minute lunch recess). All teachers will be implementing the Lucy Calkins workshop model for reading and writing, and we will have a new Social Emotional Learning curriculum as well. Phew - that was a lot of information - we're confident this new schedule will better allow us to fit in all of the curriculum needs that we have!

As always, thank you for your continued partnership in teaching all of our kids!

Thank you, Thank you!
Mr. Kramer

It's time to clear out the

LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by during our normal business hours and take a look to see if any of the items belong to your child. All unclaimed goods remaining in the lost and found will be donated to a local charitable organization on June 10.

Report cards will be mailed home on June 14. Do we have your current mailing address? If not, email or call Kim Sale (ksale@hamiltonschools.us or 269.751.5413).

Student Medication Reminder

If your child has medication (over-the-counter or prescription) that was kept in the office, please remember to pick it up on or before the last day of school. All medication remaining in the office after June 14 will be disposed of.

Are you planning to move?

Please let us know if you anticipate any changes for next year that will affect our enrollment or mailings.

Last Day of School Update

Friday, June 7 is our last day of school. Our Last Blast will take place for most of the morning. ***Parents who wish to attend the event must be signed up to help through the WISH HelpCounter system. We don't allow parents to come just to watch.*** We also will have our 4th grade "Clap Out" starting at 11:30 on the track (weather permitting). For that one, we do allow parents to come and observe/take pictures. If you're interested, please plan to park in the south parking lot and be at the track by 11:25.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Liz VandeWege is available to give one-on-one swimming lessons for students this summer. The lessons will be held at the Hamilton Middle School pool. To contact Liz for scheduling, availability, and additional information, please connect with her via email at evandewe@hamiltonschools.us

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open from 8 am to 4 pm (with a lunch break) through June 14. If you plan to stop by the office during this time, please call (269.751.5413) ahead of time to be certain the office is staffed. The office will be closed as of June 17 and will reopen mid-August.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

****Library Hours** – This summer Mrs. Smith will be opening our library every Tuesday from 3:00-7:00 pm! We're excited to offer this opportunity from June 11 – August 6 (closed on July 2). We do ask that a parent/guardian attend with our students.

****Tutoring** – Katie Harvey, ELL instructor and certified teacher, is offering summer tutoring. If you are interested, please contact Katie at kharvey@hamiltonschools.us to make arrangements for scheduling and pay rate.

Summer Learning Packets - If you are interested in a summer learning packet which will help your child practice skills that are important for next year, please contact their current teacher and they will ensure your child gets one during the last week of school. We do have packets for incoming Kinders that can go home with an older sibling if requested. The packets are a great way to keep your child learning throughout the summer, we hope you encourage your child to complete it.

HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019