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From the Principal's Office

Rincón del Director

Happy Spring Semester, Hamilton Families!

There is much to celebrate and much to share! Among many outstanding accomplishments, I want to highlight some great Husky achievements reflecting our commitment to excellence:

- **Hamilton's Math Counts Team finished 6th in the State of Colorado and was the highest placing team in Denver Public Schools** in both Metro and State competitions! Way to go scholars and Coach McDonald!
- **Special education teacher Amy Kalinchuk has been named the national-award recipient of the Winslow Coyne Reitnouer Excellence in Award**, recognizing exemplary leadership and innovative efforts in classroom instruction for students who struggle to read because of learning differences and visual disabilities. Amy is an inspiration to our entire school community!
- **Hamilton's newly launched teacher leadership model was nationally recognized by the American Institutes of Research's Center for Great Teachers and Leaders**, as our Hamilton team helped other schools and districts learn how to build effective teacher leadership. Proud to see Hamilton's innovation serving to help other schools and districts launch teacher leadership!

Moving forward in planning for next year, we are hard at work on the following goals:

- **Training and planning to launch our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme for our scholars.** Groups of faculty will travel to trainings this summer in preparation for next year's academic launch. As part of the IBO-MYP, scholars will participate in cross-subject projects, service-learning, globally-themed events and speaker series, and learning partnerships with schools throughout the world.
- **Increasing technology integration for all grades.** Our faculty has applied to receive a major grant for next year, with hopes that all students will have increased access to personal laptops.
- **Deepening our support of middle-school age development.** For next year, we have expanded whole-child supports, including more social work and school psychologist supports. We will be planning weekly lessons developing middle school age youth, where each scholar has an adult guide in the school throughout the year.
- **Increasing community involvement and empowerment.** Next year, we will have a full-time community and family engagement position, charged with deepening supports for families and communication from Hamilton. We also will be organizing more much needed volunteering in our school!

Finally, as we move towards the conclusion of our semester, I do ask all families to have a direct conversation with your Hamilton scholar about his/her goals and the importance of finishing the year with success. We have all worked very hard to get to this point in our scholars' development. This time of

year requires additional and direct focus on academics and the importance of school, as many young people can get distracted and also feel anxiety around the changes that come with the end of a school year and the start of summer. In support of our scholars, during morning meetings, we will be reviewing our expectations, setting goals for the end of the year, and emphasizing our belief in our scholars to finish their school year the way we set out to do, back in August. If you ever want or need support, please reach out to our team, as we stand in partnership with your family. It takes a family and school partnership to usher young people through the middle school years of development to the teenage years of high school.

Go Huskies!

Christian Sawyer

¡Feliz Semestre de Primavera, Familias de Hamilton!

Hay mucho que celebrar y mucho que compartir! Entre muchos logros sobresalientes, quiero destacar algunos grandes logros Husky que reflejan nuestro compromiso con la excelencia:

- **El equipo de matemáticas de Hamilton terminó sexto en el estado de Colorado y fue el equipo con el resultado mas alto en las Escuelas Públicas de Denver en las competencias de Metro y de Estado. Buen trabajo alumnos y entrenador McDonald!**
- **La maestra de educación especial Amy Kalinchuk ha sido galardonada con el Premio nacional de Excelencia Winslow Coyne Reitnouer, reconociendo el liderazgo ejemplar y los esfuerzos innovadores en la instrucción en el aula para los estudiantes que luchan por leer debido a diferencias de aprendizaje y discapacidades visuales. ¡Amy es una inspiración para toda nuestra comunidad escolar!**
- **El recién lanzado modelo de liderazgo de maestros de Hamilton fue reconocido a nivel nacional por el Centro de Grandes Maestros y Líderes del Instituto Americano de Investigaciones, ya que nuestro equipo de Hamilton ayudó a otras escuelas y distritos a aprender cómo construir un liderazgo eficaz para los maestros. ¡Orgulloso ver que la innovación de Hamilton sirve para ayudar a otras escuelas y distritos a lanzar liderazgo de maestros!**

Avanzando en la planificación para el próximo año, estamos trabajando duro en los siguientes objetivos:

- **Capacitación y planificación para lanzar nuestro Programa de Años Intermedios del Bachillerato Internacional para nuestros alumnos. Grupos de profesores viajarán a entrenamientos este verano en preparación para el lanzamiento académico del próximo año. Como**

parte del IBO-MYP, los alumnos participarán en proyectos transversales, aprendizaje de servicio, eventos temáticos globales y series de oradores y asociaciones de aprendizaje con escuelas de todo el mundo.

- **Aumento de la integración tecnológica para todos los grados.** *Nuestra facultad se ha postulado para recibir una donación importante para el próximo año, con la esperanza de que todos los estudiantes tendrán un mayor acceso a las computadoras portátiles personales.*
- **Profundizar nuestro apoyo al desarrollo de la edad en la escuela secundaria.** *Para el próximo año, hemos ampliado el apoyo total a los niños, incluyendo más apoyo social y apoyos psicólogos escolares. Estaremos planeando lecciones semanales para desarrollar la juventud de la escuela secundaria, donde cada alumno tiene una guía para adultos en la escuela durante todo el año.*
- **Aumentar la participación comunitaria y el empoderamiento.** *El próximo año, tendremos una posición de tiempo completo para la comunidad y la compromiso con las familias, encargado de profundizar apoyos para las familias y la comunicación de Hamilton. ¡También estaremos organizando más voluntariado en nuestra escuela!*

Finalmente, a medida que avanzamos hacia la conclusión de nuestro semestre, pido a todas las familias que tengan una conversación directa con su alumno de Hamilton acerca de sus metas y la importancia de terminar el año con éxito. *Todos hemos trabajado muy duro para llegar a este punto en el desarrollo de nuestros alumnos. Esta época del año requiere un enfoque adicional y directo sobre los alumnos y la importancia de la escuela, ya que muchos jóvenes pueden distraerse y sentir ansiedad por los cambios que vienen con el final de un año escolar y el comienzo del verano. En apoyo de nuestros alumnos, durante las reuniones de la mañana, estaremos revisando nuestras expectativas, estableciendo metas para el final del año, y enfatizando nuestra creencia en nuestros académicos para terminar su año escolar de la manera que nos propusimos hacerlo en Agosto. Si alguna vez quieres o necesitas apoyo, ponte en contacto con nuestro equipo, ya que estamos en asociación con tu familia. Se necesita una asociación familiar y escolar para llevar a los jóvenes a través de los años de la escuela intermedia de desarrollo a los años de la adolescencia de la escuela secundaria.*

¡Vamos Huskies!

Christian Sawyer

After School Policy

We are experiencing *really* nice weather, so of course, our scholars want to hang out after school. However, maintaining the safety of every scholar at Hamilton is extremely important. **Our school day ends at 2:55; staff supervision ends at 3:10. After this time, students are required to be with a teacher in an organized activity or immediately leave campus and the surrounding neighborhood.**

To help ensure the safety of our scholars, please make arrangements for your student to get home if they do not ride the school bus. They should be picked up by a responsible adult and taken home each day no later than 3:10. For safety reasons, no students will be allowed to wait or loiter around the school building or grounds after 3:10. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Attendance Policy

Let's make good attendance our goal for the remainder of the school year.

School Wide Attendance Goal: 95%

Students are expected to be at school on time every day.

- Daily attendance is a vital part of the student's learning process and academic success.
- Students need to arrive on time to school each day. Period 1 begins at 7:25 am. Students will not be excused without a valid reason.
- If there is an absence that cannot be avoided, call the school's attendance line, 720-423-9517, on the day of the absence.
- You may leave a message on the attendance line. If the absence continues for more than one day, call each morning until the student returns to school.
- Upon return to school, a student must present a written excuse to the main office before he/she returns to class. The written excuse must contain the information listed below:

Student's Full Name

Days and Dates of Absence

Reason for Absence

Home Phone, Cell number

Parent/Guardian Signature

If a student has missed more than 10 days of school or more than three consecutive days absent, a note from a medical provider will be required to excuse the absence.



PLANT SALE

Hamilton PTA sells beautiful plants and garden flowers from Welby Gardens each spring. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, at a price and quality similar to or better than retail suppliers!

Order and pay online March 26 through April 9.

Pickup at Hamilton, May 12, 3:00-7:00pm

<http://Plants.HamiltonHuskies.Info>

FAMILY NIGHT

We want to invite any and all HMS families to our first annual FAMILY NIGHT!

Family Night is a 2-hour event for collaboration and fun! We will have local agencies present to connect families and youth with positive summer resources, activities and opportunities.

When: Family Night will be on Thursday, April 13th from 5-7p, open house style. Free dinner will be provided to families who attend!

Where: Hamilton Middle School cafeteria

Why: Ensure your students have positive summer activities that will help them continue to grow into healthy, happy, and successful young people.

Bonus: THREE \$50 King Soopers gift cards will be raffled off, eligible to any household who attends!

Please RSVP to Lauren Dodge, In School Prevention Specialist with interest or for more information. (720) 423-9499, lauren_dodge@dpsk12.org

PBIS: 8th Grade Events and Expectations

Can you believe that the school year is almost over? What an amazing year it has been for Hamilton. It is time to begin preparation for the 8th grade end of year ceremonies/activities.

Our continuation ceremony will take place on June 1, 2017 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. The 8th Grade Dance will occur after from 8:00pm-9:30pm. We are still working with our community spaces to secure a location and will update you as soon as we know. The continuation ceremony is an event in which we celebrate our 8th grade scholars and their "continuing on" to high school. I am sure it will be filled with laughter, tears, and most important joy as we join together to celebrate the leaders of our school.

8th Graders received packets home the Friday before Spring Break outlining the behavioral and academic expectations of students prior to the big event. Please review these with your child and email me with any questions.

Interested in helping with the events? Please email me, Whitney_Bradley@dpsk12.org.

Let's make it an amazing close of the school year!

Husky High Fives!

The month of March was very exciting as we brought the 3rd quarter to a close, with many wonderful achievements by our students.

Hamilton has 9 students moving on to the state History Day competition:

- Evelyn Milias - historical paper
- Braedon Rudolph and Grant Kinzie - historical performance
- Alyssa Robertson - Individual Website
- Ava El-Jammal and Remington White - Group Website
- Margalit Goldberg, Emily Strand, and Lily Clarke - Group Website

Congratulations!

The state spelling bee took place at the University of Denver on March 11. Alyssa Robertson finished 11th out of more than 300 students from across Colorado. Congratulations Alyssa!

At the end of each quarter Hamilton honors those students who have shown an outstanding character through the Super Citizen program. The Super Citizen award winners for the 3rd quarter are

- 6th: Jerimy Skidmore, Ruby Gomez, Luis Chan-Jimenez, Kendall Seils, Elena Bernardi
- 7th: Peyton Ray, Anja Gligorevic, Shada Giornazi, Emily Bennett, Angel Posas
- 8th: Jasmine Mason, Esther Danquah, Timi Kola-Abiola, Nakya Castille, Aarati Dhakal, Mismak Baharu
- Unified Arts: Artahsasta Kabing, Christian Pulido-Gutierrez

Welcome to HamilTOWN?

Did you know that during the school day, with over 1000 students and staff, Hamilton is the size of a town?! Along with our size comes the need for services to handle this population: food, facilities,

security, counseling, and even the occasional emergency response. Everything we do is for the benefit and safety of our students. Please talk with your child about being a responsible citizen, and set an example yourself by complying with traffic and parking laws around the school.

Risky Business

Although the middle school years can be filled with joy and excitement, many times adolescents experience a multitude of changes and at times can engage in risky behavior. During the end of February all 6th graders participated in the Risky Business curriculum. The 7th and 8th graders received this curriculum during 6th grade. It is a prevention program that teaches students how to protect themselves against peer pressure, sexual harassment and school violence. Risky Business uses video and class discussion to build social skills. More information on the program can be found on our Hamilton website. Please do not hesitate to contact our support staff regarding any support services that your adolescent may need.

Audrey Torrez-Fluent, LCSW

School Social Worker

PTA

The Hamilton PTA is one of the best ways for parents to be involved with the school. Many of us have experienced the sense of no longer being involved when our students get to middle school. The kids want their independence, conversations with other parents on the playground are a thing of the past. But the school NEEDS parents to be involved, and the kids don't mind either. PTA is a way to connect with the kids, teachers, and other parents through events, fundraising, and meetings. Please join us for our next meeting on April 11. Sign up to help with an event or fundraiser. Share your ideas and leadership by volunteering to help run things. We want you! HamiltonHuskyPTA@gmail.com

What is ICAP?

ICAP stands for Individual Career and Academic Plan. The school counselors work with the scholars on their ICAP through classroom lessons that are once a quarter for each grade level. For 4th quarter the school counselors will be teaching about the following:

- 6th—Short-term and Long-term goal setting
- 7th—Fixed mindset vs. Growth mindset
- 8th—Planning for post-secondary education

The quarterly lessons are helping the scholars build the foundation they need to develop their Individual Career and Academic Plan in high school. The completion of the ICAP is a high school graduation requirement starting with the class of 2021 (our current 8th graders). Here is a link to a video about the new graduation requirements: <https://vimeo.com/194712736>.

If you have any questions about the ICAP please feel free to contact your scholar's school counselor:

Students with the last name A-K Justin.Obermeyer@dpsk12.org

Students with the last name L-Z Virginia.Justis@dpsk12.org

From the Nurse

How sick is too sick? When should you keep your child home from school?

While school attendance is a critical part of education and learning, it is also important to take care of health needs. Please keep your child home for the following reasons related to health:

SYMPTOMS	SHOULD MY CHILD STAY HOME?
Fever – 100degF or higher	Yes – for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone, without the use of medicine that reduces the fever.
Vomiting	Yes – until vomiting stops or a doctor says it is not contagious. If the child has a recent head injury, watch for other signs of illness and for dehydration.
“Flu-Like” Symptoms – Fever over 100 deg F with a cough or sore throat. Symptoms may also include tiredness, body aches, vomiting and diarrhea.	Yes – for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone, without the use of medicine that reduces the fever.
Strep Throat	Yes – For 24 hours after starting antibiotics and the child is able to take part in usual activities.

Please see the Hamilton website for recommendations from The Children’s Hospital on when to keep your child home from school.

Headlice:

Please be aware that head lice are a common and treatable condition that frequently show up in school-aged children.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD DAILY TO HELP IDENTIFY LICE EARLY AND PREVENT THE SPREAD OF HEAD LICE.

What to look for: Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that live close to the human scalp. They feed on human blood. The eggs, also called nits, are tiny, tear-drop shaped eggs that attach to the hair shaft. They are often found around the nape of the neck or the ears. Nits may appear yellowish or white, and can look similar to dandruff. But, unlike dandruff, they can be difficult to remove. Nymphs, or baby lice, are smaller and grow to adult size in one to two weeks. Adult lice are the size of a sesame seed and tan to grayish-white.

For more information about head lice and what to do if you suspect your child has lice, please follow up by reading the information about lice on the Hamilton website.

TJ Talks: Raising Balanced Teens (in the Digital Age)

with Family Mindfulness Counselor Michael Vladeck

Thursday, April 6th 6-8pm

Thomas Jefferson High School Auditorium

Free and open to the public

- Science-based evidence on the **actual impacts** of excessive screen use on the development of your child
- Specific strategies and resources to manage screen use in a way that **empowers your kids and eliminates fighting and power-struggles**
- How to raise **more grounded and self-aware children** amidst the distractions of screens and the negative influences of pop-culture

- How to **create deeper and stronger connection with your children as a result** of working towards more balanced screen management
 - How to **show up more effectively, supportively and lovingly** as a parent in the midst of the issues and concerns you will work through.
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