



HAMILTON SCHOOL HSA

What is the HSA?

We are a Home & School Association of parents working closely with Mrs. Pierides to foster communication and help enrich the learning experience for our children.

Why the \$20 fee to join?

Our \$20 dues are used to streamline communication through our website enabling you to receive a weekly email with information about upcoming activities and events. In addition this fee will support student learning activities such as assemblies, book purchases, recess equipments and many other resources to support our students.

Communications

Weekly e-blasts to parents, Hamilton HSA website, monthly newsletter
Facebook group Husky Headlines by Hamilton HSA
Regular meetings
Engaging events
Instagram HAMILTONHUSKIESHSA
Text messaging

Enrichment

By fundraising we are able to purchase items for the school that are outside the school's budget such as books for the classrooms, technology, playground equipment, special assemblies, and more. In addition, we sponsor some events at no charge to encourage relationships and to express teacher appreciation. Events range from book fairs and school-wide play dates, to pool parties and parent socials... even a community-wide Multicultural Festival.



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RESOURCES

- www.hamiltonhsa.org register for membership (required to participate in a wide range of educational and fun events), sign up for events, learn how you can get involved, view the HSA calendar and more
- www.hamilton.glenrocknj.org for general school information, including the link to Genesis Parent Portal (located under Parents/Students, the portal connects you to student attendance, schedules & report cards)
- www.schoology.com is a digital app used districtwide to connect parents to the classroom and provides resources/for students, including class materials (log in credentials provided by district)
- www.twitter.com/GRPSHamilton to follow Hamilton Elementary
- Husky Headlines by Hamilton HSA - to follow us on Facebook
- HAMILTONHUSKIESHSA- to follow us on Instagram
- Mobile Arq Directory- The Federated HSA Online Directory is a great tool to help families connect with each other in the Glen Rock School District. It's a very convenient way to find contact information, parent and child names, and school classes. All families with children in the Glen Rock School District may be included in the Directory. The Directory is made available through the MobileArq website and the MobileArq app.



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2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

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HAMILTON HSA RUN EVENTS

(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

5TH GRADE COORDINATOR

5th grade is packed with activities & events to make our students final year at Hamilton one to remember. All 5th grade parents participate in the efforts including the compiling of the Yearbook.

ALL SCHOOL PLAY DATES

Let's have a playdate at the Hamilton playground!!! Students are invited to stay after school for a playdate with all their school friends . Two play dates are planned for the Fall and two in the Spring. One or two volunteers are needed to coordinate and notify parents of the playdate . HSA will contribute by providing a much-loved snack.

ART DOCENT

This program is an opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom to introduce students to important artists and artwork. Parents have the opportunity to select any artist/artwork to present, and in addition to sharing some basic information with the students, they also do an activity, allowing students to have fun and get hands on in the process of creating art. Projects can take any form, from having students draw their own picture to writing a Haiku about the artwork. Art Docents are scheduled one per month from October to June and parents work with the teachers to schedule their 45 minute visit. Committee members serve as a resource to parents participating in the program, providing ideas for art, artwork and projects.

ART SHOW

Our annual art exhibition takes place in the Spring showcasing our students' beautiful creations in the hallways.

BINGO NIGHT

Come to Hamilton for a Family Fun night of bingo. Prizes will be handed out to bingo winners!

BOOK FAIR

Hamilton holds a Fall and Spring Book Fair in the gym area. Children get to visit the Book Fair during school hours with their teacher and get to browse and shop for book(s) with money allocated by their parents .

BOX TOPS

By scanning the receipts of the products you already purchase, you can support our school at no cost. No more clipping, use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online.

BREAKFAST IN SCHOOL

Once a year, our students get treated to breakfast in school . And they get the full works from pancakes & French toast to scrambled eggs ! Volunteers are needed to organize this Spring event from menu conception to ordering food and coordinating set up of breakfast in the gym on day of.

CIRCUS WEEK

Students get to become circus acts for a week. The week of Circus Training culminates in a Circus show performed by our fifth graders.

CLASS PARENT COORDINATOR/ CLASS PARENTS

Class Parents assist teachers and the HSA in organizing events and activities in and outside the classroom and in communicating Hamilton news to their classes. This is a great way to stay connected to your children' class and be part of the classroom action.

CLOTHING DRIVE

This is a community outreach to provide much needed clothing apparel and household items for those in need. Our clothing drive takes place twice a year.

COLOR RUN

The Color Run is a fun, family-friendly run/walk where participants are doused from head to toe in different colored powder. It's a very festive event with lots of teacher participation, a DJ, photo booth and more.

DINE to DONATE

Local restaurants will donate part of their proceeds back to Hamilton on a given day. Easy dinner and easy way to support the HSA.

FIELD DAY

A day on a field playing fun games is a student's best day! Students will commence field day with a BBQ hosted by the HSA . Students then rotate between different stations from frisbies throws to tug of war and parachute games. It is so much fun and the day ends with an ice treat for all students.

FUNDRAISING LUNCHES - BAGEL DAY, GRILLED CHEESE DAY, PIZZA DAY, SANDWICH DAY, PASTA DAY

Who doesn't love getting a break from packing lunches? These special lunches are loved by students and also support local businesses. You should get them because #1 they are yummy! #2 they will make your life easier and #3 part of the proceeds go back to the HSA and our students . Sign up on the HSA website to order special lunches for the entire school year. No late orders will be accepted.

FROZEN FRIDAYS

Fifth Graders will be selling ice pops/push pops on Fridays. The money raised will help pay for the Fifth Grade Yearbook which the students create and publish themselves each year. Your child can bring in \$1 or you can pre-pay for all Frozen Friday days on the HSA website.

GREAT PUMPKIN WALK

Students get to decorate a pumpkin their families purchase from the HSA and the pumpkins are then lined up around the school by grades. Families are invited to visit our Great Pumpkin Walk and discover all the amazingly adorned pumpkins. What's more, the top pumpkins get to win some prizes! The best of Halloween at Hamilton!!!

HOLIDAY SHOP

The Annual Husky Holiday Shop provides the opportunity for the kids to experience the joy of choosing their own holiday gifts for family and friends. We partner with My Fun Services Holiday Shop® to provide merchandise and supporting materials. A large variety of gifts are featured, priced from \$1 to \$12. In advance of shop day, envelopes are sent home to help students develop shopping lists and a budget.

HUSKY CAFE

Hamilton students get to experience a fine dining experience at school after being given a "good manners & eating etiquette" tutorial by their teachers and the Principal. For one lunch period per grade, the gym is transformed in the "Husky Cafe" and the parents become Cafe waiters for the day.

MEDIA CENTER VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR /LIBRARY DAYS

Volunteering at the school library is a unique chance to see your child's class in action. During the library period for kindergarten through 3rd grade, a volunteer will assist Ms. Tomaselli with shelving books during the lesson, as well as checking out books after the students have made their selections.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

The legendary Multicultural Festival has become one of the highlights of the Hamilton Calendar. The Festival is a celebration of Hamilton's Cultural Diversity and showcases the many countries and cultures that our students come from. In 2022, 30 country tables were exhibited featuring information, fun facts and food from each country as well as many musical and dance performances wearing traditional costumes. The day event is open to all Hamilton students. At night we open our door to the Glen Rock community and let them experience what makes Hamilton such a special place. It's really a one of a kind of event and necessitates many helping hands to pull it off.

PARENT BASKETBALL

Calling all parents to shoot some hoops! Sign up on the HSA website to play other Hamilton parents (four on four on full court) and take part in lighthearted competition. Games are Tuesday and Thursday nights.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER/ FALL PARENT SOCIAL

Want to have a fun, new way of having dinner with other Hamilton Parents? Look no further than the Hamilton Progressive Dinner: all dinners will start out the evening at a Cocktail Hour hosted by one Hamilton Family/Venue and also get to participate in a contest to win some awesome prizes. The entire party will then split up into groups of 5-6 couples and head to a host house where food, and drinks will be served. Money raised from the dinner will be allocated to a fund/initiative voted on by party goers.

SCHOOL TOOL BOX

Take the stress out of Back to school shopping! Order your school supplies through School Tool Box. Part of the proceeds go to the HSA.

SCHOOL POOL PARTY

Kids get to enjoy an evening at the Glen Rock pool enjoying pizza & dessert.

SCIENCE FAIR

The mission of the Hamilton Elementary School Science Fair is to create an event, environment, and culture within the school that promotes the exploration of the natural sciences. Students shall be encouraged to use the scientific method or engineering principles to gain, for themselves, a deeper understanding of the chemical, physical, and biological underpinnings of our world. Each year, the Science Fair Planning Committee oversees the theme, setup, and maintenance of the science fair activities. These largely include the day of supervision of the projects while all of the students in school view and learn from them and then supports the evening presentations by the little discoverers! If you have an interest in science or not, this is a great committee to join to help facilitate another way of learning for our children.

SHOP TO DONATE

Take the stress out of your Holiday shopping and also support local vendors! A week full of shopping/ dining experience that benefits Hamilton with a % of each sale given to the HSA. Win-Win for all!

SNOWTUBING

Join you Hamilton friends & family for a fun filled evening of snow tubing at Campgaw.

SPIRIT WEAR

Show your Hamilton Spirit by buying official gear !

SPRING SOCIAL / SPRING FUNDRAISER

Our Spring event is our #1 Fundraiser . The event takes place at a local party space where party goers get to enjoy appetizers, drinks, dancing and most of all bid on some amazing items from sports tickets to restaurants certificates and so much more. Party goers also get the chance to enter a draw to win amazing gift baskets put together by each class. Help is needed to get new and fun donations - nothing is too big or small to donate! Most popular items include sport tickets, special & unique experiences (think amazing show/concert tix), kids and adult/fitness classes and restaurant certificates.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

On National Walk to School day Mr. H meets kids at Starbucks in morning and everyone walks to Hamilton together. HSA provides grab and go snack to kids when they reach at school. K-2 Parents accompany students or lead a small group.