



Hamilton Middle School Parent Matters

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Great things are happening here this month

Character Trait of the Month: Problem Solver the ability to handle difficult situations and calmly identify solutions. The vocabulary words amicable and approachable will be used to teach and highlight the skill this month.

Work Based Learning Experiences:

6th Grade-Grand Rapids Griffins front office has spoken with students about business careers in the athletic field. The students will be attending a Griffin game to experience the game and see the careers in action.

Parent - Teacher Conferences



Thank You
for attending!
85% of parents had
conversations with staff
about their child.

Your partnership is
appreciated!

Student Celebrations

Sept. Students of the Month

5th Grade - Paxton Miedema

6th Grade - Stella Czerkies

7th Grade - Carson Beerhuis

8th Grade - Erin Meiste

Art in the Office

The following student's art is hung in the office for the month:

Owen Frieling, Kelsey Frens, Tyler Vriezma, Harley DeVries

Communication about School

***Engaging with your student**-middle school is a time students become independent. Your partnership with your student continues to be important. Asking open ended questions without asking them to choose 'the best or the worst' is helpful to get conversations going. Validate your child's feelings and don't try to fix something for your child. Encourage conversation about what your child thinks he/she should do next.

***Examples of questions you might ask your child:** What is different this year than last year? Tell me about what you read in school today. What is something you learned today. Who did you sit with at lunch? Continue conversation about your student's work

***PowerSchool:** Utilizing the website for PowerSchool to check student's grades is simpler than using the PowerSchool App. The App is out of school control. If there is something you don't understand, ask your student first, then reach out to the teacher or the office. If you don't know the teacher's email address, just click on the teacher's name in powerschool to send an email directly to them.

You will receive an email on November 10 if your child has not turned in an assessment in the last month.

Dates to remember:

- 2 - Character Assembly 5th & 6th grade
- 3 - End of Quarter 1
- 3 - Character Assembly 7th/8th grade
- 10 - 1/2 Day of School
- 10 - Parent communication to students receiving 0's
- 13 - Board of Education meeting 7 pm
- 18 - Band Solo & Ensemble
- 22-24 No School
- 29- 8th grade reward day
- 30 - Character assembly 5th & 6th
- Dec. 1st - Character assembly 7th & 8th grade



Why do we have 1/2 days for staff

Professional Development?

Teachers are learning strategies and reviewing data to create the best learning experience possible for students

***October:** reviewed safety protocols for the MS and best practice strategies.

***November:** focused on how to improve student reading skills including focus on informational reading, increasing vocabulary and setting goals.