

HAMILTON BRONC BULLETIN



Message from Superintendent Thennis Maintaining Your School Lunch Status

Hamilton School District Families,



As we progress into another school year, I want to make you aware of recent federal legislation that has changed the eligibility guidelines used to qualify families for the Free & Reduced-Price School Meal Program. Ensuring that every student in the Hamilton School District has access to healthy, nutritious meals is our priority. **To do this, we need your help...**

Previously, participation in assistance programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP) and Medicaid automatically qualified families for the Free & Reduced-Price School Meal Program. As of September 18, 2026, that is no longer true. **As a result, we encourage ALL families to complete the application for Free & Reduced-Price meals to determine your eligibility, as not all eligible students will be automatically qualified.**

Filling out an application helps your family **and** the Hamilton School District. The key benefits include:

- **Stretching your family's budget by:**
 - Receiving free or significantly reduced rates for breakfast & lunch every school day
 - Waiving fees for extracurricular programs
- **Students are never identified publicly as Free & Reduced-Price meal recipients**
- **Increased school funding eligibility for Hamilton School District that can be used for:**
 - Classroom resources
 - Intervention specialists



Applying is easy and completely confidential. You can complete the application online in Infinite Campus. Detailed information on completing the online application is available on our website: <https://www.hsd3.org/o/hsd/page/food-service>. You can also submit a paper application. Paper applications are available at all school offices and will be distributed during parent teacher conferences to all families. There are no deadlines for applications; however, the sooner you apply, the sooner you may qualify.

Thank you for your help with this issue and for your continued support of our students! If you have questions, please reach out to your school's front office or the district office at 406-363-2280



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Fri, Oct 30:** End of 1st Qtr (HMS/HHS)
- Wed, Nov 4 & Thurs, Nov 5:**
HMS & HHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Fri, Nov 13:** End of 1st Trimester (Washington/Daly)
- Wed, Nov 11:** Veterans Day Assembly @ HHS Gym
- Fri, Nov 6:** PD Day - No School
- Tues, Nov 17 & Thurs, Nov 19:**
Washington & Daly Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wed, Nov 25-Fri, Nov 27:**
Thanksgiving Break - No School
- Mon, Dec 21-Fri, Jan 1:**
Winter Break - No School

<https://www.hsd3.org/events>



Hamilton School District to Honor Local Veterans on Nov 11

Every two years, the HSD3 School District holds a ceremony to celebrate our veterans in the HHS gym. We welcome all community members & veterans to attend this important event! Veterans are encouraged to arrive at 9AM to allow for seating. The ceremony starts at 9:30AM. We are very **honored** to have the opportunity to recognize the service of our local veterans in the Bitterroot Valley!

Parent/Guardian Survey

We Want Your Feedback to Guide the Future of Our District!

Parents/Guardians, please help us by completing the survey by using the below QR Codes/links....



<https://insights.cognia.org/s/artxc0oz>



<https://insights.cognia.org/s/hm3suff1>



<https://insights.cognia.org/s/zefzx2dk>



<https://insights.cognia.org/s/d3u3anzv>

Fall Activities



The HHS Spurs Club (an inclusive club supported by Special Olympics Montana) gathered for a fun event on Tuesday, October 20th, to carve pumpkins. All students were welcome to attend for friendship, fun, and food! The students carved or drew on gourds and pumpkins to decorate their homes and HHS for fall!



Hunter received the Region 1 MVP for Murdoch's Ranch and Supply for his outstanding service as an employee. This is a quarterly award for the nine stores in the region

Student Corner

Hunter Smith Finds Support & Renewed Drive for Learning in the Bitterroot Polytech Charter School

HSD3's Bitterroot Polytech Charter School allowed Hunter to successfully balance his HHS education & outside employment. He had an illness that caused him to miss some school. Despite his initial fears of falling behind, the Polytech staff members helped reignite his passion for learning, and he is now interested in attending Wyotech to further his education. He will always be grateful for his teachers & the opportunities they provided. Finishing his high school career at Washington Primary was a full circle moment for him, as he started his HSD3 educational journey there in 1st grade.

"The team that the Bitterroot Polytech has with Mr. Dufresne and Mrs. Jacqueline, along with Mr. Wells, was a great help not only with getting me through school but making it fun and enjoyable, causing me to be able, for the first time since fourth grade, to show excitement in going to school again."
—Hunter Smith

Contact Us!

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Hamilton Middle School: 406-363-2121

Daly Elementary: 406-363-2122

Washington Primary: 406-363-2144