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Dear Hamilton Families!

I write this message with excitement and hope as I begin my seventh year as your very proud principal. I hope your summer has been filled with moments and experiences that have truly filled your cup. I hope you've had time to rest, to experience joy, and to pause for moments of reflection and gratitude. I hope our students have gone on adventures, whether near or far that have sparked wonder, curiosity, and a readiness for the amazing year ahead!

This year, I am absolutely thrilled to introduce our school-wide theme: **"Be the Reason."** We want everyone in our Hamilton Village—our students, families, community partners, and our dedicated staff to be the reason that our school is so incredible. I challenge each of you as we step into this new year: Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone tries harder. Be the reason someone feels like they truly belong. We all must do our part because we are a village, and to make this year our best one yet, our work together must be deeply intentional.

By being intentional, we carry the privilege and responsibility of creating a school community where consistency and coherence guide our work, and where learning is engaging, challenging, and joyful. We will continue to keep students at the heart of every decision, every lesson, and every interaction. We will focus on strengthening relationships, ensuring equity, and expanding opportunities for students to express themselves especially through writing across all content areas. These priorities are more than initiatives; they are intentional commitments to the growth, success, and well-being of every child who walks through our doors.

As we kick off this new school year, I want to take a moment to warmly welcome all of our new students and families. We are so excited to have you join our Hamilton family! Each of you brings unique talents, perspectives, and experiences that will enrich our community and strengthen the work we do together. Please know that you are not just joining a school but you are becoming part of a team that supports one another, celebrates one another, and shares a common mission of educational excellence. To our returning families, welcome back! Thank you for your continued trust and unwavering partnership year after year. We absolutely cannot wait to see you again and continue the amazing work we've started together.

I look forward to celebrating your children's growth and accomplishments with all of you in the year ahead. Let's all do our part, let's all be intentional, and let's all *be the reason* we have an extraordinary 2026–2027 school year!

Warmly,

Your Very Proud Principal Pouncey

Below you will find some key information to help you prepare for the new school year.

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Our **website** is up and constantly updated! Visit https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/o/hamilton to stay in the loop of all the exciting activities we are planning for the upcoming school year. Save the web address and check our school website frequently for important updates.

Breakfast, Arrival & Dismissal

- **Breakfast:** Breakfast begins at **7:10 a.m. Students will enter at the Sylvan Avenue door**. **Students are not allowed in the building before 7:10 a.m.** Breakfast is optional. The official school day begins at 7:30 a.m. for students who are not eating breakfast. Parents are responsible for monitoring their students before the start of school at **7:30 am**. **Please note: All Pre-K & K students who enter for breakfast must remain in the cafeteria for safety reasons.**

- **Arrival Time 7:30 a.m.:** All students must be outside and ready to enter the building promptly at 7:30 a.m. After the first week of school, students will be marked tardy after 7:40 a.m.

- **Dismissal Time 2:10 p.m.**: (Please arrive by 2:05 p.m. to pick up children on time if they are not walkers or bus riders). **It is imperative that all students are picked up on time as we do not have the staff to hold students past dismissal time.** If you are in need of before or after-school care, please contact Fitness Fun & Games (FFG). Information can be found at the bottom of this letter.

- **Drop off/Pick up locations:**
  - **Pre-K students:** Front of the building, to the right of the main entrance (labeled Pre-K door)
  - **Kindergarten students:** Front of the building, to the far right of the main entrance, the door closest to Christopher Avenue.
  - **Ms. Thomas Students**(Formerly Mrs. Riga's Class): Front of the building, to the far right of the main entrance, the door closest to Christopher Avenue.
  - **First, Second & Third grade students:** Sylvan street door (breakfast door).
  - **Fourth & Fifth grade:** Front of the building, Main entrance door
  - **Middle school students:** Back of the building- line up by homeroom number
    - **Please note:** If students have permission to walk home **(grades 3-8 only)**, they must leave the grounds immediately following dismissal. Middle school students picking up elementary siblings must exit the building and walk to the front of the building to get them.
- **Early Dismissal**: If students need to be picked up earlier than **2:10 p.m.,** parents must arrive before **1:40 p.m. Students are often in transition between 1:40 p.m. and 2:10 p.m.** They are preparing to leave by completing exit tickets, gathering their belongings, or reporting back to their classrooms from resource or recess.

- **Consequently, we are asking that parents/guardians refrain from requesting an early dismissal or arriving after 1:40 p.m.** Please plan appointments accordingly to support us in a safe and smooth transition and dismissal process.

➢ **Lunch:** We understand that mishaps happen and parents/guardians may need to bring lunch to the school at times. With that in mind, please note that any time we have to call students down to the office is an interruption to the learning environment. We ask that you please keep these disruptions to a minimum. In addition, no outside food may be delivered to students from any delivery services due to campus safety. No exceptions will be made and food will not be accepted.

➢ **Construction Projects- Windows and Outside Play Areas**- We will have several construction projects happening at the beginning of this school year. We will ensure that the construction projects do not disrupt the learning environment. We are excited for these updates but also understand that it will require some patience and flexibility from our Hamilton community.

Parking

Please be mindful of our neighbors and do not block any driveways. **Parking is ONLY available ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF Sylvan and Christopher Avenues.** Blocking Old Harford Road impedes traffic and could possibly result in ticketing and towing incidents from the Baltimore City Police Department. Parking in the grass or on the curb is not permitted. Double parking in the staff parking lot is prohibited as well.

Important Upcoming Events-

Pre-K and Kindergarten-Open House!-Wednesday, August 19, 2026
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Families will have an opportunity to learn about the pre-k and kindergarten program, meet staff and tour the classrooms. We will also have time for you to “Pop-in” with the principals outside in the front garden from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Families will be permitted to enter the building to meet the Pre-K and K teams starting at 3: 25 pm.

“Sneak-A-Peek at Your Seat”-Friday, August 21, 2026
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Students and families in **grades 1-8** will be able to visit their classrooms. Teachers will not be available to meet. However, you will be able to take a tour of the building to see the classroom space. We want to provide our students new to Hamilton an opportunity to see the building before their first day of school.

First Day of School-Monday, August 24, 2026
The administration, faculty, and staff of Hamilton Elementary/Middle School are super excited about welcoming back our Hawks on Monday, August 24th. Please see the first day of school logistics section below. On the

first day of school, staff will greet students in their designated areas. Students will be escorted into the building by the Hamilton staff. **Families must drop off students outside of the building.**

Supply List

The school supply list is on our homepage of our school's website, and attached to this letter. Please reach out to our Community School Coordinator, Mrs. Fitts snfitts@bcps.k12.md.us if you need assistance with the school supply list. **Please read the entire list.** There are shared items at the top of the supply list to keep our classrooms clean and sanitary.

Immunizations

7th grade students: 1 dose of Meningococcal (MCV4) and 1 dose of T-Dap.

Kindergarten students: 2 doses of Varicella and 2 doses of MMR. Students who are out of compliance will require these immunizations to avoid being excluded from school in September. Please read the following to ensure you are in compliance:

- Families are advised to make an appointment with their primary care facility as soon as possible. If they are unable to get an appointment with their primary care provider, they may seek alternate locations, see below.
- The Baltimore City Health Department TIKE Immunization Clinic is open in August on MondayTuesday, and Thursday, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. The TIKE clinic has limited available appointments each of those days. As we get closer to the first day of school, those appointment times will fill up quickly. Call (410) 396- 4454 for more information.

Before and After Care

Before and After Care is provided through one of our community partners, Fitness, Fun, and Games (FFG). **Space is limited**. Financial Assistance is available based on income.
Application link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesiD9qulrXur-yGUI0mTJoclpqn2_QjMiAeFqOftiRBMcfMQ/viewform

For more information about FFG please visit Hamilton@FitnessFunandGames.org. You may also contact Director Mohan at 443-602-4030. Again, this service is provided by one of our community partners and is not directly provided by Hamilton Elementary/Middle School or Baltimore City Public Schools. Please direct all questions directly to Director Mohan or a staff member of Fitness, Fun, and Games.

PTA

At Hamilton, we believe in the beauty and power of community. Our families are such a major part of our story. We are truly thankful for our partnership with our Hamilton PTA. Please reach out to our Hamilton PTA and become a member if you are not currently a member. You may find additional information about our PTA on our school website. You may also inquire via email at HamiltonEMSPTA@gmail.com.

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Reporting Student Absences

We understand that students will become ill at times. Our website has a Google form that should be completed by a parent or guardian to report the absence of a student. The administrative staff at Hamilton EMS will determine if absence is excused or unexcused based on the documentation provided by the parent or guardian. If you have a note from the doctor, the document can be updated directly to the Google form or emailed to Mrs. Becker (cwalker@bcps.k12.md.us).

Uniforms:

Hamilton students are required to wear school uniforms. We also have information related to our school uniforms on our school website and attached to this letter.

- **Top (All grade levels):** Burgundy shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts (no logos or graphics permitted)
- **Elementary School Bottoms:** Khaki (tan) pants, shorts, or skirts, and burgundy and gray plaid uniform skirt. **All shorts and skirts must come below the knee. All sweaters, blazers, or jackets must be burgundy. Leggings and athletic wear (sweatpants, sweatshorts, jogging shorts/pants) are not acceptable.**
- **Middle School Bottoms:** Black uniform pants, shorts, jumpers or skirts. **All shorts, jumpers, and skirts must come below the knee. All sweaters, blazers, or jackets must be burgundy. Leggings and athletic wear (sweatpants, sweatshorts, jogging shorts/pants) are not acceptable.** Hamilton sustains a uniform closet that houses gently used uniforms. Families in need of uniform assistance can visit our new website to complete the uniform request form.

You may purchase school apparel with the Hamilton logo from Sportsline/Xsell Promotions. Hamiton's Uniform Webpage is **https://hamilton2025-2026.itemorder.com/** Xsell Promo's email address is: mmarucci@xsellpromo.com or they can be reached via telephone at 410-882-8001. They are located at 8001 Harford Road in Parkville, Maryland. Our contact person is Ms. Marie. **These items are optional. You are not required to purchase apparel with the school logo.**

Cell Phone/ Electronic Devices Policy-

- **Cell phones are not permitted at any time during the school day to include: recess, lunch, or any class periods, including resources.**
- ***According to the new district-wide policy for Baltimore City Schools, all PreK - 8th grade students must turn in their cell phones to their homeroom teacher each morning. They will be stored in new cell phone storage containers that will be locked and stored in the classroom closet which will also be locked. Cell phones will be returned at the end of the school day. There will be no exceptions.***

- ***Accommodations will be made for students who have medical conditions that require close monitoring of their vitals.***
- ***The policy states that there must be a central collection for cell phones. They may not even be stored in student lockers for elementary and middle school students.***
- ***Students may not possess unauthorized tablets, electronic devices that are non-school issued, earbuds or headphones at any time during the school day.***
- ***Accommodations will be made for students who have conditions that require the usage of technical equipment.***
- ***Parents can reach the school by calling the office in the event of an emergency 410-396-6375.***
- ***The administration will also share their work phone numbers with families if there is a need for direct communication.***
- ***There will be no exceptions to this rule.***
- ***Students caught on their phones, will turn them into the office. Parents will be required to speak to the grade-level administrator to devise a plan to return the phone and ensure that there are no more infractions.***
- **Hamilton EMS will not be responsible for any cell phones, earbuds, or electronic devices.**

Student Computers

Students in grades K-8, in our ongoing effort to be intentional about our students' overall well-being and academic success, the district is making an important shift in our technology protocols this year. To foster more face-to-face collaboration, hands-on learning, and deeper peer connections, we are actively working to decrease unnecessary screen time. We know that balancing technology with traditional, interactive learning is vital for student development, so we want to ensure that when computers are used, they serve a very specific, meaningful purpose.

To support this shift, please note the following updates:

- **Grades K–2:** Students will no longer be issued individual computers to take home. Instead, each classroom will be equipped with a shared set of devices. These will be used purposefully during the school day for specific activities such as small-group instruction, personalized learning stations, and necessary assessments.
- **Grades 3–8:** Unlike the shared sets in the younger grades, each 3–8 classroom will have a complete class set of devices, ensuring there is one available for every student when needed. However, these devices are not assigned for students to keep, carry from class to class, or take home. They will remain in the classroom and will only be utilized during specific, approved instructional times when technology truly enhances the lesson.

Action Required: If your child currently has a district-issued device at home, **please have them return it to the school immediately.** This will allow us to properly inventory and prepare our classroom sets for the year ahead.

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Class Assignments/Schedules/Annual Verification/Parent Portal

Class assignments will be available after Monday, August 17, 2026. This information is visible on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you have not registered for access to the Parent Portal, please visit the Baltimore City Schools' website at https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/o/bcps/page/campus-portal. Parent Portal activation letters are also available from the school office. Please email Mrs. Becker (cwalker@bcps.k12.md.us) to receive your student's login information.

All City Schools' families are required to complete the Annual Verification Process. This takes the place of the Emergency Cards previously sent home. The purpose of this is to have the most updated information to support our families. Parents/Guardians can verify or update student(s) and household(s) information, emergency contact information, medical information and complete back to school forms. If you have set up your account, but forgot your password, you must call 443-984-2000 to have it reset. **It is imperative that families set up a Parent Portal account as it provides real-time access to attendance, grading, progress reports and report cards throughout the year.**

First Day of School Logistics:

All teachers will be outside to greet students on the first day of school. Teachers and staff members will help direct you and your child to the correct entrance. Parents will drop off their students outside of the building. Elementary students (Pre-K thru 5th) will enter through one of three entrances in the front of the building. Middle school students (6th - 8th) will enter from the back of the building.

- **Pre-Kindergarten** classes (Mrs. Boyle & Ms. Lewis) will enter and exit from the front of the building, to the right of the main entrance (labeled Pre-K door)
- **Kindergarten** classes (Mrs. Smith and Ms. Frain/ Mrs. Ruff) will enter and exit from the front of the building, to the far right of the main entrance, the door closest to Christopher Avenue (labeled Kindergarten Door)
- **Grades 1-3:** Students will line up at the **Sylvan Avenue door** to the left of the flagpole (when facing the main entrance). Each homeroom's number is painted on the ground.
- **Grades 4-5:** Students will enter at the main entrance. Grade 4 lines up beside the burgundy railing on the left (when facing the main entrance). Grade 5 lines up next to the burgundy railing on the right (when facing the main entrance).
- **Middle school:** Grades 6 to 8 will line up on the black top in the rear of the building. All middle school students should line up according to their homeroom number. Each homeroom assignment is spray painted on the ground. Students will line up in the gymnasium according to homeroom on inclement weather days.

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For safety and security purposes, parents will not be permitted to walk children to their classrooms as we establish routines and procedures for students. Our goal is to ensure an orderly first week of school and ignite a sense of independence and resilience into our students as they embark on their new educational adventure. Just remember, we are hosting events like our Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Open House and a "Sneak-a-Peek at your Seat" for students new to Hamilton and parents to see the building and classrooms.

Thank you for taking the time to read this welcome back update. We will continue to provide ongoing updates throughout the school year. I hope we can continue to work together as a school family and build off of the incredible work we have already started. Our community and families are our hearts and we value our bonds with our village. We are honored to serve the students and families of Hamilton Elementary/Middle School. We look forward to an amazing year with you all!

If you have any questions, please call us at 410-396-6375 between 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. or email us. If you leave a phone message we will be sure to respond within 48 hours.

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Zaakira Muhammad - Assistant Principal - (Grades 7 & 8) - zmuhammad@bcps.k12.md.us
Lorrie Randall - Assistant Principal- (Grades 4, 5, and 6) - lharris04@bcps.k12.md.us
Theresa Wilson - Assistant Principal - (Grades PreK- 3rd) - twilson05@bcps.k12.md.us
Erika Bease - Front Office Lead/Enrollments - ebease@bcps.k12.md.us
Sabrina Fitts - Community School Coordinator - snfitts@bcps.k12.md.us
School Website: https://www.baltimorecityschools.org/o/hamilton

With Highest Regards,

Natasha Pouncey



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Dear Hamilton Elementary/Middle School Families and Students,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I am excited to begin another year of learning, growth, and partnership with our Hamilton Elementary/Middle School community.

My name is Assistant Principal Theresa Wilson, and I am proud to serve as the Assistant Principal for our Pre-Kindergarten through third-grade students. I look forward to working closely with our students, families, teachers, and staff to ensure that every child feels safe, supported, challenged, and valued each day.

Regular school attendance is essential to your child's academic success. We encourage all parents and guardians to ensure their child arrives at school on time every day, unless the child is ill or has an excused absence. Each day of instruction provides valuable opportunities for students to learn, build important skills, participate in classroom activities, and develop positive relationships with their peers and teachers.

At Hamilton, we believe that strong communication and collaboration between home and school are essential to student success. Please feel free to contact me throughout the school year with questions, concerns, or celebrations regarding your child's educational experience.

I am looking forward to a productive, positive, and successful school year. Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to our students. Together, we will make the 2026–2027 school year a wonderful one for every Hamilton scholar.



Sincerely,

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Dear Hamilton Elementary/Middle School Parents, Families, and Community,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I am Lorrie Randall, proud Assistant Principal for grades 4-6. I started teaching in Baltimore City 24 years ago at Bentalou Elementary School. After 10 years of teaching, mentoring, and facilitating, I moved to Hamilton EMS as the math lead. At Hamilton, I have served as a math lead, literacy lead, teacher mentor, mentor facilitator, and testing coordinator before becoming the assistant principal.

As the assistant principal and servant leader at Hamilton Elementary Middle School, I will work beside the families, teachers, and staff to educate and empower our students. I feel a deep urgency to identify and cultivate the strengths of our teachers and staff. I am committed to keeping students at the heart of every decision, ensuring they feel safe, valued, and excited to come to Hamlton each day. I am committed to fostering a school community where students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, supported by a culture that celebrates the arts, embraces diversity and STEM education, and upholds high academic standards. Through collaboration, integrity, and compassion, I strive to lead with purpose and empower others to do the same.

As we step into a new school year, I am excited to see how your child will advance socially and academically. Whether your family is new to Hamilton or returning for another year, I am happy to have you as part of our school community.

Please reach out to me if there is anything I can do to assist you or your child throughout the year. The first day of school is **Monday, August 24th**, and I cannot wait to greet all of our Hawks as we begin this year's journey.



Sincerely,

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Welcome from Mrs. Zaakira Y. Muhammad,

My name is Zaakira Y. Muhammad, and I am the administrator for the upper middle school scholars at Hamilton Elementary Middle School. As the administrator of our middle school students, I am committed to ensuring that every scholar is prepared academically, socially, and emotionally for success in high school and beyond.

Seventh grade is a critical year because students begin earning quarterly credits that contribute to their high school composite scores. Eighth grade is equally important, as the first quarter of eighth grade also counts toward high school entry. In addition, eighth grade is filled with meaningful traditions and celebrations that honor our HAWKS before they soar from our nest and begin the next chapter of their educational journey.

At Hamilton, we expect our scholars to take ownership of their learning and apply the skills and strategies they develop here as they move on to high school and into their future endeavors.

One of my most important responsibilities is helping students embody our HAWKS values:

- **H** – Hardworking: Scholars come to school prepared each day, ready to learn, think critically, and persevere through challenges.
- **A** – Accountable: Scholars take ownership of their words, actions, and effort, understanding that reflection and responsibility are essential to growth and success.
- **W** – Welcoming: Scholars embrace and respect others without judgment or ridicule, while believing in their own ability to achieve greatness.
- **K** – Kind: Scholars show consideration for others, spread positivity, and make meaningful contributions to their school, community, and world.
- **S** – Self-Motivated: Scholars take initiative in their learning, remain curious, and recognize their ability to make a positive difference in the world.

I am incredibly proud of the work we do at Hamilton to prepare students for life beyond middle school. As I often say, I am the "icing administrator." I have the unique privilege of helping shape and refine our seventh and eighth graders into scholars who are ready to make a difference. I am honored to put the "icing on the cake" that has been baked with love in the HEMS oven by the many educators, staff members, and families who have supported our students throughout their journey.

Each scholar is writing their own story and creating a path toward a bright and meaningful future. Their success, however, depends on collaboration and commitment among students, teachers, administrators, and families.

I look forward to partnering with our seventh and eighth grade scholars and their families to create an amazing year filled with learning, growth, and heightened optimism, where the possibilities are endless and HOPE shines brightly.

Go HAWKS!

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Elementary School Supply List 2026-2027

****** All students, grades Pre-K through 8th, need the following to share with homeroom teachers: ******
2 bottles of hand sanitizer, 2 bottles of hand soap, 2 boxes of tissue, 2 containers of disinfectant wipes, 2 rolls of paper towels. ****The whole school, each classroom will require these supplies****
*****All students, grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, will need wired headphones (headphones with a cord only)****
Hamilton does not permit: bookbags with wheels (won't fit in lockers) **or wireless headphones to include beats.**

ESOL Students, all grades: **PLEASE LABEL SUPPLIES "ESOL"** 1 notebook, 1 folder, 1 box of tissues, 1 container of Clorox wipes, 1 pack of 24 pencils *POR FAVOR ETIQUETA SUMINISTROS "ESOL" 1 libreta, 1 carpeta, 1 caja de pañuelos, 1 envase de toallitas Clorox, 1 pacquete de 24 lapizes*

GAL Supply List Grades 1-5: Pencils, plastic 2 pocket folder **labeled GAL**

Pre-Kindergarten: 6 large glue sticks, 2 packs of 8 crayons, 1 hard pencil pencil box, 1 recent student photo for bulletin board, safety scissors, 1 complete change of clothing (labeled and stays in school), 2 pack of baby wipes, 1 pack of black dry erase markers, 1 plastic folder, **2 additional boxes of tissues**, 1 pack of construction paper, 1 standard bookbag (must fit a folder), Students are permitted to bring a full water bottle daily. ****All items from whole school request****

Kindergarten: 1-Bookbag, (2) 2-pocket plastic folders, 1 fabric pencil pouch, 1 wired headphone, 2 packs of 8 crayons, 6 glue sticks, 1 safety scissor, 12 sharpened "my first beginner" thick pencils, 8 fat black dry erase markers, 1 disinfectant spray,1 full change of clothes labeled with name. ***All items from whole school request & wired headphones****

First Grade: Bookbag, 2 packs of pre-sharpened pencils, 2 solid wide-ruled composition notebooks, 2 glue sticks, 2 solid-color poly folders with pockets (1 red and 1 green), 4 black fine tip dry erase markers, 2-pack of 24 crayons, 1 large zipper pouch pencil pouch, 1 box of sandwich bags OR gallon ziploc bags, scissors. ***All items from whole school request & wired headphones****

Second Grade: Bookbag, 2 packs of pre-sharpened pencils, 2 boxes of 24-crayons, 1 wide-ruled composition book, one 2-pocket vinyl folder, 2 highlighters, 1 pack of markers, 2 zipper pouches, 4 glue sticks, 1 pair of scissors, 4 black dry erase markers, 1 can disinfectant spray. ***All items from whole school request & wired headphones****

Ms. Thomas (Formerly Mrs. Riga's Rockets): Fine tip markers, broad tip markers, colored pencils, 2 boxes of #2 pencils, baby wipes, 4 plastic folders (blue, green, purple, orange), 4 glue sticks, 2 composition style notebooks, pencil case, gallon size zip-loc bags.

3rd Grade: One 1 ½ inch binder, 24 ct. crayon box or box of color pencils, Highlighters, 2 packs of pre-sharpened pencils, Pencil Pouch/Case, baby wipes, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 red folder and 1 purple folder, 1 yellow folder (**color is important**), Black dry erase markers, 2 glue sticks, Gallon size/quart size or sandwich size Ziploc bags, 3 composition books, Notebook paper, scissors. Students are permitted to bring a full water bottle. ***All items from whole school request & wired headphones****

4th Grade: 3 subject-spiral notebook, single-subject spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, Folders with pockets/ prongs, 5 packs pencils, lined chart paper, dry erase markers. ***All items from whole school request & wired headphones****

5th Grade: 1 3-section spiral notebook, 4 composition notebooks, 1 spiral notebook, 1 Poly Folder with pockets and prongs, 1 pack of colored pencils, 1 pack of #2 pencils (resupply as needed), 1 cloth zipper pencil pouch (NO citrus-scented wipes, no binders, no pencil boxes, no markers, no crayons). ***All items from whole school request & wired headphones***

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Middle School Supply List 2026-2027

****** All students, grades Pre-K through 8th, need the following to share with homeroom teachers: ******
2 bottles of hand sanitizer, 2 bottles of hand soap, 2 boxes of tissue, 2 containers of disinfectant wipes, 2 rolls of paper towels. ****The whole school, each classroom will require these supplies****
*****All students, grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, will need wired headphones (headphones with a cord only)****
Hamilton does not permit: bookbags with wheels (won't fit in lockers) **or wireless headphones to include beats.**

Please Note:

1. If your child wants to carry a bookbag during the school day, it must be **clear.** Opaque bookbags will not be allowed in the hallways or classrooms. This rule will be enforced as a security measure for our scholars. The clear bookbag can be left in the locker for school usage, if parents do not feel comfortable with their scholar traveling to and from school with a clear bookbag.
2. **Students need their own lock for the first day of school.** They will receive their **individual** lockers on day one. Their lock can be a combination lock or a key lock. However, the combination or the key must be given to their homeroom teacher in case the student forgets their combination or their key.
3. The middle school scholars must wear black bottoms and burgundy tops. **All sweaters or jackets must be burgundy.** Pants cannot be leggings or athletic wear (no sweatpants). They should be Khaki uniform material, but the color black.
4. **All cellphones will have to be placed in their lockers at the onset of the school day.** Parents can reach the school by calling the office in the event of an emergency. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Students caught on their phones, will turn them into the office. Parents will be required to pick up the phones at the end of the day.

6th Grade: *All items from whole school request & wired headphones*

Homeroom/Advisory: lock for locker, laptop charger, headphones (not earbuds)
Language Arts: Pencil case, 1 box pencils, 4 yellow highlighters, 1 pk of blue or black pens, 3 composition notebooks, 2 plastic pocket folders
Math: 1 inch binder, dividers, 1 pk loose leaf paper, 2 red pens, pencils, eraser, 1 composition notebook
Social Studies: 1 spiral notebook
Science: 2 pocket folders, 2 notebooks, pencils, 2 highlighters
Resource Classes: 1 plastic pocket folder

7th Grade: *All items from whole school request & wired headphones*

Homeroom/Advisory: lock for locker, school issued laptop(laptops were turned in at the end of 2025-2026 school if you still have it please bring on the 1st day of the school.), charger, headphones with cord (not earbuds)
Language Arts: pencils, 1 pack of blue pens, 1 box markers or colored pencils, box crayons, 4 spiral notebooks OR a binder with sections, 1 pad of Post Its, highlighter, 2 packs of index cards
Math: 2 spiral notebooks (3 subject), math section in a binder, dry erase markers, calculator (one can be borrowed if you do not have one- cannot use phone calculators), pencils, highlighters, colored pencils or markers, 1 folder, glue sticks
Science: 1 inch binder with loose leaf paper, Science section in binder, 2 blue pens, 1 red pen
Social Studies: 2 notebooks, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, a section in a binder
Resource Classes: 1 plastic pocket folder

8th Grade: *All items from whole school request & wired headphones*

Language Arts: 1 composition notebook
Math: 2 composition notebooks, 1 folder two pocket folder
Social Studies: 2 inch binder, 1 pack of loose leaf paper, 5 section dividers, 2 packs of 3x5 index cards
Science: 1 single subject notebook
Foreign Language: 1 Composition Notebook, 1 pack loose leaf paper
Resource Classes: 1 plastic pocket folder
Additional necessary supplies (will be used in all subjects): 1 lock for locker, 2 pack of black/blue pens, 2 red pens, 2 packs of pencils, 1 pack of highlighters, 1 pair of kid scissors, 2 glue sticks, 1 pack of markers/colored pencils/crayons (for projects)

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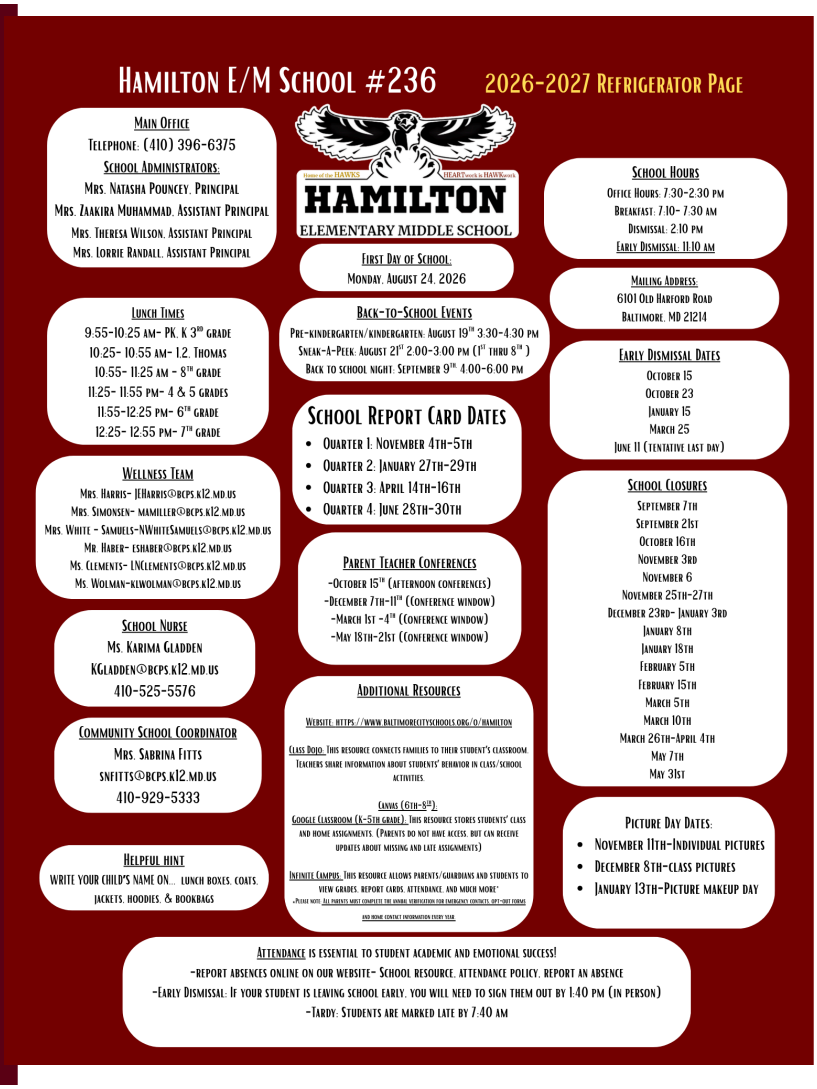
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