

**JOIN YOUR
PTA TODAY**

"Join the helping hands at Hamilton!"

This year we really want to see everyone involved! Your PTA Board is excited to get started on the variety of projects and programs we have planned and we need you!!!

Did you know that at Hamilton the PTA fundraises and works with a budget of over \$100,000?

Did you know that in the year's past we have been able to support, sponsor and or supplement funding for outdoor equipment, campus beautification supplies, library materials and supplies to teachers.

Did you know that in total we gave Hamilton Teachers over \$25,000 for their classrooms and field trips?

Did you know that without the PTA and our members there would be no Science Night, Author's Day, International Dinner, Youth in Arts Program, Poet's in School program, Talent Show, or After School Enrichment?

Did you know that the PTA supplemented the Outdoor Education Fund making it possible for the 5th graders to go to Walden West Camp and paid for the Kinder P.E. program last year?

Did you know that due to State budget cuts many existing programs and supplies are in jeopardy at Hamilton?

Did you know what an important part of that process you are?

The number one reason to join the Parent teacher Association is to benefit your child...

In doing so you help your school, but it also helps you to...

Get Connected. There is no better way to know what's happening in your school.

Speak Up. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

Help your child succeed: Parent involvement has been proven by three decades of research to be the greatest Predictor of student success

Witness Improvement. By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes.

Be a Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education

It all starts by becoming a member. On behalf of the Executive Board, we would like to challenge everyone to turn in your membership application and become part of the "Helping Hands of Hamilton" team. It is imperative that you do so if you wish to have a voting say in what the organization does and, although it is not required, we encourage you to attend the monthly meetings. We also encourage you to get your whole family involved. We want the students to feel connected to their school and this organization. Membership is open to anyone interested in the welfare of children - not just parents, but grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, community businesses, students, staff, etc.

***We are holding a *Classroom Contest* this year during our *Membership Drive* that will award the top 4 classes (2 classes in K-3 and 2 classes 4-6) with the most members, a popcorn party! The children also get to paint their handprint on our "Helping Hands at Hamilton" sidewalk for everyone to see. We will be doing the hand painting on Friday September 25th after school, and October 10th during our campus beautification day!**

Sincerely, Lynn Erickson, Membership Chairman