

Hamilton STEM Academy

# HAWK NEWS



## 1st Annual Holiday

*Dear Hamilton Families,*

*Happy New Year!*

*As we begin this new year, let's work together to S.O.A.R.! Remind students to :*

- Be Safe*
- Be On Time*
- Be Accountable*
- Be Respectful*

*Breakfast starts at 8:40 a.m. Instruction begins daily at 9 a.m. Students arriving to their classroom after 9 a.m. will be marked tardy!*

*Students should be in uniform daily– no hoodies are to be worn in school.*

*Thank you for your continued support with our students! We look forward to working TOGETHER for success!!*

## Mingle Jingle

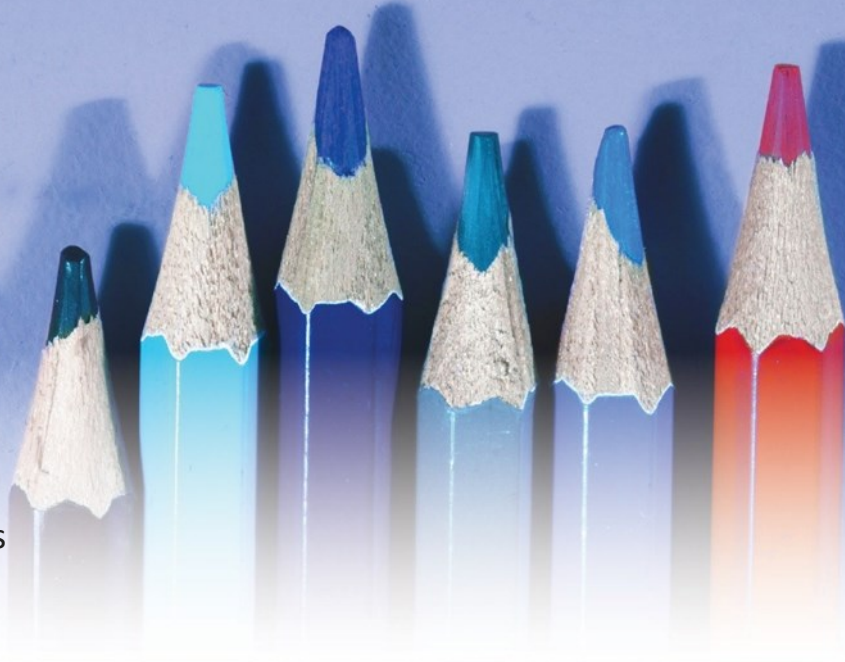
Thank you to all the parents and families who supported the 1st Annual Mingle Jingle at Hamilton this past December. With close to 220 in attendance and 60 volunteers, it was an amazing night! Hamilton students received gifts to kick off the Holiday Season. Thank you so much to our friends with St. Stephens Community House, CVS, Positively Blue– Dublin, Molina Health, Untied Way of Central Ohio, The Ohio State University, Hamilton Teachers and Staff and all of the individuals who generously gave and served.



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### Awareness Test for Parents...

- Who is your child's best friend?
- What are your child's best friend's parent's first name?
- Who is your child's favorite teacher?
- Did your child complete their homework last night?
- When was the last time your child was disappointed about something?
- When was the last time your child was excited about something?
- What games or type of entertainment does your child enjoy
- What is your child's favorite music group?
- What was the last movie your child saw?
- Who is your child's "hero?"

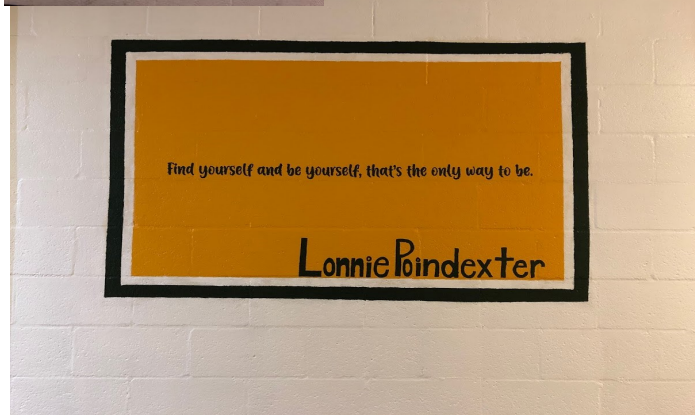
Do you know the answers to these questions in regards to your child? If not, take a few moments this month to find out.

"To be in your children's memories tomorrow,  
You have to be in their lives today."

— **Barbara Johnson**

### YMCA AmeriCorps MLK Day of Service

During the observation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, the Linden Based YMCA AmeriCorps Team completed a service project at Hamilton. For their project, members painted quotes from influential Linden Community Leaders. We are glad to have their support within our building daily!



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## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



### Attention Seniors:

#### The Quilted Village

The Quilted Village is a new program to assist senior citizens 55+ with the following:

- ◆ Home Checks
- ◆ Medical Home Visits/ Check-ins
- ◆ Connect to utility assistance
- ◆ Keep in touch calls/ visits
- ◆ Exercise and Art Classes
- ◆ Light home maintenance
- ◆ Opportunities to volunteer
- ◆ Other Services



**For more details call  
800.489.6040**

### Hawks Nest Parent Store

Parents/Caregivers! Hawks Nest Parent Store is now open! We currently have items available for our families who may have an immediate need. Families will be able to use the Hawks Nest Emergency store 2 times per academic school year as donations allow. Current stock includes a small portion of canned goods, diapers, and personal hygiene items. For additional information or to schedule an appointment please contact Angelic Dean at the school or send an email to dean.1141@osu.edu

### Linden Community Family Dinner

Join St. Stephen's Community House for fun, fellowship, and games at this free family style dinner.

Where: 1700 E. 17th Ave Columbus, OH 43219  
(St. Stephen's Community House)

When: Thursday, February 28th from 6pm-8pm

Contact Number: 614.294.6347

### PTO Meeting

Parents/Caregivers! We need you! Join us for our first PTO meeting. We are looking for ways to get our parent/caregiver base involved in our building.

- Do you have ideas for events for our students?
- Do you want to help be a presence in the building?
- Do you want to get more involved in the community?

Join us on **February 27th starting at 6pm** to learn how you can get involved. Our meetings will take place every 4th Wednesday—any additional changes will be shared.

### Parent/Caregiver Survey

We need your feedback! Please look for a parent/caregiver survey coming home with your child, or go to the website below to share your experiences about Hamilton and ways we can improve.

<http://go.osu.edu/HamiltonParentCaregiver>



## Hamilton Teacher Feature.....

Mrs. Jessica Myers has been an elementary teacher for the past 14 years. The last 10 years of her teaching profession is what sets her apart from many other teachers! She chose to dedicate her time and talent to serve within the Linden Community at Hamilton Elementary.

Mrs. Myers brings joy to every student that walks through the doors of Hamilton Elementary! She has helped transform the climate and culture of the building and for many students by simply acknowledging their presence, asking about their day, taking an interest in what motivates them, and creating a positive student teacher relationship with so many students. Within her own 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom, she creates a learning environment where students are respected, loved, and cared for regardless of their backgrounds! She provides differentiated instruction and teaches self-regulation so that students are met with success throughout the school day. She instills hope for their future by teaching them the foundational skills for learning in the core subject areas along with providing guidance in manners and equality. Students are taught to be safe and accountable for their actions and words. She has taken on additional roles within the school by being an active member of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) team, the Building Leadership Team, and a teacher leader within the building helping out colleagues wherever she is needed. Day in and day out, Mrs. Myers builds positive relationships with her students and makes school a “place that students want to be!” Her dedication to education is what makes her a remarkable inspiration to our youth!



A woman of confidence and sisterhood. Mrs. Johnson is a great leader. She is a wife of 20 years to her lovely husband, Leroy Johnson. Her determination keeps her winning in life. Mrs. Johnson's strong character allows her to face many challenges such as her own struggles in school, living in foster care, and many other trials that she had to overcome. Mrs. Johnson enjoys her passion for teaching. She has developed positive relationships with families and students. Mrs. Johnson believes that effective relationships with families will help in scaffolding students education. Her work in the community has had a huge impact on families for years. But this respected leader and educator is most proud of the title peace maker.

Today, Mrs. Johnson continues to strive for excellence. She holds many degrees: A Bachelor of Arts in Theology /history, Master of Art in history, and a second Master of Art in Education. Mrs. Johnson is still pursuing education and is actively in school to receive her Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership. Mrs. Johnson is a full-time teacher at Hamilton STEM where she is teaching 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. She is an ambassador for children in poverty. Mrs. Johnson uses education and her experiences to lead students to greatness. She shares her quote with students daily, **“The Key to Learning is Wanting To Learn”**.

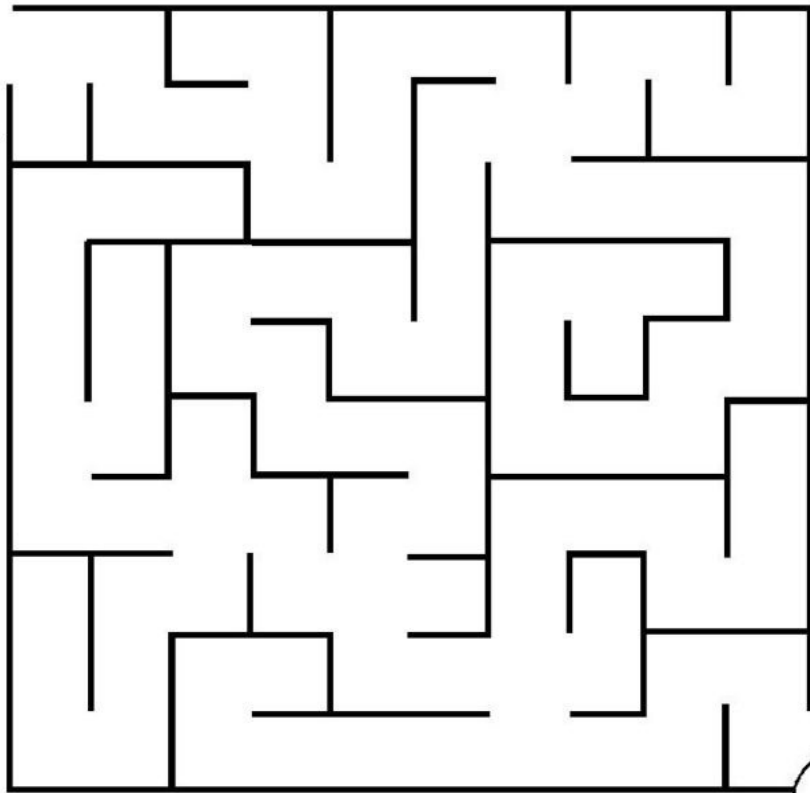


Mrs. Johnson is a member of Columbus Education Association (CEA) and sits on the board of Governors where she advocates for teachers. Mrs. Johnson demonstrates her expertise while serving on other committees throughout the Columbus City School district. Mrs. Johnson is a participant in the TLI (Teacher Leadership Institute) Program, served as the President of Y.P.W.W. (Young People Willing Workers) at her church (Resurrection Power C.O.G.I.C) and a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. (Iota Nu Sigma Chapter).



# Penguin's Home

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Hamilton Winter Word Search

Family    Learn    Fun    Love    Hamilton    Ice  
Winter    Pride    Smile    Soar    Snow

Dear Parents,

My name is Mrs. Johnson. I'm a teacher at Hamilton STEM. I teach 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Hamilton STEM is a school where we welcome diversity and friendships. As students settle in from the winter break, they are working hard in their academics and soaring high! I am challenging all students to take a **survey of (10 questions)** home for parents to complete and return to school. The survey questions are listed below. Student who return the survey will receive an incentive.

**Survey Questions:**

As a parent, what concerns do you have when it comes to your child's education?

How would you like to be involved with your child's education?

What would make Hamilton STEM inviting and comfortable for you and your child/ren?

What is your child/ren favorite subject? What makes your child/ren successful in that subject?

How can Hamilton staff support you with your child/ren?

What is the best communication tool? Do you prefer email, phone calls, text messages, or communication journals?

Are you interested in volunteering at Hamilton STEM? If yes, In what areas?

Are you satisfied with how often the teachers communicates with you?

What kind of school activities would you like to attend?

