

## **From the Desk of Mrs. McGraw**



### Superintendent's Quarterly Report

September, 2021

We are officially into the swing of school here at Hamilton R-2! Students have learned expectations, routines and procedures. First quarter midterm has come and we are proud to see many students are thriving in their new learning environments. As we continue through the first quarter, I wanted to update parents and patrons again on some important district information.

Please remember that if your child rides a school bus, the district is strongly encouraging students to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Bus changes can only be made in extreme circumstances and changes need to be pre-approved through the superintendent's office. Please remind your child of expected behaviors on the bus to maintain bus safety: 1) Stay seated while the bus is moving. 2) Keep all hands, feet and other objects to yourself. 3) Use appropriate language. 4) Follow your bus driver's directions.

The district has made several improvements this school year including the following: 1) additional Chromebooks for students, 2) Apple TVs at the Middle School and SMART Interactive TVs at the elementary school 3) Scoreboards for the softball and baseball fields, 4) New district website, [www.hamilton.k12.mo.us](http://www.hamilton.k12.mo.us), 5) Brick repair at the stadium, 6) Addition of a school van and school bus, 7) Flag pole at the stadium, 8) Picnic tables outside the high school. It is our goal to continue to make responsible improvements to the district to support student learning. With the additions to technology over recent years, our district was prepared for the challenges of the pandemic due to all students having access to devices and Hotspots if needed.

Thus far in the year, we have been fortunate to keep COVID19 breakouts out of our school buildings. I strongly believe this is due to the efforts of families, students and staff all working together. I would like to commend our staff and students for following healthy protocols such as regular handwashing, disinfecting of surfaces and practicing social distancing. Thank you to families, for monitoring your children for symptoms and for keeping students at home if they are exhibiting symptoms and when another individual in the home is being tested for COVID19 due to displaying symptoms. For a complete guide of our Safe Return to School practices, please visit the district website.

We want to do our best to keep our families and patrons informed and connected to the Hamilton R-2 School District. Ways to stay connected include: 1) Sign up for Text Caster on the district website. 2) Attend a district athletic or activities event; calendars can be found on the district website towards the bottom of the page. 3) Follow us on Facebook by liking the Hamilton R-2 School District page. 4) Regularly visit the district website to check your child's school bulletin; these are located on each school's webpage. 5) Check the Parent Portal on the district website regularly for your child's grades, attendance, lunch balance, etc. Our website has been updated recently so if you are having any issues finding information and/or you have feedback that would improve the new website, please reach out to me.

I hope to see many of you out and about next Friday, October 8th, as we celebrate Hamilton Hornet Homecoming. School will let out early at 1:00 pm and the Homecoming Parade will begin on Davis Street at 2:00 pm. The Penney Hornets Varsity Football team plays Plattsburg beginning at 7:00 pm. For a full list of Homecoming Week activities, please visit the district website and scroll down towards the bottom of the main page.

Thank you for all of your efforts to make this a great start to the 2021-2022 school year. I appreciate your continued support and partnership in the education of our Hornets. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns about the 2021-2022 school year. Have a great year!

Sincerely,



Billie McGraw

Superintendent of Schools

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