



HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT MATTERS



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WORKED BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

What is happening this month:

5th: Construction PBL Presentation

6th: Working on Business PBL ideas, fieldtrips to Business partners

8th: Signing up for High School classes



ART DISPLAY

The the following are the featured artists for their hard work and artistic achievements. Their artwork will be displayed in the front office for everyone to enjoy.

Kenzie DeVree, Harpyr Fletcher,
Alexia Adkins, Logan VanDyk



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



5th: Kylee Vanderyacht, Eastyn Geurink, Cason DeKraker

6th: Arlee Calvert, Jarius Lubbers, Makoy Cook

7th: Peyton Roelofs, Jacob Bittner, Robbie Nagel, Kiona St.Clair

8th: Hannah Achterhof, Alyssa VanderKooi, Henry VanNuil



MID-YEAR GRADE REPORTS



Wednesday Jan. 14

Grade reports will be sent home with your child.

7th & 8th grade students will receive final grades for the semester for each class.

5th & 6th grade shows their scores received so far this year.

Please spend some time in conversation with your child regarding their scores. Consider setting goals for the end of the year



AWARDS ASSEMBLY



January 15 & 16 we will be celebrating our amazing students and their accomplishments for first semester.

We will be honoring: students who have:

- shown growth on the iReady
- all A's and B's or 3s & 4s
- met our attendance goals
- 1 or less behavior logs

CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH

Each month our Middle School community highlights a character trait that is desired by employers. We embed academic vocabulary instruction, small group lessons & whole group lessons.

January focus: Listening, Befriend

Students will be learning that listening and befriending reflect caring and respect. They will practice taking the time to truly hear others.

These traits help build trust and create positive relationships where people feel valued and supported.

MID-YEAR TESTING

Tests in January:

- i-Ready Reading and Math tests taken help measure student growth so far this year.
- Results show current proficiency levels and help predict performance on M-STEP, PSAT, and progress toward grade-level goals.
- 5th & 6th graders will also take Acadience Reading assessments for additional reading data.

On January 23, professional development day, teachers will:

- Analyze student data
- Identify next instructional steps
- Plan how to best support students for the second semester

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

7 - iReady Reading - TESTING SCHEDULE

8 - 7/8 Character Assembly

9 - 5/6 Character Assembly

13 - Schoolwide iReady Teasting

15 - 7th/8th Grade Awards Assembly

16 - 5th/6th Grade Awards Assembly

23 - No School

30 - Unified Basketball Game

30 - 7th/8th Grade Dance

