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NEWSLETTER OF HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

calendar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Last Day of HOST

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**All Bands Winter Concert,
Lincoln Auditorium, 7pm**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

**FOMAHI Parent Meeting,
HIMS room 124, 7-8:30pm**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Early Dismissal, 1:20pm

DECEMBER 19-JANUARY 2

No School

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<http://hamiltoninternational.org>



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hamilton Hawks,

Welcome to December! We've ended our first quarter and have moved into the second quarter of the school year. I would like to thank you for your support and participation at our recent Parent Teacher Conferences. We were able to meet with hundreds of parents/guardians to discuss our students' progress. If you were not able to make it in, please do not hesitate to connect with your teachers with any questions or concerns you may have about your child's progress.

International Education

As part of our work as an International school we are working to build a community of learners who understand not only who they are, but also where our students fit in our global world. HIMS is in the midst of building a three year plan that incorporates active participation of our students in ways that make a difference and help to educate others around global issues.

We began this work in 2010-11 by focusing on the global issue of water in all grades. For 2011-12 we have expanded this learning by:

- Continuing to learn about and take action at the 6th grade around the issue of water!
- Learn about and take action at the 7th and 8th grade around the global issue of food security!

Recently, in support of our seventh and eighth grade focus on food security, HIMS students and families collected 1,700 food items to support our local food bank and families. We will continue our work in this area in December through our partnership with Northwest Harvest. One action item students can do related to the global issue of food security is continuing to minimize food waste. We do this every day at HIMS through our recycling and composting program. Our sixth grade focus is on the global issue of water. In October we asked our sixth grade students to monitor their water use and have displayed student use averages by each homeroom, not by individual students. Our sixth grade team will be engaging our students in a service learning activity in February through our partnership with EarthCorp. More information will be coming home about this grade level activity in January.

Have an outstanding holiday season and thank you for your on-going support of HIMS.

Go Hawks!

Christopher Carter
Principal

Your donation to the
HIMS Holiday Help fund
will help serve 37 students
and their families this year.

[See page 3 for details.](#)

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Fall Fund Drive Recap!

A **huge thank you** to the 289 participating families in the Fall Fund Drive. In just 3 weeks, we raised over \$60,000 that will be spent **this** school year on **your** child's education! Thank you for supporting **students** – making it possible for **all** students to participate in events due to our scholarship program. Thank you for supporting **teachers and the classroom** – because of you, we can supply new books and curriculum materials, and provide professional development for teachers across the curriculum and programs. Thank you for supporting **our community** – your dollars make global learning and awareness a priority for **all** students. **Thank You!**

If you didn't get a chance to participate – **it's not too late!** We are short of our \$75,000 goal – you can **still donate!** Log on to our secure donation site at HAMILTONINTERNATIONAL.ORG or get a check to the main office.

Thanks again for **your** participation!

Traffic Safety at HIMS: Help Needed!

LIZ CHASE, HIMS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Since the Transportation Department took away all parking on the school side of N 41st and added two crosswalks at N 41st and Densmore, the start of school and end of school traffic situation has much improved. Thanks to all of you who are truly just dropping your students off or promptly picking them up, traffic is moving much more smoothly and safely than it did last year.

We still are struggling, however, with 2 traffic/safety issues. First, some folks are having conversations with their child, writing a note for their child's teacher, or otherwise staying longer than they should in the drop off/pick up zones. It only takes a small number of cars to jam up the works for everyone. If cars don't keep moving, other cars are left with the choice of going around the block for another go at a curbside space, waiting for a space and blocking traffic, or stopping in traffic to let their child off in the street. None of these options are viable; however, we notice that some are choosing the last, and least safe, option. Also, students approaching the school from the south are crossing 41st at random spots, where drivers are the least likely to expect them. Both of these situations are causes for concern for the safety of our students and their families.

We will be putting reminders in our daily bulletin about students taking more care when crossing the streets, but we also could very much use our parents' help. If five parents could commit to helping supervise traffic one day each week, from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m., it would make a tremendous difference. The task, if you choose to take it, would consist of:

- Keeping the cars moving in the load zone by signaling drivers to move on and not letting drivers leave their cars (even if they'll be gone for 'just a minute') and
- Reminding students to cross at the intersections after making eye contact with the driver.

Volunteers would be given a glaringly bright safety vest to wear, so there will be no mistaking their function. We hope that you will seriously consider giving 20 minutes of your time once a week to help us in this effort. Even one volunteer once a week makes one day that's safer for our kids. If you can help, please contact Liz Chase, our volunteer coordinator at school, EACHASE@SEATTLESCHOOLS.ORG, or at 252.5831, and our security officer Tom Bolton will get you trained and ready to go. Any help that you can give us will be very much appreciated, and our students will be safer, thanks to your efforts.



Donate to the HIMS Holiday Help fund! We are looking to serve 37 students and their families this year. Last year we raised over \$2,500. Help us raise even more this year! Please consider donating a gift card (preferred method – Target, Fred Meyer, QFC, etc.), cash, or check (payable to “YMCA” and we’ll buy the giftcards). Donations can be dropped off at YMCA room 104 or the YMCA mailbox in the main office. Thank you and happy holidays!

The fall HOST session ends on Thursday, December 8. The winter/spring HOST session will begin on Monday, January 23, 2012. Registration forms will be available on Monday, January 9. Please contact the YMCA office at 206.252.5831 if you have questions.

Music News at HIMS

JEANETTE FARRELL, FOMAHI

Congratulations! Hamilton International Music Teacher Wins Golden Apple Award

Mr. Barilleau, long-time musician and teacher, was selected this fall to receive a Golden Apple Award! Sponsored by KCTS 9 and Pemco Insurance, these awards seek to honor educators who have made an outstanding contribution while working with students from early childhood through high school. A panel of judges, including representatives from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington Education Association, Washington State Parent Teacher Association, Association of Washington School Principals and past Golden Apple Award honorees make the selection. Mr. Barilleau was one of only eight individual educators in Washington State to be honored.

Mr. Barilleau is well-known to the Hamilton International community for his seven years of work in International Arts. Each and every school day he gives hundreds of Hamilton students the opportunity to participate in world culture. He has directed more than 30 cultural performances and brought more than two dozen resident artists to Hamilton from all over the world.

Mr. Barilleau and the other Golden Apple Award recipients will be featured on a prime-time special on KCTS 9 in February 2012.

Introducing Vocal Jazz!

On Thursday, November 17th, the Hamilton Commons was filled with the sounds of jazz. This year, the Junior and Senior Jazz Bands were joined by a brand new Hamilton music group – Vocal Jazz. And they are coming out of the gate swinging! The 28 singers in the group, led by Mr. Barilleau, sang a wide-range program including the traditional jazz standards, *It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing* and *Everybody Eats When They Come to My House*, as well as, *Isa Tuayo Pano*, which is a traditional Shona children's song. *Barrelhouse Music* was especially meaningful for Mr. Barilleau, as his late mother, Vonne Griffin, was a well-known Seattle jazz singer and had recorded this piece during her career.

From the sound of it, this new group is off to a great start. In addition to collaborating with the members of Senior Jazz who accompanied them in the Jazz Night concert, they have had some opportunity this fall to work with professional Jazz musicians. In October, several singers were able to attend a symposium at Jazz Alley with the singer Veronica Nunn. Mr. Barilleau hopes the group may get to work with Ms. Nunn more in the future.

For more information about the music program, including concert schedule and volunteer opportunities, go to WWW.FOMAHI.ORG.

(FOMAHI is Friends of Music at Hamilton International, a non-profit group of parents and guardians that supports music at Hamilton.)

APP Advisory Committee Information for APP Families at HIMS

ELISE HILLYER, APP AC PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

The APP Advisory Committee works with district administration, school board, schools (principals, staff, teachers), PTSAs, and the APP community to advise and advocate for a strong and effective Accelerated Progress Program (APP).

The next APP Advisory Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 3, at Hamilton. We would love for you to join us – all are welcome!!

The schedule for the rest of the year is:

- Feb. 7** Thurgood Marshall
- March 6** Washington
- April 3** Lowell at Lincoln
- May 1** Ingraham
- June 5** Thurgood Marshall

If you have any issues you'd like the committee to address, please contact Hamilton's APP AC parent representative Elise Hillyer ELISEHILLYER@GMAIL.COM.

To receive important information and email updates from the APP AC, contact Communications Rep Robert Njegovan at ROBERTNAPPAC@GMAIL.COM

Hey, Hawks! Hawk Pride In Action!

PRINCIPAL CARTER

At Hamilton International Middle School, staff members embrace two monthly opportunities to recognize student achievements and behaviors that go above and beyond our already high expectations of students.

The first is the Hawk Pride Drawing. Teachers distribute blue "recognition cards" throughout the month when they see students following our school-wide behavioral guidelines: 1) showing respect, 2) making good decisions, or 3) solving a problem. When students are "caught" engaging in one of these behaviors, a teacher fills out a "recognition card", gives it to the student and the student deposits it into one of the boxes stationed in the cafeteria. On the last Friday lunch period of the every month, administrators pull names from the box and these students win fabulous prizes presented to them during the lunch period.

The second way that staff members honor our students is during our "Hawk Pride Ceremony" which also occurs at the end of each month. Staff members turn in names of students who have exceeded expectations in their classrooms in the categories of 1) honorable citizenship and/ or 2) academic distinction. The students' families are then invited to our ceremony but are not told which teacher has nominated the student or which award they will be receiving. This is revealed during the ceremony, when teachers stand up and give a short explanation of why they nominate each student. Students are then awarded a certificate and some HIMS memorabilia, in celebration of their admirable achievements. The ceremony ends with some refreshments and a photo opportunity with fellow recipients. To the right is a list of the October and November recipients of the Hawk Pride Award. We have many months remaining in which to increase this list!

We are so proud of our students' hard work and the positive energy they bring to our school. Congratulations to all of our wonderful HIMS students. Go Hawks!

Hawk Pride Award
October & November
Recipients

Amer Ahmed
Roxanne Alabastro
Andrew Angelos
Emiliano Barajas
Tupac Barajas
Christopher Cardenas
Ruthie Carroll
Ben Chamberlain
Alessandra Chiapponne
Ravenna Collver
Jordan Eng
Kelton Erickson
Phoebe Farrell-Sherman
John Farris
Oliver Fox
Alyssa Hanlon
Eli Hibbert
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Emma Johnson
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Makayla Osbeck
Miguel Perez Lucio
Stephanie Phillips
Emma Price
Page Robinson
Gabriel Sands
Peter Schinske
Jackson Simone
Madeleine Siniscalchi
Max Sleeth
Sam Smallidge
Briana Smith
Ian Stiehl
Nina Sullivan
Noah Sullivan

Basketball Camps Over Winter Break

Magnuson Community Center

December 19-23
Boys and Girls Ages 6-14
M-F 10:30am-1:30pm
\$155 (shirt included*)

Register: <https://class.seattle.gov/parks/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp>,
Course #78249

All Hoops

December 26th-30th there is NO SCHOOL which means it's time for ALL HOOPS!

Who: Boys and Girls,
Grades 2-8

What: Join Husky legend Donald Watts, Sonic's great Slick Watts and the world-class Watts Basketball trainers for a camp full of skills, drills, games and prizes!

Where: Sound Mind and Body

When: Monday-Friday,
December 26-30, 9am-4pm
Cost: 3 Days: \$165.00
4 Days: \$195.00
5 Days: \$225.00
(t-shirt included*)

Register: <https://tms.ezfacility.com/OnlineRegistrations/Register.aspx?CompanyID=756&GroupID=79878>

*Late registration does not guarantee t-shirt

More information:

WWW.WATTSBASKETBALL.COM

2011-12 Lady Hawks Basketball Season

JESSICA EAGLE, LADY HAWKS BASKETBALL COACH

It's basketball season and the 2011-12 Lady Hawks Basketball program is off to a roaring start! Over 70 players attending the placement practices before the Thanksgiving break providing a great deal of talent on both the Varsity and JV teams! Coach Eagle and Coach Uzzle are looking forward to elevating the skill level of all Lady Hawks participating in the program while maintaining a fun practice and game environment. The JV team will practice and scrimmage on Wednesdays. The Varsity team games are scheduled for Thursdays beginning December 8th. We hope to see you there!