

Hamilton County Junior High  
Announcements  
September 7, 2012

Don't forget the magazine sales. Who's going to be the top seller? Who's going to win an UnderArmor sweatshirt for 15 sales? Turn in date is next Wednesday, September 12.

Generally, International Literacy Day is celebrated each year on September 8th. However, since the 8th is on a Saturday this year, it has been moved back one day. ILD was first observed on September 8, 1967 and its aim is to focus attention on the need to promote worldwide literacy. The UN estimates that almost 800 million of the world's adults do not know how to read or write and that almost 130 million youth do not know how to read or write. In the U.S., more than eight million students in grade 4-12 read below grade level. Most are able to sound out words, yet the challenge isn't to teach them to decode text, but rather to help them comprehend what they read. Only 31% of American's 8th graders - and roughly the same percentage of 12th graders - meet the National Assessment of Educational Progress standard of reading "proficiency" for their grade level. Also, the 25 fastest-declining professions have lower than average literacy skills employers seek. Don't become a statistic. Take the opportunity today and every day to improve your reading skills. Come check out a book in the library today!

Both the softball team and the baseball team will be hosting Harrisburg today. Games start at 4:00. Come out and support the teams.

The Jr. Interact Club will once again be collecting "pop" tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The first collection date is Friday, September 28. The 3<sup>rd</sup> hour class that collects the most tabs will win a pizza party. We are approximately 400,000 tabs away from our goal of 1,000,000.

**Birthdays:** Brianna Vash

**Please Stand for the Pledge**