

OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL REFLECTION



SEPTEMBER 2023

Each month we send "Our Community Schools Reflection" to staff, families, and community partners to:

Celebrate Successes!

Share what we Learn!

Update on Projects!

Our Community School brings students, staff, families, and the community together to co-educate, meet immediate needs, and provide opportunities to help families thrive.

We share what we learn and continually seek feedback and involvement from stakeholders.



Viterbo Service Saturday

On Saturday, August 26, we had **15 Volunteers** from Viterbo University working on Teacher Work Orders for **3 hours**.

The group cleaned and labeled lockers, set-up bulletin boards, labeled books, and cut out projects.



Your Voice Matters

We want to hear from you! If you would like to learn more, ask questions, share your insights, or volunteer please contact Jon Zinniel, Hamilton Community Schools Coordinator, at 608.789.5092 or jjzinniel@lacrossesd.org.

Bridges Church

Volunteers from Bridges Church came to Hamilton this summer and cleaned student lockers. Allowing our custodial staff to focus on other areas of the school like getting classrooms ready for staff which gets staff into their classrooms sooner.



Hamilton & SOTA I Open House

On Monday, August 28, many of our students came to the Open House to drop off supplies, take school photos, register (if they hadn't already), and meet with community partners. We had **25** community partners engaging with families.

The League of Women Voters polled the students on what is the best dessert. Cake with Ice Cream narrowly won over Donuts, Cookies and Cupcakes.



Gundersen Mentors

On Monday, August 29, we had an Orientation for new mentors.

Gundersen Mentors have started meeting with students 1:1 in September.

Mentors meet with students when they arrive at school to start the day on a positive note.



4-Square

Hamilton PTO hosted a 4-Square event after School this Summer.

Watch for more events in the future.



Aquinas Volunteers

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. On Thursday, Sept 21, we had four **9th grade students** from Aquinas working on material for us for **2.5 hours**. These materials will be used in classrooms to help students learn about Bullying Prevention.

Viterbo's Welcome Back Bash

On Thursday, Aug 31, we recruited volunteers for Hamilton & SOTA I.

It was a hot day, and we met many students interested in volunteering.



OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

Dahl Subaru

Dahl Subaru donated funding for supplies and activities, as well as gift bags for each Hamilton classroom.



Other Donations

Many Community Partners have donated Food, Snacks, School and Other Supplies already this year. Many will continue to do so throughout the year.

- Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration
- Gundersen Health Systems
- Toyota of La Crosse
- Bridges Church
- Our Redeemer Church
- Washburn Neighborhood Association
- LiveWell Chiropractic



PBIS KICKOFF!

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports

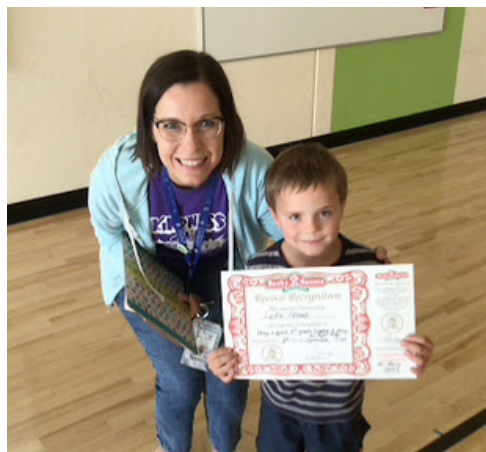
(PBIS) teaches kids about behavior expectations and strategies, with a focus on prevention. During our first week of school we did a

- Building-Wide Scavenger Hunt
- Reviewed Playground Expectations
- PBIS - School Assembly



We implemented a building-wide theme of **"Kindness is our Superpower!"**

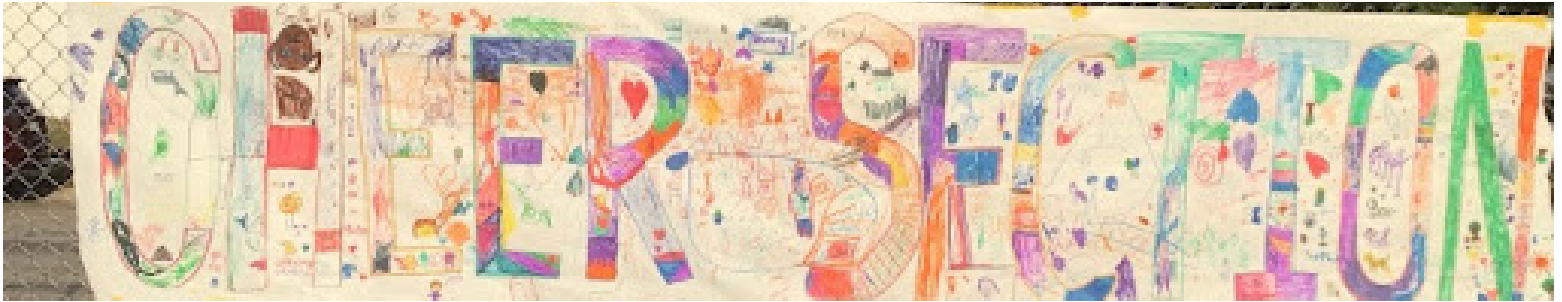
Each day, staff hand out Super Student Slips to students who demonstrate their superpower of being **Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.**



At the assembly students from each classroom were recognized for showcasing their superpowers of being: **Respectful, Responsible, & Safe.** Those students earned Rococo Recognition Awards for a free slice of pan pizza and a soft drink.

SEPTEMBER FAMILY NIGHT

We had our first Family Night of the school year - Welcome Back Jubilee on Thursday, September 21.



Gundersen staff challenged students to a game of kickball. The students won, 32 - 30!



You can see the [News Coverage](#) here:



Many enjoyed a hot meal, played with Legos, colored posters, and more!



SEPTEMBER FAMILY NIGHT CONT.

Viterbo's Women's Soccer Team Hosted Soccer Skill Stations. Many goals were made!



A huge **Thank You** to all of our **Staff, Parents, and Community Partners** who make our Family Nights possible!



Save the Date for our next Family Night

Thursday, October 26.



BASKETBALL NIGHTS

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OCTOBER 9

DATES: OCT 9, 23, NOV 6, 13, 27, DEC 4, 11, AND 18.

Hamilton & SOTA students are invited to join Coach Mo & the UW-La Crosse Women's Basketball Team in the Hamilton/SOTA gym

DATES: Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 13, 27, Dec. 4, 11, and 18.

K-2nd | 3:30 - 4:15pm
3rd - 5th | 4:15 - 5pm

Any non-BGC members interested in Basketball Nights, simply need to join BGC at NO-COST to the family. **Register here:**

