

OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL REFLECTION NOVEMBER

Veteran's Day

We had Veterans talk with students about what it means to be a Veteran. Thank you Thao Moua, Dre Ingram, Dan Howe, and Jacob Brown for serving and sharing your experience with us!



La Crosse Smiles Initiative

The La Crosse Smiles initiative is a collaboration between the School District of La Crosse, the Seal-A-Smile Program, and La Crosse area dentists.



The goal of La Crosse Smiles is to assure that students with decay or other dental care needs are identified, and those problems are fixed before they become emergencies.

Care is covered under the BadgerCare program or free of charge if your child has no insurance coverage.

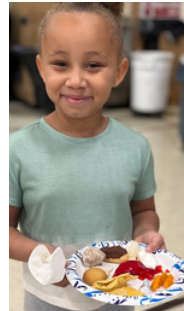
Please complete the consent form for your child to be seen the next time the La Crosse Smiles Initiative is at Hamilton/SOTA I: [Consent Form](#)



Dr. Gundersen and crew were at Hamilton & SOTA I the last week of November creating healthier smiles for 40 students.

ABC Feast

We have a Thanksgiving tradition called the ABC Feast. Both of our schools enjoyed the feast on November 21st. During the feast, students had the opportunity to try various foods representing each letter of the alphabet.



A HUGE Thank You to our Families, Staff, & Community Partners for Donating Setting-Up, Serving, and Cleaning-Up!

Chapin Concert

On November 16th, Hamilton 2/3 graders enjoyed music at the Nature Place of La Crosse!



Central Planetarium

Hamilton 4th/5th graders had a fabulous time at the Central High School planetarium. We explored space including other solar systems, moons, and planets! We also saw a film about Life. We were awesome inquirers during the experience by asking lots of questions and exploring the ideas of space at a deeper level. We had a blast!



Viterbo Play - Doktor Kaboom

Hamilton 4th/5th graders were WOWED at the amazing science experiments during the Doktor Kaboom play at Viterbo! We learned all about hovercrafts, electricity and more! We even had one of our very own students go on stage and experience the hovercraft. We had so much fun during this engaging field trip!



Bal-A-Vis-X (BAVX)

BAVX is a set of rhythmic exercises that incorporates balance, as well as auditory and visual input. The exercises progress from simple to complex and are beneficial to coordination and attention skills.



Barb Oettel secured a grant through Project Aware to train our Hamilton & SOTA staff on November 3rd.

Tutors & Mentors

In addition to our amazing Staff, we have Mentors, Reading and Math Tutors, and other volunteers to help our students throughout the day.



Star Students of the Month



PBIS Message

PBIS instills being safe, respectful, and responsible in the classroom, hallways, lunchroom, playground, and all other areas of the school. Our theme for this year is "Kindness is my Superpower!" Staff has been giving out Kindness Capes when students have shown kindness to classmates, staff or other students. Each classroom also received a copy of Kindness is my Superpower so that our schools could have a common text to support this theme.



SNOW RULES at School

- You must have boots on to walk on the snow; shoes stay on the shoveled area.
- K-2 Snow Pants must be worn to go down snowy slides and sit/lay/crawl in the snow.
- We share the snow; if you build something, it will probably be gone or changed the next time you come out.
- Snow is for playing and building NOT throwing.
- Brush extra snow off of your snow clothes and boots BEFORE going inside.



The DBS Group - Food Drive

Thank you so much to our generous community partners, staff, and families for donating **960 food** items for the DBS Group - Food Drive. This was **nearly double our goal** amount. We are now **eligible for a \$1,000 donation from the DBS Group**. All food items collected went into our Hamilton/SOTA I food pantry. A portion of the donations have already been distributed to our families who signed up for food bags. Some has been distributed to our neighbors through our Free Lil' Food Pantry.

We collect food donations all year round. If interested in donating food items, please drop them off in the Hamilton/SOTA I office during school hours.

Contact the Hamilton/SOTA I office if you are interested in receiving a free food bag.



Ozzy the Therapy Dog

Ozzy is a Newfoundland. He is two years old. Through his training, he has earned a Canine Good Citizen title. His humans, Heath and Sarah Graves, LOVE to bring him to school to read and visit with the students. He has a little brother, Frankie, who is also a therapy dog and comes to school some days. We so enjoy our Monday mornings with OZZY!



Winter Clothes Donations

We are looking for gently used Winter Clothing. Items can be dropped off in the school office.

- **Snow Pants** (Sizes 4T-18)
- **Winter Boots** (Sizes Kids 8 - Adult 9)
- **Sweatshirts** (5T - 14/16)
- **Pants** (4T-8/10)
- **Waterproof Gloves** (All Sizes)

If your child is in need of Winter Clothes, please complete the following link:

[Winter Clothes Need Form](#)

or contact Courtney Arneson, School Social Worker, at (608)789-5068 or carneson@lacrossesd.org

Update from our Community School Leadership Team

One of the themes families and students brought up in our Needs & Asset Assessment in 2022 was more Activities, Sports, Clubs, and in-person Family Nights. This year we have:

- Partnered with Gateway Area Council and the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) again to bring back **Cub Scouts - Pack 1111**.
- Partnered with UW-L Women's Basketball team and the BGC to host **Basketball Nights**.
- Partnered with local Community Partners to bring in **Junior Achievement**.
- Partnered with Gundersen Health and Viterbo Women's Soccer Team to host a **Kickball** game and **Soccer Stations** at our September Family Night.
- Our first three **Family Nights** have **averaged 196 students and family members** attending. (Not counting volunteers.) This is **49** more people on average than last year.

Watch for more opportunities in the coming months!

Family Night - Taste of 7th Street

Thank You, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration for funding our Family Nights!

We had 156 Hamilton & SOTA students and family members attend our November Family Night!



Many won prizes playing Bingo!



Many enjoyed hearing stories from Mike Scott!



All sampled a variety of tastes from our extensive menu!



A HUGE Thank You to the **20 Staff, 15 Community Partners, and the Student Leadership Team** for setting up, serving food, running activities, and cleaning up at our November Family Night!!!

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 jjinniel@lacrossesd.org