



# OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL REFLECTION

# JANUARY 2024

**Celebrate Successes!**

**Share What We Learn!**

**Updates on Projects!**

## UW-L Gymnastics

Our students were so excited when Coach Kasey and the UW-La Crosse Gymnastic Athletes joined their Physical Education (PE) classes in January!

The UW-La Crosse Athletes co-taught the Gymnastics/Parkour unit with our PE Teacher, Jordan Young.

The Athletes led warm-ups, ran stations, and did team demonstrations.



The students practiced **Body Management, Core Stability, Tumbling, and Creative Body Movement.**



By collaborating during the school day, more students were afforded opportunities to participate and learn from local experts.

## PBIS - End of Semester Celebration

January 19th marked the end of our first semester and the halfway point of the school year. We celebrated with a fun **Winter-Gear Relay** to see who could get ready for outside the fastest. Students raced on scooter boards to collect the Winter-Gear in the correct order for their Teacher to get bundled up for the cold. We also reviewed Outdoor Winter Expectations .



Enjoy our [Outdoor Winter Expectations video](#) starring our Hamilton 4th & 5th graders!



## PBIS - End of Semester Celebration

### Winter Expectations Reboot

The **Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Team** reviewed what Safe, Respectful and Responsible behavior looks like outside during Winter

**Safe** looks like staying off the ice, snow stays on the ground (No Throwing) and wearing the correct outside clothing in the Winter.

**Respectful** looks like helping or staying away from another friends fort or snowman while they are creating it in the Winter.

**Responsible** looks like wearing the correct winter gear, leaving the snow on the ground and staying on the blacktop if you do not have boots in the Winter.

# Super Students for December

Look who was recognized for being **Super Kind** (Respectful, Responsible, and Safe) in December!  
Nice job Super Students!



# Super Students for January

Way to go January Super Students! Kindness is your Superpower!



# January Family Night - Laughing with the Animals

David Stokes, "The Frog Guy", and his animals entertained us on January 18th. We heard stories, sang songs, laughed and interacted with live animals. (Frogs, Turtles, Snakes, Fish, and Mice.)



We also ate pizza and some lucky students won certificates for a free Toppers Pizza for another night.



Before Family Night, David Stokes, gave Hamilton students an unique experience of learning and interacting with the animals.



A HUGE Thank You to all of our Hamilton/SOTA staff for hosting such a fun Family Night and to Title I for sponsoring both events!

## Gundersen Giving Tree

Every year Gundersen Health Systems does a "Giving Tree" for Hamilton & SOTA I staff. Here are some of the gifts that the staff at Gundersen gave to improve our students' experiences.

A HUGE Thank You to the staff at Gundersen Health Systems for the gifts and all that they do all year round!



## Central Robed and Show Choir Trip

4th and 5th graders from Hamilton and SOTA I joined the other southside Elementary Schools at Central High School, on January 5th. We cheered, clapped, laughed, and had a chance to meet with the High School performers. There was a song about King Kong, kazoos, and lots of fancy dance moves. Who here will be our future singers and dancers?



# thank you

Thank you to these generous donors in the month of January:

- Wiscorps Inc - Field Trip Bussing
- Bridges Church - School Supplies
- FSPA - Lunch for Staff



Exciting news! We've received \$1000 from Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration to get awesome Wonderbooks and headphones for our school. Wonderbooks are special because they are print books with built-in audiobooks that let students read along for extra fun and literacy skills.



## Viterbo - Service Saturday

On January 15th, 15 volunteers from Viterbo and their associates worked on projects for three hours for our staff at Hamilton & SOTA I. Because of these amazing volunteers, projects are ready to be used by Teachers to promote Learning and Community.

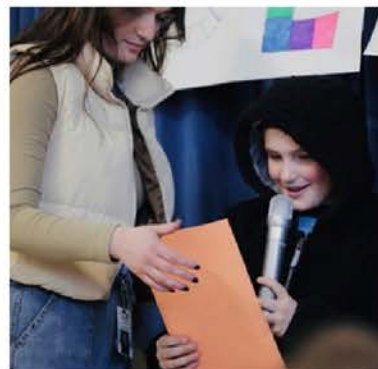
A Huge Thank You to Viterbo for organizing these events and to the amazing volunteers and their hard work!



# POETRY SLAM!



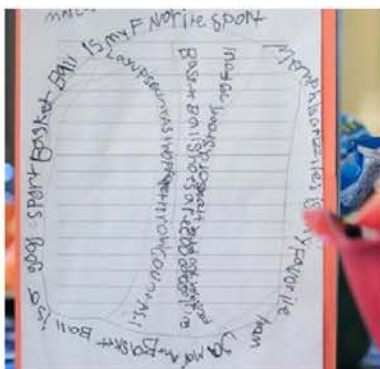
"Felt Good to Share!  
To overcome your  
Fears, and Do It!"



"Butterflies were in my  
Stomach, but it was Worth It!"



"It was hard at first,  
but half way through  
it gets easier!"



"Felt like Cartwheels in my  
Stomach!" You start and see  
friends and family in the  
crowd and it becomes  
easier."



"My Heart dropped.  
All you can do is try  
your best!"



## AUTHOR STUDY WITH KWAME ALEXANDER



To celebrate our poetry unit, our Hamilton 4th and 5th graders created and recited poetry as a final project for our Kwame Alexander author study.

## Community School Leadership Team Update

We have new Spanish speaking students at Hamilton and are **looking for Spanish speaking volunteers** to help mentor and tutor our new friends. If you or someone you know speaks Spanish and would like to make a difference in the lives of our students, please contact our Community Schools Coordinator, Jon Zinniel, at [jjzinniel@lacrossesd.org](mailto:jjzinniel@lacrossesd.org) or 608-789-5092.



The La Crosse County Seal-A-Smile program was back at Hamilton/SOTA I in January, providing students screenings, sealants, fluoride treatments, and oral health education.

There are no income eligibility requirements or fees. If your child isn't signed up, here is the link to sign up for the Seal-A-Smile program this Spring: <https://sealasmile.wisconsin.gov>

## SAVE THE DATES

### Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 29th from 3:30 - 7:30 pm  
Monday, March 4th from 12-7:30 pm

After meeting with your Teacher, join us in the cafeteria for some light refreshments, sign-up for Summer School, meet other families, give your feedback and more.



### Hamilton & SOTA I Family MOVIE NIGHT



Thursday, February 15th  
5:00-7:00pm  
Rivoli Theater  
117 4th St N



### JOIN US AT HAMILTON & SOTA I FOR DONUTS WITH GROWNUPS



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST  
8:00-9:00AM

JOIN US for in-person conversations PLUS  
donuts & coffee!

Feel free to come in right after you drop off  
your kids! This event will be in the Community  
Room! You may enter through the BGC  
Community Doors on Johnson Street.

### 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](mailto:jjzinniel@lacrossesd.org)