



OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL REFLECTION MARCH 2024

Hamilton Student Leadership Team (SLT) Creates School Song for Hamilton

Hamilton SLT developed and sang our new School Song with the other grades on March 15th.



Sung to the melody of "On, Wisconsin"

Hooray for Hamilton, Hooray for Hamilton, We're the Hawks, let's cheer!
Hand in hand, together we stand, friendssss far and near
Hooray for Hamilton, Hooray for Hamilton, we learn and play each day
In every task, we give our best, and strive for comm...un...ity.

Instrumental-Dance Break

Hooray for Hamilton, Hooray for Hamilton, we fly and explore
Kindness shown and friendship grown, we'll reach for something moreeee.

Hooray for Hamilton, Hooray for Hamilton, stand up Hawks let's sing!
Safe, Respectful, Responsible, We...Can...Achieve!



★ La Crosse Public Education Foundation (LPEF) ★

Check out these LPEF Gold Star Grants that will benefit our students

\$2700 – Funds the purchase of personal books for K-2 students at Northside and Hamilton Elementary participating in the collaborative UW-La Crosse and Boys and Girls Club Reading Buddies collaborative after-school program.

\$1200 – Provides funding for all Hamilton Elementary students to visit Hixon Forest 2 times during the school year. These field trips will help expand the students' view of the community, increase vocabulary in relation to the surrounding nature, and show students how nature can help them feel better physically and mentally. Recipient: Jenn Spekeen. This grant is underwritten in part by the Duane and Carol Taebel Fund of La Crosse Community Foundation.

\$4510 – Contributes to enhancing or expanding pollinator patches at North Woods, Hamilton, and Hintgen elementary school garden sites. The project will engage students with hands-on seed-to-table nutrition and environmental stewardship education. Recipients: Bonnie Martin and Kari Bersagel Braley of GROW La Crosse.



PBIS March Madness Brackets

During the month of March, Hamilton & SOTA I students discussed and chose their favorite words related to Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS). There were some close calls but **"Love"** and **"Perseverance"** made it to the **Championship Round**.



Students and Families voted for their favorite word at Family Night on March 21st. **"Love"** was crowned victorious!

On the day students were debating **"Capable"** versus **"Love"**, a student replied, **"I am going to choose capable because if you are capable of doing everything, you CAN love! That way you actually get both words!"**

Thank You **League of Women Voters** for facilitating the Voting Process at Family Night!

March Super Students

Way to go! Keep being **Safe, Respectful, and Responsible!**



FAMILY NIGHT - MARCH MADNESS

A huge Thank You to the **UW-La Crosse Women's Basketball Team**, **League of Women Voters**, **Paperback Rider**, and our **AMAZING Staff** for hosting such a fun Family Night!



Families enjoyed concession like diner with **Walking Tacos**, **Hot Dogs**, **Popcorn**, **Pickles**, and more!



In the Library, families were **intensely playing games** and responding to **Conversation Cube** questions!



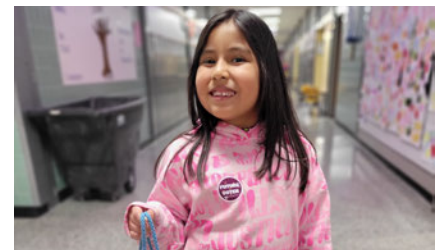
Many laughs were heard in the Gym as families raced around our **Mario Kart** course and **Scored Baskets** with the UW-La Crosse Athletes!



Great conversations were had while playing **Pop Darts** and **Bags** in the Community Center!



Big smiles from our **Raffle Winners**!



5TH GRADERS VERSUS STAFF - BASKETBALL GAME



5th Graders (Hamilton & SOTA I) took on Staff in a game of basketball at the end of the school day to kick off our March Madness Family Night.



To start the game, Ms. Olson's K/1 students along with our Student Leadership Team sang the **National Anthem**.



Despite the height difference the students gave it their all! Staff won **38-13** and the students showed good sportsmanship in defeat.

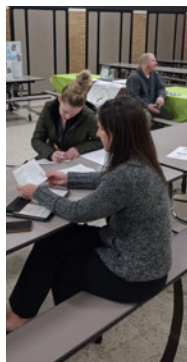


Twenty-One - 5th Graders played four 5 minute quarters, with students switching out each quarter.



UPDATE FROM OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Disagree Very Strongly	Disagree	Disagree just a Little	Agree just a Little	Agree	Agree Very Strongly
1	2	3	4	5	6



During our Teacher Conferences, families had the opportunity to give feedback to our school. There were four questions with the opportunity to write down how we can improve.

60 Hamilton and SOTA I families responded, and scores indicate we are heading in the right direction.

Here are the scores:

- I feel welcomed at Hamilton/SOTA I. **(5.6)**
- The communications from school are easy to read and understand. **(5.4)**
- I want to be more involved in school activities during and after school. **(4.7 - Hamilton Only)**
- I feel comfortable talking with my child about their day at school. **(5.8)**

If you would like to give your feedback to our school, [please use this link to complete the form.](#)

SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS

Eli, a 4th grader at Hamilton, has been bowling since he was three years old. Eli is now in the Youth Bowling League at Pal-Mor Lanes. **His Highest Score in the Bowling League this year is 152** and Highest Series so far is 404!

Over the last few years, Eli has participated in many different competitions, earning college scholarship funds as he has grown his skills. Eli has participated in the State Youth Bowling Championship for the last four years.

This March, on day one of **State Bowling**, Eli scored an average of 109 pins per 6 games. On the second day, Eli scored an average of 116 pins per game.

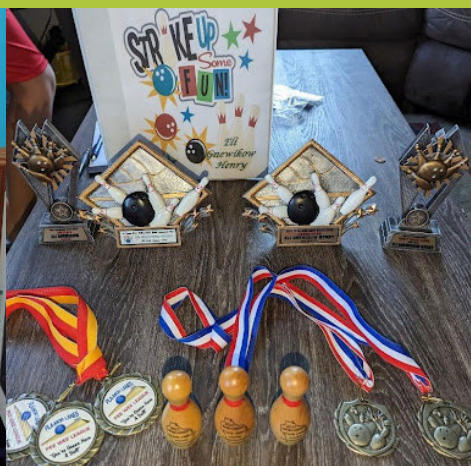
Keep knocking those pins down, Eli!

Boys & Girls Club (BGC) members from Hamilton & SOTA I performed at the **Cappella Performing Arts Center** on March 25th as part of the **Mathy BGC Voice Lessons Group**. Each week, performers practiced their vocal skills and prepared the performance. The following students received a rose and a certificate for their participation in the voice program.

- **Alex**, Hamilton 4th grader
- **AD**, Hamilton 5th grader
- **E'mani**, Hamilton 3rd grader
- **Faith**, Hamilton 3rd grader
- **Kyailah**, SOTA I 5th grader
- **Lyric**, Hamilton 3rd grader

Way to go singers! You all were great!

E'mani received special recognition for never missing any of her lessons this semester!



OTHER EVENTS & PROJECTS

Thank you!

- Trane Technologies - \$1361.25 for student support needs
- Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration - \$1000 for staff support needs

HAMILTON AND SOTA I BIKE RODEO THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH 5:30-7:00



BRING YOUR OWN BIKE AND FITTED HELMET
MUST HAVE YOUR GROWNUP PRESENT TO ATTEND

- FREE BIKE REGISTRATION, TUNE-UPS, AND SAFETY
- BOOK SHOP
- ADVANCED SKILLS TRAINING
- BIKE DECORATION STATION
- ADAPTED BIKING
- BIKE PARADE
- DINNER



ENTER THROUGH THE 8TH ST PLAYGROUND GATE

★ HAMILTON/SOTA I BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ★

BASKETBALL

NIGHTS



MONDAY NIGHTS
March 25
April 8, 15, 22, 29

HAMILTON & SOTA I GYM

**K-2ND 3:30 - 4:15PM
3RD - 5TH 4:15 - 5PM**

ALL HAMILTON & SOTA STUDENTS
ARE INVITED TO JOIN

Thank You!
COACH MO & THE
UW-LA CROSSE WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM

GROW Greenhouse - Living Wall

On March 12th Hamilton K/1 students went on a field trip to the GROW Greenhouse and learned about this living wall.



Reading & Knitting Update

Our friends are putting the finishing touches on their first creations as they read with Ms. Terri.



Sunset Art

Look at these beautiful creations from our Hamilton K/1 Students



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