



FSPA FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GRANT REPORT

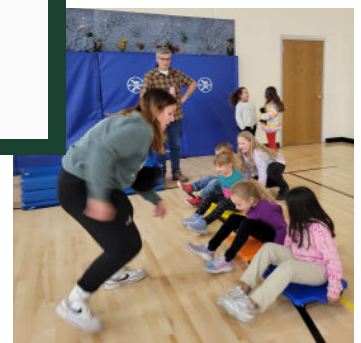
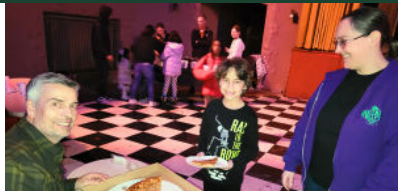
2023/2024 REPORT

Thank you, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA), for your generosity and service to Hamilton School, our students, staff, families, and our community.



Our 2022 Needs and Assets Assessment (NAA) guided our family engagement efforts this year. Two main themes emerged:

1. Expand activities, clubs, sports, and family nights for students and families.
2. Increase social and emotional skill development.



This past school year, our monthly **Family Night** attendance **averaged 203 family members**, reflecting a monthly **increase of 56** attendees compared to last year. Additionally, **89%** of Hamilton students participated in at least one after-school activity or program. Here are some of the activities supported by the FSPA Grant:

The **UW-La Crosse Women's Basketball Team** engaged over 50 kids in community building, sportsmanship, and social/emotional skills during "**Basketball Nights**" at the Hamilton Boys & Girls Club (BGC) over 14 Mondays.

Gundersen Health and Viterbo Women's Soccer Team hosted a **kickball** game and **soccer stations** for over 135 family members at our September Family Night.

We partnered with Gateway Area Council and BGC to offer **Cub Scouts - Pack 1111**, enriching the lives of 35 K-2nd graders.

Gundersen Mentors, employees from Gundersen Health System, volunteered over 400 hours this year, helping students start their day positively, work on social skills, and make friends.

297 students and family members enjoyed our **Trunk or Treat** - Family Night, featuring decorated trunks from over a dozen community partners.

Family engagement events like "**Donuts with Grownups**" and "**Teacher Conference - Resource Events.**"

We implemented the **Bal-A-Vis-X** program this spring, teaching self-regulation skills through co-regulation. Over 200 Hamilton & SOTA I students participated in a school-wide Bal-A-Vis-X activity.



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Other Family Nights included:



TASTE OF 7TH STREET

Featured foods representing our families' cultures and supporting local businesses.



LAUGHING WITH THE ANIMALS

Families learned about and interacted with different animals.



NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

We watched "Inside Out" at the Rivoli and expanded our emotional understanding and language.



MARCH MADNESS

We played games and voted for our favorite word of affirmation with the League of Women Voters.



BIKE RODEO

Featured a bike safety course and advanced bike skills, bike registration by the La Crosse Police, tune-ups by Smith's Bikes, free helmets and fittings from the La Crosse County Health Department, and bike donations from River Trails Cycles.



DANCE NIGHT

Our end-of-year celebration after fifth-grade graduation, attended by nearly 300 family members who enjoyed a meal, dancing, and community.

The FSPA Family Engagement grant provided meals, supplies, registration fees, celebrations of students, families, and community partners, and much more. It also funded resources for meeting and communication costs for families, staff, and community partners.

Student and family education was integrated into our events and communications. For example, we included instructions on how to properly wear a helmet in our Bike Rodeo flyer and signs. The League of Women Voters helped adults and students better understand where and how to vote.

This grant has strengthened our relationships with many community partners, allowing us to expand opportunities into the summer. For instance, the Gateway Area Council is providing an **"Outdoor Skills and Character Day Camp"** for Hamilton BGC members on June 17th at Camp Decorah. Additionally, the Viterbo Women's Soccer Team is hosting **Soccer Camps** at our Hamilton BGC in August.



THANK YOU, FSPA, FOR MAKING ALL THIS POSSIBLE!