



OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL REFLECTION

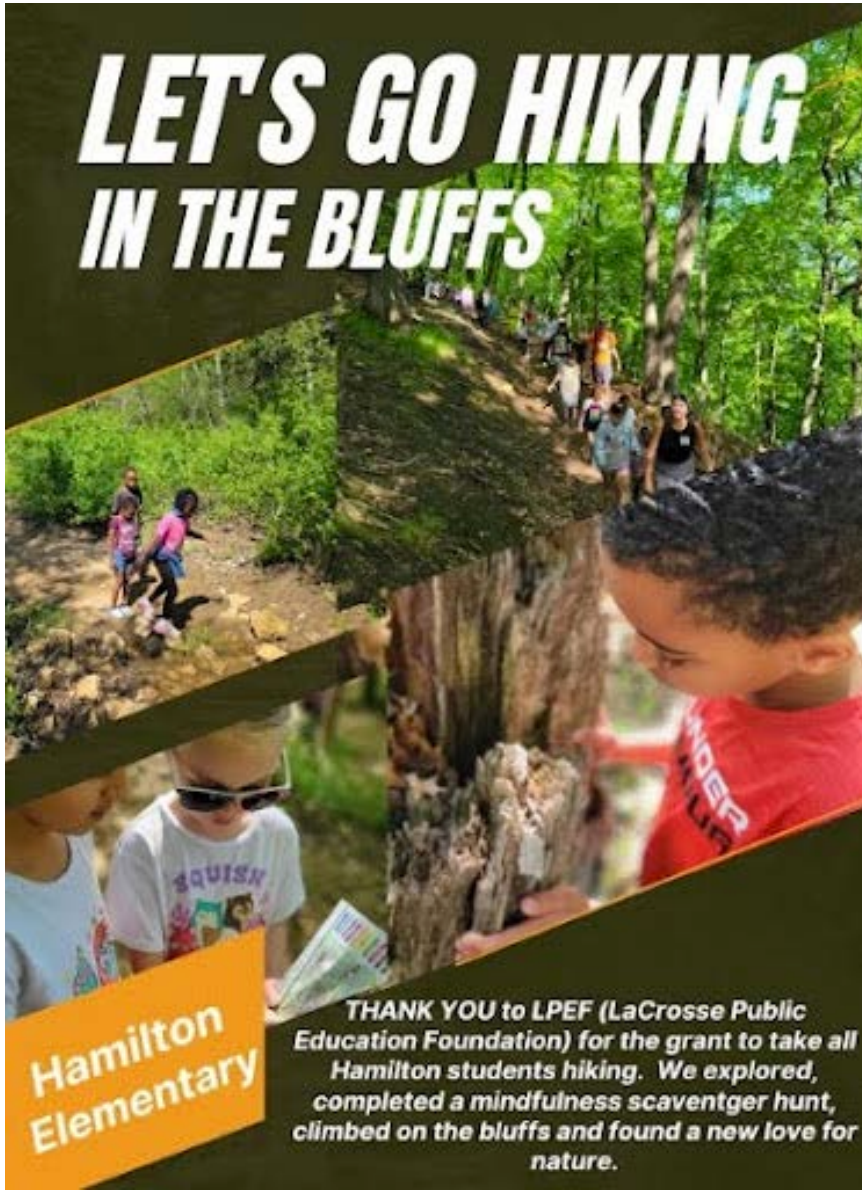
MAY 2024

Celebrate Successes!

Share What We Learn!

Updates on Projects!

LET'S GO HIKING IN THE BLUFFS



THANK YOU to LPEF (LaCrosse Public Education Foundation) for the grant to take all Hamilton students hiking. We explored, completed a mindfulness scavenger hunt, climbed on the bluffs and found a new love for nature.



BUBBLE RUN

The return of the Bubble Run was a joyful celebration of our PBIS expectations, being **Safe, Respectful and Responsible**. Both schools came together to honor these core values.

With laughter and cheers, students gathered around their friends, cheering each other on throughout the course. It was a memorable event that captured the **spirit of unity**. Everyone was left with smiles and amazing memories of a day filled with fun, bubbles and friendship.



Field Day

Field day is the best day of the school year! Everyone gets to have so much fun outside. The most popular games are **water balloon tossing**, where you try to catch and throw water balloons without popping them, **sack races** using real potato sacks, and **drip drip drop**, a game where you pass a sponge full of water over your head as fast as you can while trying to keep the water in the sponge. It's a day full of laughter and friendly competition!



Way to go Super Students!



PBIS Celebration

On Monday, June 3rd, both schools went to the **Rivoli Theater** for our end of the year **PBIS Celebration**. It was super fun! We watched **Moana** and had popcorn! The best part was when everyone started singing along to the song, **'How Far I'll Go'**. It felt amazing to hear all the voices together, filling the theater with music and excitement. It was a special moment that showed how much we all enjoy being a positive and supportive school community.



[Click here to listen to the students singing along!](#)

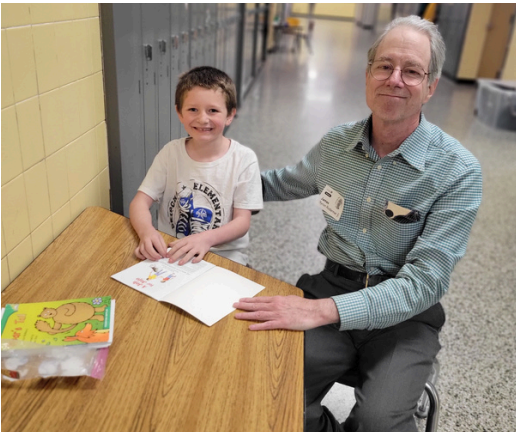
GUNDERSEN MENTOR THANK YOU BREAKFAST



Gundersen Health System Employees volunteered over 400 Hours this year, helping students start the school day in a positive way, working on social skills and making friends. On May 21st, we had a "Thank You Breakfast" with the Gundersen Mentors and Mentees. We ate and played Bingo. Many cheers, prizes, and smiles! Thank you Gundersen Mentors!



TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING READING TUTORS - THANK YOU!



Our reading tutors played a crucial role in enhancing students' reading abilities and fostering lasting relationships. Through one-on-one attention and tailored strategies, these tutors empower students to overcome challenges and develop a deeper love for reading. By building strong relationships based on trust and support, tutors create an environment where students feel comfortable taking risks and exploring new reading opportunities. Beyond academic progress, these connections often evolve into meaningful friendships, enriching both the tutor's and the student's lives with shared experiences.





Spanish Tutors

This year, we had some amazing Spanish tutors volunteer to help our Spanish-speaking students. Because of their help, our Spanish-speaking students felt more confident and could keep up with their classmates. These tutors also worked with the students to pre-teach activities, such as the Bubble Run and Field Day. This way, the students could understand the games better when they were taught. The tutors explained things in Spanish first, which made a big difference. It was really great to see how much this extra support helped everyone learn and do well in school.



Ozzy



Our school has a therapy dog that visits named Ozzy, and he's amazing! Every morning he is at school, Ozzy greets all the students with a wagging tail and a happy face. He visits different classrooms during the morning, making everyone smile. Ozzy also helps students one-on-one by listening to them read or just being there when someone needs a break. Spending time with Ozzy makes us feel calm and happy, and he's really good at making school a better place for everyone.



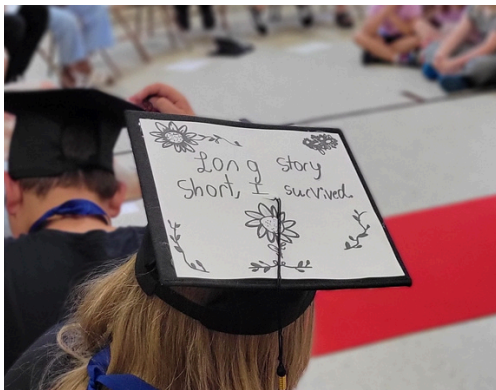
FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION

As our fifth-grade students start on their journey to middle school, we reflect on their incredible growth and cherish the hopes and dreams they carry with them.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff for their unwavering support and guidance throughout this transformative journey.



Each student received a symbolic key to the school, symbolizing that they are always welcome at Hamilton.



We had many community partners join in celebrating our Fifth Graders. Ujima Mentors helped hand out ice cream and our tutors and BGC staff cheered for students as they received their certificates.



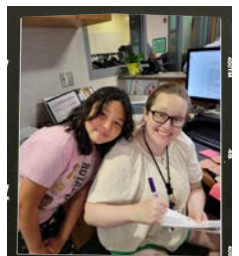
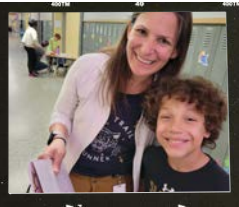
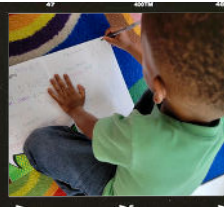
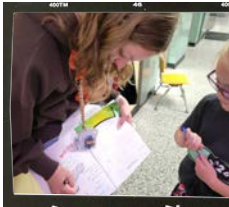
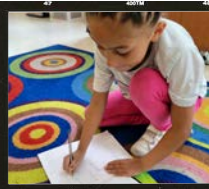
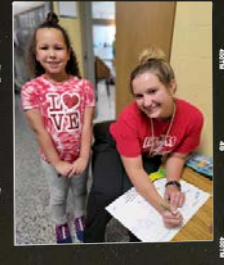
Here's to our bright and promising graduates as they step confidently into the adventures that lie ahead.

YEARBOOKS

This is the first year that Hamilton students have had yearbooks, and it's super exciting! Thanks to a special grant, every student got a yearbook for free. It was so much fun seeing everyone, from older to younger students, signing each other's books and writing messages. We all get to keep these yearbooks as a memory of our school year. It's great to look through the pages and see all the photos and remember the fun times we had. This made our school year extra special!

Have a
great
Summer!

See you
next year!



FAMILY NIGHT SCHOOL DANCE

The **energy was electric** as everyone hit the dance floor, from little ones showing off their best moves to grandparents grooving to the beat. The kids especially enjoyed the glow items, lighting up the night with their colorful accessories. Laughter and joy filled the room, creating memories we'll cherish forever. Thanks to **DJ Brettly** for keeping the party alive with his fantastic music and vibrant spirit!



Student Spotlights

Orchestra Scholarship

Congratulations to **Hennessy**, a Hamilton 3rd grader for earning a **Strings Scholarship** through the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra. Hennessy worked hard this school year at the Boys & Girls Club with her instructor Kristina. Way to go Hennessy!



Recognition & Awards

So many Hamilton & SOTA I students were honored at the **Boys & Girls Club - End of Year Celebration** on May 30th!

A'yanna, Abby, Ameera, Ashelyn, Asia, Ava, Bryson, Calaya, Claudia, Cloie, Cooper, Daemir, Finnley, Hope, Inaaya, Isabela, Josh, Kalani, Kamiyah, Kara, Kyla, Lamont, Landon, Layden, Liam, Maggie, Mya, Oswin, Pyper, Samira, Sariah, Sophia, and Tyr.

Two Hamilton students earned special awards!

- **Bryson**, a first grader, earned the **STEM MVP Award!**
- **Daemir**, a fifth grader, earned the **Junior Member of the Year Award!**

Congratulations to all these wonderful students!



Amazing Race - Staff Raced around La Crosse

On the last day of school, the staff had an awesome time playing a game called Amazing Race. They had to complete fun challenges all around town. One challenge was **searching little libraries** for hidden clues. Another was **taste testing ice cream at Ranison's** to find out their next task. They even had to **arrange rocks**, which they found hidden at Hogan Administration building, with the names of schools in our district from oldest to newest. It was really exciting to watch our staff having so much fun and working together. **It made the last day of school really special for everyone!**



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DONORS

- Sister Kristin Peters: Plants for Staff
- Pfeiffer Family: Lunch for School Staff
- J.F. Brennan Company: \$500 for a Field Trip
- Gundersen Partners & Mayo Clinic Auxiliary: \$102 and Food Pantry Groceries
- Mothers fo Preschools (MOPS): Board Games and Tissues



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP TEAM (CSLT) - UPDATE

We're really looking forward to hearing from you!

Starting with our **Open House on August 27th**, we want to connect with families to learn about **What's going well?**

What you hope for the school and your family?
What would make things better? and
What should we focus on next?

Families are super important to us. Tell us how we can work together better to help your child and family thrive.

This Fall we will also ask **students, staff, community partners, and neighbors** similar questions to collect ideas on how to create a nurturing environment in and outside of school for our children.



MYSTERY SCIENCE

Jenn Speckeen (Title Teacher), Jourdan Stacey (Instructional Coach) and Dr. McParker (UWL Professor) have been awarded a **Grant for Technology Integration** through the **UWL School of Education**. They are excited to support the project, **Beyond the Mystery: A Virtual Science Quest**. Engaging in this work will impact future teachers and their ability to integrate technology in meaningful ways.

The grant will allow teachers to use Mystery Science along with **Virtual Reality Headsets**. It will begin being implemented this summer with small groups.



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