

April 2019

Hamilton Innovator



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Here's What's Happening Around Hamilton!

Kindergarten- We are very eager to start our next engineering unit on *The Three Little Pigs*! Students will be creating homes for the pigs that will be able to withstand the force of the wolf trying to blow their houses down. Continue practicing numbers, letters, sounds and sight words. Please be sure to read every day so that we have fluent readers in Kindergarten!

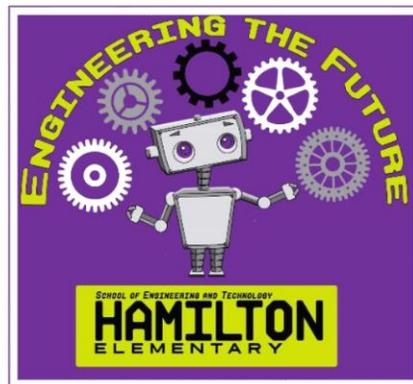
First Grade- Welcome back from Spring Break! We are 'springing' into our plants integrated unit. We planted garden seeds and learners will soon use the Engineering Design Process to plan, create, improve, and label the parts of a 3D plant. We look forward to our upcoming field trip to the Sanford Zoo. We will learn about animal heredity, habitats, and adaptations. Permission slips and money are due on Friday, April 5. We are learning about time and money in math. Please remember to read aloud nightly with your child to build reading fluency, retell stories with details, and write in complete sentences. Your support is greatly appreciated. See you at APTT on April 25.

Second Grade- Happy April! We hope you all enjoyed your spring break! We are beginning new units in math and science. So far this semester, our students have learned about to add and subtract within 1,000. Now we are moving into money and time! In science, students will be learning about the human body. When you and your student are walking, playing outside, or doing any other physical activity, we encourage you to talk to your student about how his/her heart rate changes with each activity. We appreciate your support in helping your students finish the year strong!

Third Grade- We are working hard to get ready for the FSA reading and math tests. Please make sure homework is completed each night and returned. Students will need much sleep and encouragement during this next month. Reading needs to be practiced every night to help build stamina. They can write a summary or you can ask them about main characters, setting, or the problem in the story. In math, students need to keep working on their multiplication facts. In science, we are learning about plants and will be doing an EIE project on plant containers. Thank you for helping our third graders be successful.

Fourth Grade- Fourth grade students will be starting the next EIE unit in April. They will learn parts of a flower and how pollination happens. Then students will make a handheld pollinator. In math, students will learn area and perimeter. They will create their own dream house and find the area and perimeter of each room. Students will continue to work on reading comprehension skills in ELA. Having students read at least 20 minutes each evening and discuss what they have read with an adult will help to build reading comprehension.

Fifth Grade- Fifth Grade is beginning to review for FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) and SSA (Statewide Science Assessment). Please remind your child to focus and do their best so that they can be as prepared as possible. They should be reading every night and keeping up with their homework. Please note, fifth grade will be organizing a fundraiser for our end-of-the-year luncheon. Look for us at APTT #3 for details.



Upcoming Events

April 2

FSA Writing Test, Grades 4-5

April 3- April 4

FSA Reading Test, Grade 3

April 4

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020
7 AM - 7 PM

April 9

PTA Spirit Night, 6 PM
Sanford Texas Roadhouse

April 18

PTA Meeting 5:15PM/ APTT #3 Grades 3-5
Multicultural Performance, Grades 3-5

April 22

Numeracy Week!

April 25- April 26

SAC Meeting, 5 PM/ APTT #3 Grades PreK-2

April 28 - May 5

Spring Art Show, Seminole Towne Center

May 1

FSA Testing Begins- Grades 4-5



Rotary
Club of Sanford Florida



A HUGE thank you to the Rotary Club of Sanford for adopting our food pantry with a monthly grant of \$200 with an additional \$2,000 for the 2019-2020 school year! They have also helped supply our many engineering units throughout the year with their donations of recycled materials!

News and Notes

FSA is right around the corner... are you helping your child prepare?

- ✓ Be certain your child is reading both fiction and nonfiction texts. Have them retell you what he/she has read.
- ✓ Help your child read for extended periods of time to build stamina.
- ✓ Discuss the meanings of unfamiliar words by looking for context clues in the sentences around the word to figure out its meaning.
- ✓ Utilize *iReady Reading and Math* computer programs from home: <https://login.i-ready.com/>
Your child should know his/her access information by signing onto their ePassport account.
- ✓ It is vital that your student attends school regularly and arrives ON TIME.
- ✓ Check the daily planner, homework assignments. Review and monitor your child's progress.
- ✓ Make sure your student gets to bed at an early hour before testing days, and have them eat a healthy breakfast to nourish the brain on the day of testing. School breakfast is offered FREE of charge daily from 8:05-8:30 AM.

Numeracy Week, April 22-26

We are participating in National Numeracy Week April 22-26! It's all about the awareness and importance of Math Literacy! "Get your Math On" by following:

- Mis-Match Measurement Monday (wear mix-matched shoes and socks)
- 2D/3D Tuesday (wear your favorite shaped hat and wear patterns or shapes)
- Wild West Word-Problem Wednesday (round-up your western wear)
- Throwback Thursday ("time" to dress from your favorite decade)
- FANTastic Fraction Friday (be a sports fan, wear your favorite jersey)

Title I Information

APTT#3 will provide summer activities for the next grade level. We would love to see you there. With meaningful consultation from families, our Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) is developed annually to strengthen academic achievement and establish expectations for family engagement. Please reach out to Kay Boehart at 407-320-6067 if you would like to offer your input! Our existing plan can be viewed at: www.hamilton@scps.k12.fl.us or in the Title I binder located in the front office.

Parent and Family Engagement invites you to the district-wide April Workshop: Creating Pathways to Success! Join us on April 18 at 5:30PM at the Early Learning Center to learn about educational and career resources available to SCPS students before they reach high school. Visit www.scpsitle1family.com for more information.

NOTICE: Hamilton's 21st Century Community Learning Center grant will be ending at the conclusion of the summer, 2019. Please make alternate after school arrangements for the 2019-2020 school year. While we are hopeful for a grant renewal, there is no guarantee the program will return to Hamilton.

Students in the Spotlight

We are proud to announce our candidates for the following awards and achievements:

Disney Dreamer and Doer: **Ashley Victoriano** for inspiring others and making our community a more magical place.

SASA Student Leader of the Year Award: **Rosalee Castro** for her leadership qualities in and out of school. She is a member of our Young Men and Women of Excellence, WHAM news crew, SECME Team, Math Competition Team, Choir and Orff.

SASA Phoenix Award: **Bruce Hipsher** for his ability to overcome hardships and become one of our most successful students.

Seminole County's Elementary Music Festival Representatives: Orff-**Jayda Temilola** and **Rosalee Castro**; Recorder-**Shanzech Arslanturk**, Choir- **Friday Lamphier, Elizabeth Castro, Jaidyn Maddox, and Maryauna Montero.**

Student of the Month: 5th grader **James Daniels**. He received a plaque, hat, and a check for \$50 from the Sertoma Club of Sanford. Way to go James! Keep making us proud.

Parent Corner

The Hamilton Parent Teacher Association exists to support students, families and teachers at Hamilton. To do this, we need you! Hamilton Elementary PTA Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2019-2020 school year PTA Board. Hamilton PTA elections will be held at the PTA meeting on **April 18, 2019, 5:15-5:45 pm**, in the school cafeteria. We welcome all nominations. We want to create a diverse and balanced roster of applicants that accurately represents our school's demographics. Our goal is to see that every parent has a voice on our PTA and is given the chance to become actively involved in enriching the educational opportunities at our school.



Recent Highlights

Second Graders Design Wind Mills

Utilizing the Engineering Design Process, second graders worked as mechanical engineers and used their understanding of air as wind to design and create wind-powered machines.

Want to see more highlights?

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