

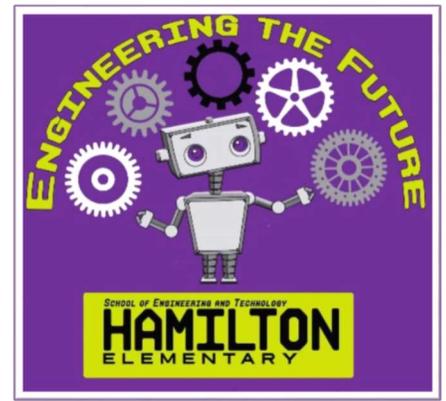
March 2019

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Here's What's Happening Around Hamilton!

Kindergarten- Kindergarten just finished their Humpty Dumpty challenge! We had some awesome designs! Our next engineering challenge will be designing a roller coaster. We are learning how to be fantastic readers! Please continue to practice the sight words list. In math, we continued to work on addition and subtraction. Keep practicing the count to 100!

First Grade- We are growing excited learners, independent readers and thinkers. In math, an upcoming unit will include money- names of coins and their value. Your young engineer is learning about the importance of water and the need for clean water. Students will budget and buy materials to create a water filter that can be used in places around the world where clean drinking water is not currently available.

Second Grade- Our 2nd graders have been working hard! Students engineered a working windmill in science. Students have had the opportunity to follow the Engineering Design Process to create and improve windmill blades. This project is to support students' understanding of wind and investigate how air exists all around us. In math, students worked on addition and subtraction within 1,000. Please practice various problems at home to strengthen this area. In ELA, we are reading the book, *Charlotte's Web*. As always, we appreciate your support and we hope that you have a wonderful spring break!

Third Grade- Third graders in math are working on graphs, telling time, and measurement in inches and centimeters. Students have word problems asking them about elapsed time and interpreting information on a graph. In science, we completed our green engineering EIE unit on solar ovens. Students designed solar ovens to reach the warmest temperature possible. Reading teachers are working on standards covered on FSA, such as point of view, author's purpose and main idea and details. Please continue to check planners and make sure students do their homework nightly in order to practice the skills they're learning in class.

Fourth Grade- Fourth grade students are working on their new EIE unit. The students read about a fictitious oil spill in a river in the state of Washington. The students then had to use the engineering design process to find a way to clean up the oil spill. They are learning to be creative problem solvers! Students also continue to prepare for the writing, math, and ELA state assessments that will take place in April and May. Please continue to support the students as they complete their daily homework including work given out at APTT night.

Fifth Grade- This is an exciting time of year for 5th grade. In ELA, we are working with multiple texts and comprehension strategies as well as fine-tuning our essay writing. In math students are learning fraction operations including multiplication and division of fractions. In science, students are learning about life science. This is perfect timing for our 2nd mud walk day on March 14. Please continue to have your child read every night because the best way to improve reading is to read more.

Upcoming Events

March 4- March 8

Book Fair Week! #Hamiltonreads!

March 5

Moms & Muffins, Grades Pk-2 8:45AM
Spring Title 1 Meeting

March 7

Moms & Muffins, Grades 3-5 8:45AM
Spring Title 1 Meeting
FSA Parent Workshop 5:45PM

March 12

FSA Parent Workshop 9AM

March 15 - March 22

Spring Break, No School

March 28

Report Cards

April 2

FSA Testing Begins- Writing, Grades 4-5

April 4

Kindergarten Round-Up 7AM-7PM

April 8

FSA Testing Begins, Reading, Grade 3

STAFF SHOUT OUT!

Congratulations to Mrs. Acevedo! She was named Hamilton's Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Acevedo teaches ESOL and has taught at Hamilton for 12 years. This honor is well-deserved! She is loved by ALL!



News and Notes

School Hours Reminder

Hamilton reminds families that the learning begins promptly at **8:35 AM**. We have had a steady increase in the number of tardy students in the mornings. Please note, **if a student is tardy, a parent MUST sign in the student in the front office**. Breakfast is only served from 8:05-8:35 AM. Parents, be here by 3:05 PM to pick up your child (2:05 PM on Wednesdays).

Title I Information

During March and April, we will be reviewing and updating the following documents for 2019-2020: School Improvement Plan, Parent-Family Engagement Plan, and School-Home Compact. We welcome your input for all of these documents. If you need a hard copy or a copy in Spanish, please contact Ms. Boehart at 407-320-6067. The Title I documents are located on our school web site: www.hamilton.k12.fl.us and in the Title I binder in the front office.

Music News

Hamilton's drumline was invited by Gateway Center for the Arts in DeBary. The next performance will be at Gemini Springs for their 18th Annual Youth Celebration of the Arts on Saturday, March 2. Way to shine, Hamilton Drum Line!

PE Update

Physical education classes are working on soccer skills, dribbling and kicking. Students need to wear closed in shoes on PE days to keep their feet safe!

Artist Spotlight

If you get the chance, come out and support one of Hamilton's student artists, 5th grader, Shanzeh Arslanturk. Mrs. Kendle worked with her over the past several weeks for the Sanford Art Walk's, "Dynamic Duo" display. They have created several clay pieces together that will be on display at the Sanford Welcome Center from February 16th-- March 14th.

Magnet Update

We are proud to announce that Hamilton Elementary School of Engineering and Technology's SECME team competed last month and was awarded the OVERALL WINNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for the second year in a row! We competed against schools from around the state at the University of Central Florida. Our students won both 1st and 2nd places in bridge design, 1st place in Mousetrap Car and Water Bottle Rocket, as well as 3rd place in the glider contest. Thank you to Mrs. Thrift for leading our team to victory!



Hamilton's G.R.E.E.N. Space continues to GROW! Thank you to our friends at the American Legion and Robinhood Brokerage Firm for donating their time and resources to help establish our new learning space. We have installed raised garden beds and a butterfly garden area. We are currently growing cabbage, lettuce, potatoes, and peas! We will be harvesting a second round of hydroponically grown lettuce in the next few weeks!

Parent Corner

The Hamilton Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is accepting nominations for leadership! Elected leadership positions are President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We are looking for dedicated volunteers who want to see students at Hamilton thrive and succeed. The Hamilton Elementary PTA works to support all students by providing programs that better students, staff, and families. Anyone can become a member and any member is eligible for leadership positions! Please send an email to hamiltonptafl@gmail.com before March 31 if you are interested.

Parent Tip of the Month: Don't skip the 20 minutes of reading each night!

| Student A Reads 20 minutes each day | Student B Reads 5 minutes each day | Student C Reads 1 minute each day |
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| 3600 minutes in a school year | 900 minutes in a school year | 180 minutes in a school year |
| 1,800,000 words | 282,000 words | 8,000 words |
| 90th percentile | 50th percentile | 10th percentile |



Recent Highlights

Hamilton SECME Team WINS AGAIN!

Mrs. Thrift and her SECME team from Hamilton's 21st Century Program competed at the regional competition at UCF and took home the OVERALL WINNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL award for the second year in a row.

Want to see more highlights?

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