

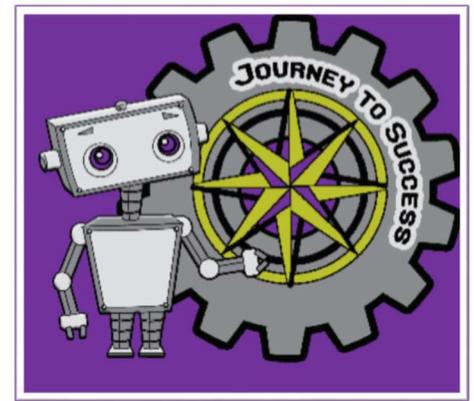
May 2019

Hamilton Innovator

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Here's What's Happening Around Hamilton!

Kindergarten- In Kindergarten, we will be designing and engineering a bird beak. We will focus on the design and purpose of bird beaks in order to ensure the bird's ability to eat its proper food source. Please continue reviewing the sight word list and read with your child every day. We have had a great year!

First Grade- Second grade here we come! Thank you for all of your at home support in growing learners. Your child has mastered first grade standards, including reading 60 words per minute, memorizing basic facts, applying the Engineering Design Process to build a submersible, an animal habitat, and 3-D plant; We will continue adding and subtracting two digit numbers. Look for more reading practice, time and money application, and a science unit on heredity. Our final APTT was a success. If you are interested in extending summer learning with fun and enrichment activities, your child's teacher has ideas!

Second Grade- It is almost time for summer, and our students are working hard to finish the year strong! Our students are learning about plant and animal life cycles in science and the basic needs of survival. Our student engineers will create a habitat for a frog, making sure it can survive all stages of its life in the habitat. Finally, we want to thank all of our parents who attended the last APTT night. We hope that both you and your child enjoy the activities provided!

Third Grade- May is a very important and busy month for third graders. In science, we are currently designing and engineering a package suitable to deliver a live plant. On May 9-10, third grade will take the FSA in Math. It is very important that students do their homework every night to practice for the test. The week of May 13, students will take the CTA science test, the final iReady reading and math diagnostic and the DRA reading assessment. All of these tests need to show student growth in order for students to advance to fourth grade. Please encourage your child to try his/her best. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night and arrives on time. Thank you for your support.

Fourth Grade- It is hard to believe we are wrapping up another school year! The students have worked hard and made great gains this year. After FSA testing is complete, students will complete their computer coding lessons. They are well beyond other students in the county when it comes to coding! Great job, fourth grade! Fourth grade teachers will be sending home the maturation permission slip soon. Parents can preview the health videos on May 13. Permission slips are due by the morning of May 17, as students will be viewing the health videos this day. Please encourage your child to keep reading!

Fifth Grade- Fifth grade has a busy month ahead of us! 5th graders will show what they know on FSA (ELA and math) and SSA (science). Please make sure your child is well rested, stress-free, and has a good breakfast so that their brain works at top performance. There are many exciting 5th grade events and activities for the last couple of weeks of school. A separate newsletter will be coming home soon to inform you of the expectations for behavior and the dates and times for each activity. Thank you for your support this year!

Upcoming Events

May 1 - May 2

ELA FSA, Grades 4-5

May 6 - May 10

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7 - May 8

Math FSA, Grades 4-5

May 9 - May 10

Science SSA, Grade 5; Math FSA, Grade 3

May 16

Spring Music Show, 6 PM

May 21

Field Day, All Grades

May 23 - May 24 & May 27

Early Release at 1:05PM, No 21st Century

May 23

Awards: Grade 1- 9:00 AM; K- 9:45 AM

May 24

Awards: Grade 2- 8:45 AM; 3-9:30 AM

May 27

No School

May 28

Awards: Grade 4-9:00 AM

Last Day of School

Grade 5 Celebration at SHS, 6 PM



STAFF SHOUT OUT!

Congratulations to Mrs. Edwards, our front desk receptionist for being named Hamilton's Employee of the Year! She always has a smile waiting for you when you come to Hamilton!

News and Notes

Dress Code: Hamilton reminds all parents and students to follow the SCPS dress code: no sleeveless shirts, tank tops, slides, midriffs, or flip flops. Hats are not permitted inside the building. Please see the SCPS Student Code of Conduct for details.

School Hours: 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 8:05-8:30 AM. Parents, be here by 3:05 PM to pick up your child (2:05 PM on Wednesdays).

2018-2019 Hamilton Yearbooks for Sale!

Don't miss your chance to own the 2018-2019 Yearbook. Supplies are limited! Cost is \$18.00 and must be cash or money order. No personal checks will be accepted. Payment will be collected by Mrs. Fratt until books are sold out. Get yours today!

Field Day Fun: May 21st

It is that time of year again! Hopefully, we won't get rained out like last year! All classes will have field day on May 21. Come dressed to participate! Students may bring a change of clothing/towel, water, hat/visor, and sunglasses.



Magnet News

Congratulations to our all-girl 4th grade team that participated in the Inaugural SCPS Rube Goldberg Machine Contest. A Rube Goldberg Machine is a deliberately over-engineered machine that performs a very simple task in a very complex fashion, organized as a chain reaction. Our team was challenged to create a complex machine that completes the simple task of turning a page of a book! A video of the challenge is on Hamilton's Facebook page. If your child is interested, be on the lookout in the fall for sign-up sheets for our 2020 team!

Summer Programs and Schedules

This following summer programs will be held at Hamilton this summer:

Summer Learning Camp: The program is only for invited students in grade 3.

21st Century Summer Program: The program will include daily academic lessons in reading, math, science and language arts as well as opportunities for project-based learning, educational arts and health and wellness. The program is FREE and includes breakfast and lunch daily. The program will be held Mondays-Thursdays from 8AM-2PM, June 3-27. Students must commit to attend ALL dates to be considered. Applications for the remaining LIMITED seats are available in the front office.

Kinder Camp: All incoming Kindergarten students are eligible to attend. The camp is FREE and includes breakfast and lunch daily, from 8:15AM to 2:00PM, July 15-25th. For more information, call 407-320-0250.

Summer Office Hours: 7:30AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday. The office will close the week of July 4. School resumes Aug. 12th.

Title I Information

Families, thank you for supporting our Title I Family Engagement Events throughout this school year. At our recent APTT #3 (primary & intermediate evenings), **a total of 552 family members attended.** Families received data in ELA and math, as well as materials to maintain skills during the summer. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to obtain the information and materials. We look forward to your participation in next year's family engagement events!

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.

Parent Corner

We would like to thank PTA and SAC members for all their amazing support this year. We are looking forward to a great 2019-2020 year with our new Hamilton PTA Board: Jania Fuller- President, Bethanee Esqueda- Secretary, Heidi Pauley- Treasurer.



Recent Highlights

NASA Astronaut Don Thomas Visits Hamilton!

As part of the Wonderworks *Wonderkid* program, NASA astronaut Don Thomas visited our future engineers. We learned that he flew on 4 space shuttle missions and orbited the earth over 600 times, but it took him applying to NASA multiple times before they selected him. His message was inspiring! He encouraged our students to work hard, dream big, and not be afraid to fail.

Want to see more highlights?

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