

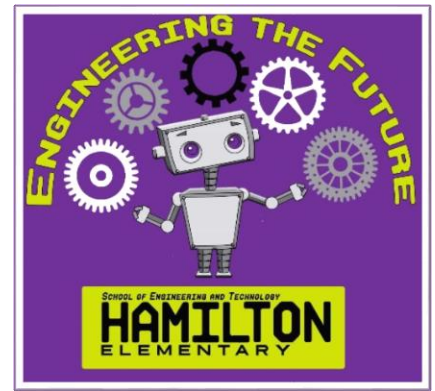
Summer 2019

Hamilton Innovator

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Here's What Students Can Look Forward To Next Year!

Kindergarten- We are looking forward to an awesome group of Kindergarteners for the 2019 – 2020 school year. You will be learning how to be a reader, writer, mathematician, researcher, scientist, engineer, and technologist, as well as a member of our Hamilton family. We will see you at our Open House on Thursday, August 8th at 5:00 pm. Get ready to have fun learning!

First Grade- Calling all future readers! Gear up to learn how to read along with of our friend, Alphie, who will teach you a bunch of new sounds. Get excited to help gingerbread friends cross the river by building a bridge and creating a habitat for your favorite animal! First grade is also looking for eager coders as we use computer coding to find friends lost in the zoo! First grade is fantastic!

Second Grade- Welcome to 2nd Grade! We are excited to begin a brand new school year with you! Using the Engineering Design Process, students will be able to create a levitating train using magnets, and test/use materials that would best represent a frog's membrane. We will also complete an integrated unit this year on weather which allows us to teach your student about a specific topic through all subjects! Your students will be asked to create a weather gadget. They will need to research severe weather, ask questions about it, imagine different gadgets that could be helpful, plan out a design, create the gadget, and improve the gadget if necessary. They will be given a budget and will need to use their money wisely! We have a lot of learning to do, and we cannot wait to get started!

Third Grade- Get ready third graders for a great year! Please read a good book or two over the summer to get ready for next year. Third grade focuses on comprehension, so read books that hold your interest and practice writing a paragraph about what you read. Try reading for at least 20 minutes at a time without stopping. This will help build your stamina for the longer passages you will be reading next year. In math, start learning your multiplication facts. Start with 2s, 5s, and 10s up to times 10. If you come to third grade knowing these facts, math will be easier for you. See you in August!

Fourth Grade- In preparation for fourth grade, students are encouraged to work on basic multiplication (0-12) and division facts so that they know them fluently. Also, students are encouraged to continue reading over the summer. Adults can check the understanding of what the child has read by asking questions about the topic/story. We look forward to working with our incoming fourth graders!

Fifth Grade- We look forward to starting the year with a new set of 5th grade leaders. The expectations in 5th grade for behavior and academics are extremely high, and we work as a team to provide the best 5th grade experience as possible. As a 5th grade leader, your child will set the tone as a role model for children in the younger grades. It is very important that they take this role seriously and do their part in having the best year yet! To help your child avoid summer learning loss, we recommend that they read at least 20 minutes every day and practice the multiplication and division facts daily. 5th grade is an exciting year filled with rigorous curriculum units, meaningful activities, and memorable traditions at the end of the year. We hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to working with you and your child in the fall.

Upcoming Events

June 3 -- June 27

Summer Learning Camp
21st Century Summer Program

July 15 -- July 25

KinderCamp

August 8

Kindergarten Parent Night 5-6PM

August 9

Meet the Teacher 2-4PM

August 12

First Day of School
Boo Hoo, Woo Hoo Breakfast (K parents)
Title 1 Meeting

September 2

No School

September 5

APTT #1/Curriculum Night Grades 3-5

September 12

APTT #1/Curriculum Night Grades PreK-2

September 20

Picture Day

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

CALLING ALL FUTURE HAMILTON INNOVATORS! Please be sure to register your child(ren) for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration is open NOW. See page 2 for specific information required. Do not delay!

2019-2020 SUPPLY LISTS

Supply lists are available on Hamilton's website, at the front office, and available at all local retailers. You can view the supply list on the SCPS website:

<https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/elementary-education/>

News and Notes

School Hours: The first bell will ring at 8:30 a.m. and school will start at 8:35 a.m. Dismissal begins at 3:00 p.m. Breakfast will ONLY be served from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Students will be considered tardy after 8:35 a.m.

Kindergarten Registration: Register your new kindergarten student today! To enter Kindergarten, students must be FIVE years of age on or before September 1, 2019. Required documentation needed to register includes 3 forms of proof of residence (Warranty Deed/Homestead Exemption/Lease, a utility bill, an auto registration, driver license, or voter registration), birth certificate (original), current physical (original, dated within the last year), DH 680 Immunization Form, and social security card, if available. **Register your child now and/or throughout the summer to avoid the first day of school registration with long lines and wait times.**

Teacher Requests: Hamilton Elementary does not accept specific teacher requests. As Hamilton continues to evolve exemplary instructional practices, we feel all of our students will be placed with an amazing teacher. General letters reflecting teacher traits that would best match with your child's learning/behavioral traits will be accepted and always considered. Please do not include a teacher's name on your request. Often, requested teachers may no longer be in a particular grade due to a variety of factors. Specific student characteristics or needs (Gifted, ESOL, ESE, health issues, 504 accommodations, learning styles, etc.) will be taken into account.

Student Medication Reminder: All medications must be signed out in the clinic by a parent or guardian on or before May 25, 2019. All remaining medication will be disposed of after that date. Medication Authorizations will be sent home if you plan to have medication at school during the 2019-20 school year. Authorizations may be turned in at Open House or on the first day of school. If you have any questions, call [407-320-6006](tel:407-320-6006)

Music News: After school music opportunities for next year will include choir (singing) for grades 3-5, Orffestra (instruments) for grades 4 and 5, and Drumline (by audition only) for grades 4 and 5. If you will be in 4th grade, **SAVE YOUR RECORDERS!** We will play them in music class in 4th grade. There will be no free instruments for 4th graders unless you are new to Hamilton! 3rd grade students will receive free recorders in January.

Summer Programs and Schedules

SUMMER BREAK SPOT! Seminole County Public Schools will provide nutritionally balanced meals to children and teens during summer break. All children, 18 years old or younger, are invited to come and receive a free meal at Hamilton, June 3-July 25. Breakfast and lunch are available.

Summer Learning Camp (Summer School): The program is only for invited students in grade 3 ONLY. The program will take place June 3-27 from 8am-1pm. The school will be closed on Fridays during the summer. Contact Mr. Fuller at (407)320-6009 if you have any questions.

21st Century Summer Program: The program will be held Mondays-Thursdays from 8AM-2PM, June 3-27 from 8AM-2PM.

Kinder Camp: All incoming Kindergarten students are eligible to attend. The camp is FREE and includes breakfast and lunch daily. Camp will be 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 4th. School resumes Aug. 10th.

Title I Information

Families, we are planning for the 2019 - 2020 school year. We welcome your input for the following documents: School Improvement Plan, Family Engagement Plan, and School-Home Compact. These documents are located on our school web site (www.hamilton.k12.fl.us). You may request a hard copy for your review. Send your comments to Kay_Boehart@scps.us.

Curriculum Update

The math teachers at Hamilton challenge students to continue to practice math skills over the summer! Practice can include playing multiplication games to keep fluent with math facts, or incorporating real-life use of math such as helping to plan parts of a family vacation or estimating costs of back-to-school supplies and clothes while looking at newspaper ads. You sports-loving families can work on number recognition with team members' jerseys, and game scores can be an early way for them to grasp addition. A favorite place to teach math is the grocery store. Review numbers while choosing groceries. Examples include adding the quantity of apples, looking at prices to reinforce decimals and even doing simple number recognition while standing in line. Using these simple tips for summer math learning will keep kids occupied and keep you feeling good about your child's preparedness for school in the fall.

Reading teachers encourage students to visit the public library to check out books that interest them and READ. Then, read some more!

Parent Corner

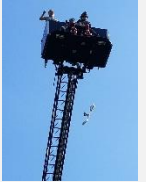
Hamilton is looking for several parents who would like sit on an advisory council to the principal. In the position, the principal will look to you for advice to improve our school and to spend our budget wisely. The principal will also keep all members informed with the most current information about education and Hamilton. Please contact Mr. Pfeiffer if you are interested in SAC. 407-320-6011 or email Michael_Pfeiffer@scps.us



Recent Highlights

21st Century Egg Drop

Students in our 21st Century program had a little help from SFD Tower 31 Truck for our annual Engineered Egg Drop. Packages were dropped from 65ft in the air! Many of our future engineers were successful and saved the eggs!



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