

OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL REFLECTION

FEBRUARY

The Great River Hub on the 8th

- We met with Lindsay Purl from the Great Rivers Hub.
- The Hub has plenty of capacity to provide Community Health Workers (CHWs) for Hamilton families in need.
- We cleared up confusion about accessing the Hub and Hannah has already started connecting families with CHWs from the Hub in collaboration with La Crosse Area Family Collaboration (LAFC).



Kindness Week on the 13th

For Kindness Week, Hamilton/SOTA students delivered Valentine cards to Gundersen patients. ([Newslink - Hamilton](#), Made the [Madison News](#).)



Gundersen Health Literacy on the 13th

Gundersen Residents came to a classroom and presented on the heart and other health literacy.

Donuts with Grownups on the 14th

- 18 family members attended.
- Family members completed a survey for parenting education from the Parenting Place.
 - Top topic selected: "Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential"
 - Top times were: School days 1-2pm, 3-4pm and Saturdays around the lunch hour.
 - Scheduling Parenting Place sessions in April.
- Slideshow of Year in Review for Hamilton/SOTA

FSPA Grant Submitted on the 15th

Submitted FSPA grant applications in partnership with Sister Lucy for next school year.



Dr. Williams Visit on the 16th

Dr Williams, Assistant State Superintendent, shared his story with 4th & 5th graders during Kindness Week.

Math and Pizza Family Night on the 16th

- 60 Students and 133 Total (Lots of staff in attendance)
- Math Games, Raffles, Topper's Pizza, "Play & Take" math game to play with family at home.

Calendar Changes on the 23rd

- Dr Engel met with Hamilton PTO to discuss the 45/15 calendar change.
- Dr. Engel discussed the idea of staffing schools based on need.

Gundersen Global Partners on the 24th

- We met with Lindsey Preston, VP of Gundersen Medical Foundation, and Andrew Manson, a Global Partner Mentor.
- Much of the program stalled and was defunded during the height of COVID.
- Focusing on reestablishing past practices to pre-COVID levels as well as improving the collaboration.
- Andrew Manson will act as the liaison between Gundersen and Hamilton for the program and work with us on mentor orientation, recruitment and three mentor meetings per year..
- We are establishing a monthly meeting to celebrate success, share concerns, and work on improving the Global Partners program.



Viterbo Service Saturday on the 25th

We had 12 volunteers from Viterbo and Western come to Hamilton/SOTA to do jobs for staff. From 9- Noon, with 3 volunteers staying an extra hour to finish requests, volunteers made copies, laminated, cut out activities and posters, cleaned and disinfected rooms, and more.



Read Across America Week

Guest Readers each day:

- La Crosse Fire Department
- Aaron Westpfahl - NRO
- Mo Yang - Executive Director, Hmong Cultural Center
- Jennifer Livingston - Community Engagement Director, Mayo

