

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Summer 2024

A NOTE FROM MR. F

Dear Hamilton Ridge Families!

I hope your time in the weeks since school was let out has brought you some extra time with your children and great adventures as a family. The Frederickson's have had some pretty great experiences as a family in boats, on hikes and with each other. Can't believe we now have a 25, 23 and 21 year-old!



Summer at Hamilton Ridge is often quite quiet. That is much different this year as we are hosting 180 Kids' Company students from around the District as well as Prior Lake-Savage's Summer Lit Camp. The building was designed for children so it is wonderful having them over the summer.

We have had the typical fluctuations in enrollment; some families have moved while new families will be joining us in the fall. Overall, our enrollment numbers are staying consistent. We will have four sections of classes in each grade level this coming year and our class sizes are right in line with our target numbers.

This past year staff spent a great amount of our learning time focused on implementing our new math program, Bridges. This work will continue into next year and we will also start training around the Science of Reading. This is exciting work that will help us all become better teachers of literacy. More to come on this during the school year.

Speaking of reading, we are in need of **Reading Tutors**. Tutors are a key part of our literacy intervention programming. Please consider becoming a reading tutor through [Reading Corps](#). You can find more information below or call me at 952-461-7803 if you would like to discuss. This is very rewarding work!

Families can also start preparing for the new year...even right now in July. The National Association of Elementary Principals released a report to parents titled, "7 Strategies to Help Kids

Start the School Year Strong." I encourage you to click on the link below to find some practical advice in helping prepare your child for the upcoming school year.

[7 Strategies to Help Kids Start the School Year Strong](#)

[7 estrategias para ayudar a los niños a comenzar el año escolar con fuerza](#)

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions, ideas or just want to have a conversation about Hamilton Ridge.

Your Partner in Education,

Mr. Fredrickson
Principal

PUT YOUR PASSION IN ACTION * BECOME A READING TUTOR!**

Hamilton Ridge is looking for two Reading Corps tutors for the 2024-25 school year. You can take action in our community by giving your time and talent to help students build their skills and confidence!

Tutors work one-on-one or in small groups with students during school hours throughout the school year. Whether you are a recent grad, career changer, stay-at-home parent or retiree, you can make a great tutor! No experience? No problem. With training and on-site coaching, our tutors are prepared to help kids succeed.

Part-time and full-time positions are available beginning in August, October and January. Tutors receive a paycheck every two weeks plus up to an additional \$5,100 for college tuition or loans (tutors 55+ may gift the education award to their child, grandchild, stepchild or foster child).

Ready to put your passion in action to help more children succeed? Learn more or apply using [this link](#)

Questions? Email Recruitment@Ampact.US or call 866.859.2825.

DOGS FRIENDS AND FAMILY GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

We are a few weeks away from the DOGS (Dads of Great Students) golf event. Don't miss out!

- Join us for a round of golf at the DOGS Friends and Family Golf Scramble. The event takes place on Wednesday, July 31st @ The Wilds Golf Course. Please use the link below to register your team. The funds raised at the golf tournament come back to our school to help pay for events and projects the DOGS do for Hamilton Ridge, like Donuts with Grownups and classroom enhancements.

Register here: <https://is.gd/XO5Cik>

Any questions, contact Mark at hredogs1@gmail.com.



WELCOME VISIT AND ASSESSMENT DAYS

On **September 3 and 4**, all students in grades K-5 will meet with their 2024-25 teacher individually for approximately 30 minutes. Teachers will use this time getting to know students and their families. Grades 1-5 will also take a literacy assessment. The assessment results will give teachers the data they need to target instruction for students from the first day of the school year. You will receive communication mid-August that will include information on how to sign-up for Welcome Visit and Assessment Days. **The first official day of classes for students in grades K- 5 is Thursday, September 5.**

2024-25 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

Kindergarten and newly enrolled families: In the coming weeks, you will receive a Welcome Letter (in the US Mail) from the PLSAS district office with instructions on how to set up Infinite Campus and other tools the district uses to manage information, activities, etc.

Mid August, all families will receive an email indicating teachers have been assigned and are available to view in Infinite Campus. Teacher assignments **will not** be sent by mail. Please be sure you are able to log into Infinite Campus. If you need assistance with Infinite Campus, please contact the [ithelpdesk](#) on the district's Parent Portal located under Families. The Hamilton Ridge Office **cannot** reset passwords.

2024-25 BUS INFORMATION

Bus information will be posted online through Infinite Campus mid-August. Once you log in you can view this information under the Transportation tab. If you need assistance with Infinite Campus, please contact the [ithelpdesk](#) on the district's Parent Portal located under Families.

2024-25 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School [supply lists](#) for this fall are available on the Hamilton Ridge website. If you choose to order supplies through the online store, School Tool Box (now open), please go to www.schooltoolbox.com. 4% of all School Tool Box sales will be returned to Hamilton Ridge in the form of a fundraiser. Thank you for shopping with School Tool Box!

DISTRICT CALENDAR

A printable version of the [District Calendar](#) is available on the web site along with Student Benefit Dollars (Free and Reduced Lunch/Scholarships) information and other [forms](#).

ADDRESS CHANGES

If you are moving or have any family status changes, please keep your school office informed. You may call and leave a message for at 952-461-7804, or email: kschoeller@plsas.org. This information will help as we create our class lists for next year and ensure that we have current mailing information.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The Hamilton Ridge Office is open this summer, but please call ahead if you plan on stopping by as there will be times that we are at meetings and enjoying some time off. To [enroll](#) a child at PLSAS, please contact our District Services Center at 952-226-0000.

CONTACT US

Student School Hours 9:20 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

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Kirsten Schoeller

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