**The Hamlin School Curriculum Overview 2019-2020**

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### Mathematics
- **Grades 1-2**
  - Fractions
  - Place values
- **Grades 3-4**
  - More complex addition and subtraction
  - Multiplying and dividing
- **Grades 5-8**
  - Add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions
  - Solve multi-step word problems

### Science & Social Studies
- **Grades 1-2**
  - States of Matter
  - Life Cycle of Plants & Animals
  - Inference & Experimentation
  - Themes: Cycles
- **Grades 3-4**
  - Introduction to Programming
  - Physical & Biological Systems
  - Design Thinking
- **Grades 5-8**
  - Systems of the Human Body
  - Classification of Living Things
  - U.S. History: States, Citizens, Stories, & Geography

### Language Arts
- **Grades 1-2**
  - Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, and Persuasive
  - Read, write, and understand numbers to 1,000,000
  - Development of reading and writing skills
- **Grades 3-4**
  - Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, and Persuasive
  - Literary devices
- **Grades 5-8**
  - History of the United States
  - Research, Geography, and Current Events
  - World Religions

### Visual Arts
- **Grades 1-2**
  - Drawing from imagination and observation, painting, collage, and sculpting
  - Use technology to create art
- **Grades 3-4**
  - Study classical and contemporary artists
  - Two and three-part singing
  - Solfege (sight singing)
- **Grades 5-8**
  - Study classical and contemporary artists
  - Visual Programming
  - Introduction to Body Systems

### Music
- **Grades 1-2**
  - Percussion and Orff instruments
  - Musical notation
  - Solfege (sight singing)
- **Grades 3-4**
  - Percussion, guitar, and Orff instruments
  - Two and three-part singing
  - Musical notation
- **Grades 5-8**
  - Percussion, guitar, and Orff instruments
  - Two and three-part singing
  - Musical notation

### Physical Education
- **Grades 1-2**
  - Field games
  - Bicycles and scooters
- **Grades 3-4**
  - Basketball, Climbing, Dance, Fitness, Floor Hockey, Pickle Ball, Soccer, Swimming, Yoga
- **Grades 5-8**
  - Basketball, Climbing, Dance, Fitness, Floor Hockey, Pickle Ball, Soccer, Swimming, Yoga

### Technology & Information Literacy
- **Grades 1-2**
  - **iPad®** program
  - Integrated Common Sense Media Digital Citizenship Program: Taught K-8 and promotes consistent messaging between home and school
- **Grades 3-4**
  - **iPad®** program
  - Connected Mathematics Project 3
- **Grades 5-8**
  - **iPad®** program
  - Connected Mathematics Project 3

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Hamlin's Outdoor Education Program provides students in Grades 3-8 with outdoor experiences, outside the conventional classroom, that strive to guide students toward healthy and harmonious relationships with themselves, others, and the natural world.

The program's overarching goals are to:

- Inspire curiosity and appreciation for the natural world through exploration and discovery
- Develop interpersonal relationships through stewardship, connectedness, and leadership
- Encourage the intrapersonal growth of self-esteem, confidence, courage, and competence
- Teach the Leave No Trace® Philosophy

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The Toolbox Project (dovetaillearning.org), a comprehensive K-5 social emotional learning curriculum that supports girls' abilities to access their strengths and build capacity in the areas of inter- and intra-personal relationships. The Toolbox Project is based in the twelve core tools each girl already has inside, and lessons are designed to teach the girls how to learn to listen actively, share, develop empathy, solve problems, and work collaboratively. Through class meetings and identification and reinforcement of shared behavioral expectations, girls learn the skills they need to navigate interpersonal relationships, practice respect for others, and take personal responsibility for their actions. The entire faculty and staff are trained in the framework and key vocabulary.

The Advisory Program spans Grades 6 through 8. In addition to morning meeting, advisory groups meet twice a cycle. The Advisory Program builds community and connection between students and teachers and helps develop social and emotional learning. Advisors work with the Middle School Division Head and the Middle School Counselor to craft a program that meets the developmental needs and interests of the Middle School girls. The small advisory group is intended to craft a program that meets the developmental needs and interests of the Middle School girls. The small advisory group is intended to craft a program that meets the developmental needs and interests of the Middle School girls.

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SCHOOL SPIRIT & THE HAMLIN SISTERHOOD

Nothing brings the joy of a girl's school to life like songs and cheers. At Hamlin, we celebrate our school colors, Red and Gold, throughout the school year and within our Sister Families. Every girl is assigned to a color team and becomes a part of a Sister Family upon matriculation at Hamlin. The Athletics Ambassadors, our Grade 7 and 8 student leaders for Athletics and School Spirit, plan and lead Red and Gold Days and pep rallies three times per year. The culmination of our spirit days is Field Day. This event is an annual tradition that features face painting and cheers, as well as individual and team events that result in a color team winner.

Additionally, Sister Families meet several times throughout the year to celebrate special traditions or to learn about a school-wide topic. These multi-age groups of approximately 12 girls are led by a Grade 7 or 8 student and include each member of our faculty and staff as well. Halloween, Thanksgiving, all-school assemblies, Earth Day, and school theme celebrations are common occasions for Sister Families to come together. These groups foster connection between the girls and build respect and empathy throughout the community.

Within Sister Families, every girl has a big sister. This relationship begins in Kindergarten, when the girls are matched with their Grade 4 or 5 sister. Playtimes, snacks, and buddy reading are favorite activities. Sister Family events are treasured by girls of all ages.