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UCMS NEWS

Week of January 14, 2018



Calendar

Mon.

Tues. – Sewing Workshop 3:30-5

Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Menu

Mon. Sloppy Jo, tater tots, carrots, pears

Tues. Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, peaches

Wed. Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans, mixed fruit

Thurs. Hot dog/Coney, French fries, baked beans, mandarin oranges

Fri. Bosco sticks, salad, corn, fruit cup

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

As it is staying dark longer in the morning and getting darker sooner in the afternoon/evening please pay extra close attention during arrival and dismissal as middle school students cross the parking lot from the sidewalk to the road leading to the middle school. We have reminded the students to be careful. Remember that just because you see them, they aren't always paying attention to you. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

Yearbook order forms are available in the office or you can go to the website to order.

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Classroom News:

Mrs. Snyder – 6th LA- 6th grade ELA class will review the fiction unit before we move on to study non-fiction. We will visit the library on Monday. Mrs. Lang will be visiting for a book talk! Bring your library book to class on Monday and every day!

Mr. Taylor – 6th Social Studies –6th Grade Social Studies: Students have begun learning all about Latin America! They are learning about the differences in elevation and why Mexico has a dry and wet season! We will continue this into next week!

Mr. Taylor-7th LA- 7th Grade Language Arts: We are working on our skills for reading non-fiction and will continue this into next week. Students also started vocab work again, we will have a vocab test next Thursday.

Mr. Gulley – PE/Health- Lesson 3 – Strategies to Stop Bullying, Recognizing warning signs

Lesson-4 Promoting Safe Schools, The best option for dealing with a bullying
Is reporting the behavior to an adult.

Mrs. Fields- 6th Math- We came back and got right to work! We have been starting each class by reviewing skills from first semester. We also jumped into integers and coordinate planes this week. We added notes to our Math Journal and explored how to plot points and give ordered pairs on a coordinate plane. We will continue working with integers in the real world and absolute value next week.

Mr. Hofmann– 6th Science- 6th grade science has been focusing on producers and consumers in an ecosystem. Ask your child if many ecosystems could survive without plants. Students should be able to explain how the Sun’s energy is transferred to us through food.

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts- This week, we jumped into the world of non-fiction. So far, we’ve discussed text features and text structure. We even had a chance to play a game this week to help us practice identifying features. We also have a new vocabulary list and the test will be on Thursday, the 17th. Next week, we’ll be continuing to build our knowledge about non-fiction and will also start reading some non-fiction.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – Welcome back! We have begun second semester by learning about India. Students learned about the geography and history of India during our first week back. We have learned about some of the major impacts that the early Indian civilizations had on the world as well as how Britain came to exploit India after making it into a colony. We will also be making a special note to learn about Mahatma Gandhi and how he helped India gain its independence.

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- Quiz on Monday over rocks and minerals vocab. We will continue with a couple more rocks and minerals identification labs next week.

Mrs. Persinger – Art – Mrs. Persinger - 6th Art

Elements and principles of art will be the topic of our projects and activities next week. There are still some students who have not turned in their signed syllabus. This was due Jan 11th for 5 participation points and will lose a point each day beginning Mon, Jan 14th. Lunch detentions will be assigned when all points are lost until the syllabus is returned. Our Sketchbook Assignment #2 is due on Fri, Jan 18th!

Mrs. Graham - WELCOME BACK!! Here’s hoping that everyone had a restful break and is ready to attack 2019 with gusto!

The **Math-RED, GREEN, and ORANGE** classes started working with (+) and (-) integers this week. We will continue this next week and add in (x) and (/) to our Integer “tool belt”.

The **Math-YELLOW and BLUE** classes are working on solving equations. By the end of next week, we will know how to solve equations involving the distributive property, equations with variables on both sides, and solutions to special cases.

Mrs. Goodwin – 8th Grade Business students—Students will continue to analyze personal characteristics to create their personal profile. Students will use this profile to begin investigating future careers and college choices.

Mrs. Sutter – 8th Language Arts- Students are working on persuasive essays. They are developing reasons and presenting counter-arguments. They will be using in-text citation and creating a bibliography page. They are also studying prefixes.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – 8th Grade Math- Students are learning about the Pythagorean Theorem and it's Converse.

Algebra- In class we've been formalizing relations and functions. We are starting a unit about linear relationships.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science- Students are starting our study of biology. We have gotten a new round of textbooks and I am waiting for the new login information. Students will start with sexual reproduction, genetic variation, and meiosis. There is not a lot of information in the textbook over this so please encourage your student to utilize notes from class and resources on canvas. These concepts are VERY DIFFICULT. Please help your student to be successful by encouraging them to spend at least 5 minutes nightly reviewing notes or using resources for review on canvas.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies-Happy New Year! This will be a HUGE year for the 8th graders as we begin scheduling for high school, engage in a "Career I-Search" project where students can take an entire day job shadowing, visiting IU-East, Ivy Tech, and Purdue Polytechnic! We will also be visiting the Whitewater Technical Career Center in Connersville! This will be the semester where students need to prove that they are ready for high school. This means a willingness to learn, be engaged, and reach out for help along with having good attendance and discipline! Special note from the classroom - We welcome George Washington, the first president of the United States under the Constitution! What kind of precedent will he set for the country?

Mr.Nash-8th AG- In 8th Grade ag we are working on finalizing our Animal science section and will be finishing it out and then moving on to the next section of Plant and Soil Science.

Mrs. Allbright – Choir- Welcome back from winter break! Welcome to the 6th grade choir students. We have been working our rhythmic reading skills while also working on our choral vocal production. We're off to a great start! If you looked over the welcome packet, you'll see my first mistake was there first concert date. It's actually coming up very quickly. Please mark your calendar for February 6th. This will be our one concert held in our middle school gymnasium.

Concert start time will be 6:30, with arrival time in the middle school choir room at 6:15. Students need to wear jeans and the choir t-shirt.

Mr. Vogele – Band -

Welcome back! 7-8th grade bands got back into the swing of things, briefly reviewing the material we looked at prior to the break, but quickly charging into new territory. 8th grade is exploring new weekly sight-reading pieces, and 7th grade is adding rhythmic complexity to our tetrachord warm-up, as well as charging ahead in our two method books—Lesson 7 in Rhythm Busters, and Lesson 5 in our ensemble book.

6th grade explored how to count rhythm in the first days of “band,” and students should have brought home information regarding instrument acquisition. Please return these forms ASAP, and if you are renting an instrument, please handle this in the next week as well. The sooner we get instruments, the sooner we can begin playing together!

Ms. Brvant –We have been doing a review of the Zones of Regulation and what the different zones mean. We have been having a lot of great group discussions. We will continue our review of zones next week. We have been working hard to get back into the swing of things. As always, check your child's communication notebook and/or canvas and PowerSchool for specifics on your child.

Mrs. Lathery –Our class is getting back into the swing of things after Winter break. We are working on our IXL lessons and getting ourselves organized for a new Quarter.

Mrs. Weaver-Library-

Athletics

Mon. –

**Tues. – 6pm GBB @ Dennis
6pm 5/6 BBB @ Randolph Southern
6pm 5/6 GBB vs. Tri**

**Wed.- 6pm GBB @ Knightstown
6pm BBB @ St. Michael**

Thurs. – 6pm 5/6 BBB vs. Centerville

Fri.-

**Sat.- 9am GBB @ Connersville MS
9am Wrestling @ Talawanda MS**