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UCMS NEWS

Week of April 23



Peace: Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

Calendar

Sat Academic Superbowl

Menu

Mon	Pretzel bits w/cheese, baked beans, mac & cheese, pears
Tues	Popcorn chicken, French fries, broccoli, pineapple
Wed	Biscuits & gravy, hashbrowns, sausage links, warm apple slices
Thurs	Taco salad, Mexican rice, carrots, cookies, fruit cup
Fri	Mozzarella cheese sticks, salad, corn, applesauce

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

UCMS will be ISTEP testing April 23rd through May 2nd. We respectfully ask that you keep all appointments, meetings, etc. to a minimum during this time. Please reschedule these meetings and appointments outside this window whenever possible. We will also be collecting the 8th Grade iPads to make sure that they are here on testing days and fully charged. Please make sure that your student has his/her iPad, charging block, and charging cable left here at school no later than Monday April 22nd by the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility.

Student Council News: Our final school social, known as *Summerfest*, will be on Friday, May 18th from 1-3p.m. We could use chaperones to help make this event a fun, yet safe environment for ALL students on the last day! If you are interested, please e-mail Mr. Gutzwiller (cgutzwiller@uc.k12.in.us). Thank you in advance!

ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL SATURDAY, APRIL 28th

Students are gearing up for the area competition. Thirteen teams will be here to showcase their knowledge of World War I. Scores from this site will be compared to scores from all over the state to determine statewide winners. Best of luck to these students!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

It's that time again! The Buy-One- Get-One-Free book fair will be held May 1-7 in the library. For any purchase, students will receive another item of equal or lesser value ABSOLUTELY FREE. It's our way of saying "THANKS" for the support of our fairs throughout the year.

Classroom News:

Mrs. Hertel for Mrs. Reece – 6th LA - Next week we will have ISTEP. We will continue reading our novels and doing the study guides.

Mrs. Reister – 6th Social Studies – For the next couple of week students will be creating a "Mystery Artifact Capsule" with a partner. They will be selecting a "secret" country, researching information, bringing in artifacts, and decorating a shoebox with pictures of their chosen country. At the end of this project, students will be trying to solve each other's country by using the clues, artifacts, and pictures!

Mr. Gulley – 6th PE/Health - Gym on Monday, then we will start CH-2 Mental and Emotional Wellness

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math – ISTEP+ Part 2 begins next week!! It is time to show what we know and have worked so hard on all year!! 6th grade students will be testing in language class Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and testing in math class on Thursday and Friday. Please be sure your child gets plenty of sleep and encourage your child to do his/her best!! **Period 2** – We will continue to work on solving two-step equations next week. We will move on to percent equation and percent proportion by the end of the week. **Period 4, 5, 6** – We will spend next week doing a lot of mixed review before testing begins and will also work on solving and graphing inequalities.

Mrs. Dannaker – 6th Science – Good job on finishing up Chapter 5! We will begin to study simple machines this week. We will not have homework, due to not having study hall in our schedule this week. I know it is hard with spring sports, but try and make sure you are getting enough rest for testing these next couple of weeks

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts – This week, we spent some time reviewing grammar and literature skills learned earlier in the year. We will continue to study figurative language and also dive into propaganda and rhetoric next week. HALA students also finished Huck Finn, and will be reviewing figurative language next week as well.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – This week the students continued learning about Western Africa. We learned how many events throughout history aren't unique but just repeats something else in a slightly different package. We also learned about the history of this region from prehistoric times up to the 21st century. Students learned about how colonialism set up the countries of this region to experience strife and turmoil after gaining independence. They also began a storybook project about the richest man to ever live and the man who literally put Western Africa on the map...Mansa Musa.

Mrs. Beiser – 7th Science - We had some of our own weathering INSIDE the building this week, but inside the classroom we are looking at and discussing weathering outside. So far this week, students have studied weathering, erosion, and deposition through PowerPoint and research. Monday students interacted with tools used for soil and water conservation. Tuesday students researched different landforms and studied how to recognize what processes shape each. The rest of the week is devoted to lab time and ISTEP practice. Next week, students begin a project posing as a passenger on a train. Wednesday and Friday workbook pages will be assigned for homework. Thursday is the Chapter 9 test. Bring everything everyday (B.E.E.)!

Mrs. Persinger – 7th Art - Second period will create a free standing sculpture using a Styrofoam cup and then finish off the week using papier mache to create a mask. Third period will glaze their clay vessels and also begin their masks. Fourth period will begin their papier mache masks at the beginning of the week and end with glazing their clay vessels. Fifth period will finish building their clay vessel and continue working on the mask and seventh period will begin their clay vessel this week. Sketchbook assignment will be due on Friday, April 27th! UCMS Art Show will be held in the atrium on Wed, May 2nd from 5-8 pm!

Mrs. Graham - 7th & 8th Math - This week before ISTEP testing, 7th graders worked with inequalities, angle relationships, and percent of change. Next week we will work with proportions. The 8th graders worked on inequalities and reviewed properties of powers. Next week we will continue to review solving equations with and probability. We will also continue working with transformations, specifically rotations. 7th graders will be ISTEP testing for math next Thursday, Friday and Monday the 30th. Please make sure to encourage your student to do his/her best and to take the test as seriously as they can. We have worked all year for this moment in time to show what we know.

Mrs. Harvey – 8th Business – Next week we will begin our personal finance unit. Due to ISTEP testing, class will be held in another room, so we will be doing several paper and pencil tasks. The personal finance unit that we are using is one of my favorites for the year—the activities help open students' eyes to real-life decisions and money management strategies! We will learn about earning an income, paying bills and writing checks!

Mr. Whalbring – 8th Language Arts – This week in 8th-grade Language arts we are practicing for ISTEP next week. And reviewing the books *Mississippi Trial, 1955* and *King Lear* (for HALA) for tests Friday.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – 8th Grade Math: Students have been transforming points and figures on a 2 dimensional plane. Algebra: Students have been solving polynomial equations.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science – We will be wrapping up our chapter on Weather. Students have been doing quizzes and projects for this chapter. We will not have a large unit test (especially with ISTEP). We will be moving into environmental issues (Chapter 9).

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies – Today, we wrapped up unit eight with an assessment. We will begin our final unit of study, *The American Civil War*, on Monday! This unit will be full of reenactments, decision-based scenarios, and reflection simulations! Let’s make this unit a STRONG finish to the year in social studies!

Mrs. Allbright - Choir – The Last Choir Concert is May 2nd at the high school. King’s Island forms and money are due April 27th. Students are eligible for this trip if they have all A’s and B’s in choir and participated in all concerts.

The Drama Club will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:30pm. The performance is May 15th at 6:30 in the cafeteria.

8th Grade Choir will perform at the 8th grade breakfast.

Mr. Vogele – Band - All students are invited to attend the high school concert on Saturday, April 21 at 7:00pm in the HS auditorium. It will be an impressive and fun program! The middle school concert is Wednesday, May 2, with bands starting at 6:30.

8th grade had three days for chamber piece rehearsals this week and made progress toward our May 2 concert. This should be a nice feature at our program! On full band days, we focused on a syncopated piece called Jungle Dance that is coming along nicely.

7th grade focused on a piece they will play combined with the 8th grade. We also worked on transferring skills we learned slowly and incrementally through weekly pass-off’s this year into larger form concepts—namely, creating major scales out of short, 4-note sets called tetrachords. Students received a “final project” of sorts regarding these.

6th grade continued working to master the first five notes and their first concert piece, which is still a mystery tune for most students, although some are beginning to recognize it by name. The high school band will also be playing this tune at their spring concert this Saturday at 7:00. Students are invited and encouraged to come see and hear the high school ensembles! It will be a great concert!

Ms. Bryant - Language: Math: ISTEP testing will begin this week. Students will take the tests in their assigned groups. In math class we will work on some review and goal work.

Language: There will be no vocabulary words during ISTEP testing. Students will continue to work in their grade level groups.

Lifekills: We wrapped up ISTAR testing! HOORAY! I will be sending home a hand out regarding the I AM test that will be taking the place of ISTAR next year. We will continue to work on our individual goals and independent living skills. We will also continue training for the special olympics event.

Reading 8: We will continue to work on building our reading comprehension skills through reading and text marking. We will begin reading about famous/important people from Indiana. We will read about Madam C.J. Walker, Jim Davis, Michael Jackson, Kenneth “Baby Face” Edmonds, and David Letterman this week.

Enrichment 7: We will continue to work in our PLATO courses.

Mrs. Wiebe - 7th Grade Math: We have been working and reviewing skills we have learned all year to get ready for round 2 of ISTEP. We have also begun looking at proportions.

6th Grade Math: We have been busy reviewing skills we learned earlier this year to get ready for the next round of ISTEP. We have also been learning about rates, ratios and proportions.

ATHLETICS

Tuesday G – home – Lincoln 5:00

Wednesday T @ Centerville 4:30

Thursday G – home – Brookville 5:00