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UCMS news Week of February 26



Kindness: Showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

Calendar

Wed Music Dept Concert 6:30-8:00 middle School gym

Thurs, Fri, Mon – ISTEP Testing

Menu

Mon Ravioli, garlic toast, salad, corn, peaches

Tues Chicken strips, French fries, baked beans, mixed fruit

Wed Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, salad, roll, applesauce

Thurs Taco salad, Mexican rice, carrots, cookie, fruit cup

Fri Three-cheese calzone, corn, salad, pears

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

UCMS will be ISTEP testing March 1st, 2nd, and 5th. We respectfully ask that you make every effort to make sure that your student is in attendance on these days. We would greatly appreciate it if you could please reschedule any appointments or trips that may impact your student's ability to attend on these days. Please help your student maximize his/her success on the test by getting a good night's sleep and eating a hearty breakfast on testing days. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yearbooks – UCMS Yearbooks for the 2017-2018 school year are now on sale. The cost is \$21.00 with checks payable to UCMS. Order deadline is March 9, 2018.

Sewing Workshop – Back Sack!

Tues, March 20th 3:15-5:00pm in the UCMS Art Room

*Let Mrs. Persinger know if you plan on attending!

Classroom News:

Mrs. Reece – 6th LA - We have now covered all six different text structures and will take a quiz over the material on Wednesday! As we prepare for ISTEP, we will be reviewing all of the grammar, reading, and writing skills that we have covered so far this year.

Mrs. Reister – 6th Social Studies – This week students have been working on their Renaissance Biography "Social Media" Poster. Next week will be a busy week! Students will present posters, round one of ISTEP begins, and we will begin focusing on the achievements of Ancient Greece! Eat breakfast and get plenty of rest!!

Mrs. Persinger – 6th Art - We have so much going on in the Art Room this week! Everyone will be painting their clay self-portraits to finish the clay unit project. We will also be wrapping up the Name Sculptures, which is an example of sculpture in the round, and then begin our exploration into relief sculpture by creating a 3 dimensional underwater scene. Our final sketchbook assignment is due on Friday, March 2nd!

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math – ISTEP begins next week! Please encourage your child to do their best, get plenty of rest and to eat a healthy breakfast each morning we are testing!! It is our time to shine and show what we know!! **Period 2** - We continued to get each class started with a constructed response question. We also took a look at inequalities this week and discovered they have multiple solutions. We spent time solving for

the variable and graphing the solution set. **Period 4, 5, 6** – We continued to get each class started with a constructed response question. We also spent time discovering about integers and how they are used in the real world. We ended the week talking about absolute value.

Mrs. Dannaker – 6th Science - Chapter 8 Test coming up midweek. Use your books and notes to study. Extra credit due Monday.

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts – This week, students worked on doing their prompt attacks/pre-writing plans for speed. They need to be able to plan an essay quickly in order to have more time for the actual writing of the essays. In addition, we continued to discuss different aspects of nonfiction. Students have a nonfiction unit test on Tuesday of next week. Book report information went out to HALA students on Thursday, and all other students will receive their book report guidelines at the end of next week. Book reports are due April 3 (the Tuesday after spring break), but students are continually encouraged to get them completed by March 23 so they don't have to work on them over break. Have a great weekend!

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – This week we have moved on to the second of the five major regions of Africa, East Africa. This is a very diverse region home to a variety of people and animals. We have also been taking some time out to learn about some influential African Americans throughout the history of our country, most notably Jesse Owens and Martin Luther King Jr. Next up on our journey through the African continent is the region of Southern Africa!

Mrs. Beiser – 7th Science – The students are learning theories about how the solar system and Earth were born along with the evolution of life on Earth in the next few weeks. I know these can be delicate topics, and there are lots of emotions tied into the discussion of these theories. I addressed all my classes by telling them that theories are not fact but based on scientific evidence gathered and concluded by scientists. Part of learning science is just knowing the information available or being studied along with the terminology embedded within the theory. In no shape or form are these topics being taught to change religious views or family values. The theories are being taught because they are the most widely accepted in the fields of Earth and Space Science. My opinions are not shared at all while I introduce these topics. Students are welcome to share their views as long as they present them maturely and respectfully. Another part of learning, is to be able to understand the other views people have on the topic. Being able to understand the other views helps students to be more educated and have a deeper knowledge of the subject as well as a bigger perspective of people that do not share their beliefs. These next few weeks are to educate about topics in science that are studied and changing often. Tell your student to keep on task during class and use time wisely as many labs and homework assignments will be given. It is important to study notes and concepts at home or during study hall. Becoming more responsible for your own work is the goal during the last months of seventh grade. Bring everything everyday (BEE)!

Mrs. Graham - 7th & 8th Math – We are just days away from the first round of ISTEP! Students have been working through some constructed response practice problems. All students have done an excellent job of persevering through these challenging problems! Students have been focusing on organizing their work, showing ALL steps even the most basic ones, and, of course, reviewing math skills. I am very pleased with their attention to these problems! **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENT HAS A SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR FOR TESTING NEXT THURSDAY!**

In addition to these constructed response problems, all students have been working with linear relationships. The 7th graders are working with proportional relationships, while the 8th graders are working with linear relationships of the format $y=mx+b$. The 8th grade class has also been working with the Pythagorean Theorem. Next week will be much the same as this week in the skills covered and practiced.

Mr. Gulley – 7th PE/Health - Finish Lesson 4, worksheets and Chapter 10 Test

Mrs. Harvey – 8th Business – Job shadow permission slips were due Friday, Feb. 23rd. I still need several permission slips from students as we gear up to shadow on Friday, March 23rd. Please make sure that your 8th grader has submitted their permission slip! We will continue exploring college and career topics next week.

Mr. Whalbring – 8th Language Arts – In eighth grade language arts, we are continuing our study of poetry, careful analysis of each text, which will help us get into the ISTEP spirit. Students also are working on presentations on a particular poet and poem of their choice, which they'll present to the class this Friday.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – 8th Grade Math- Students have been representing relationships between two sets of data on scatter plots.

Algebra- Students finished the properties of exponents and are now classifying, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing polynomials.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies – We had another busy week in class! We wrapped up unit six with a test on Tuesday. Now, we will turn our attention to the West. It will involve traveling the Santa Fe, Oregon, and Mormon Trails along with bracing for a long war with Mexico! Students will also begin to understand the concept of "Manifest Destiny" in U.S. history. Students visited the Whitewater Technical Career Center on Thursday. Hopefully, this experience will give students some clarity in the direction they want to pursue in high school. Friday, March 9th is our "College for A Day" visit!

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science – Students have entered the world of DNA. We will be doing DNA protein synthesis next week and wrap up chapter 11.

Mrs. Allbright - Choir – Choir and Band have started the Butter Braid Fundraiser. Money was due February 20th to the UC Choir Boosters when the order was placed. Pickup will be March 13th and these items are frozen so they must be picked up and taken straight home and put in the freezer.

The Band and Choir Concert has been moved to the middle school gym with the same schedule as before:
The Choir and Band Concert is February 28th. Band Starts at 6:30. Choir students need to arrive at 6:45 in the middle school choir room and will perform at approximately 7:00 p.m. This concert should last approximately 45 minutes. Students are to wear choir shirts and jeans.

Mr. Vogele – Band – 7-8th grade concert is next Wednesday at 6:30pm in the MS Gym. Students should plan to arrive by 6:15. Please have students dress nicely.

6th grade is progressing and has learned our first three notes! Ask your student to bring their instrument home to practice and show you this weekend!

Ms. Bryant - Math: We will do some last minute review work as we gear up for ISTEP. ISTEP testing will be March 1, 2 and 5.

Language: We finished our Winn Dixie unit this week. In the coming days we will do some review for ISTEP. We will also watch the movie and complete a writing assignment comparing and contrasting the book and the movie. We will not have vocabulary/spelling words until after ISTEP. ISTEP testing will be March 1, 2 and 5.

Lifeskills: We will continue working on our independent living skills and our individual goals. We will begin practicing for the Special Olympics event to be held on May 3rd (May 4th rain date) at Union County High School. As always, parents are welcome to come and cheer us on! Please let me know if you need that information sent home again.

Reading 8: Unit 13 test will be Wednesday February 28th. During ISTEP testing we will take a break from our Vocabulary unit and do some close reading review.

Enrichment 7: We will continue to work on our PLATO classes.

Mrs. Wiebe - 7th Grade Math:

This week will be finishing up solving 2 step equations from word/story problems. We will also be working on preparing ourselves for the first round of ISTEP.

6th Grade Math: We have been busy working on solving equations using our 4 step process. We have been working on solving equations that involve decimals, fractions

ATHLETICS

Mon 5/6GB @ Brookville 5:30
7/8 – home – Brookville 6:00 (schedule change)

Thurs 7/8GB @ Lincoln 6:00

Sat W @ Centerville Inv 9:00

2018 YOUTH SOCCER SPRING REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE!

<http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=24927>

Traveling teams (ages 8 to 15)

- \$65 until March 11th / \$75 starting March 12th.
- Practices start March 12th 5:30 to 7 Mon & Thurs.
- Uniforms are \$20 and available at 1st practice unless you have one from the previous season.
- Please have your player dress appropriately for the weather and wear cleats, soccer socks and shin guards.

Rec Players (ages 4 to 7)

- \$45 until March 11th / \$50 starting March 12th
- Practices start April 2nd 5:30 to 6:15 4 & 5 yo
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- Team shirts are included in the price.
- Please have your player dress appropriately for the weather and wear gym shoes, soccer socks and shin guards.

Mailing option: Download a registration form from our Facebook page
“Union County Youth Soccer”

Mail form & fees (Check payable to UCYS) to:

UCYS Management: 6653 Snowden Rd., Liberty, IN 47353

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