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UCMS NEWS

Week of January 21, 2018



Calendar

Mon. Snow Make-Up Day

Tues. – Sewing Workshop 3:30-5

Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Menu

Mon. Chicken patty, French fries, baked beans, mixed fruit

Tues. Nachos w/meat & cheese, broccoli, pineapple

Wed. CFS, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, applesauce

Thurs. Grilled cheese, chicken noodle soup, carrots, pears

Fri. Stuffed crust pizza, 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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ID Code: 8785219

Cost is \$24.00 and the order deadline is 3/1/19

**Congratulations to our students of the month: 6th grade, Hailey Grimes
7th grade, Riley Blevins
8th grade, Mackaylee Carmack**

Classroom News:

Attention Patriots! Buy a cool clay disc bracelet with the word "Patriots" stamped on it for just \$10.00. See a UCMS Honor Society member or Miss Severance in room 134 to purchase. Your purchase helps the honor society, but also helps provide water to areas in Africa where there are shortages. Do well and look cool at the same time! It's a win-win! Checks can be made out to Union County Middle School. These are pre-order and will be delivered toward the end of February.

The January Sewing Workshop will not be rescheduled!

February Sewing Workshop – placemats!

Mon, Feb 11th from 3:30-5pm in the UCMS Art Room

*Please let Mrs. Persinger know if you plan on attending!

Mrs. Snyder – 6th LA - 6th Grade ELA classes began reading and learning about non-fiction. We will continue this next week, learning about Main idea, supporting details, and summarizing. The students are currently working on Unit 6 of Flocabulary. We will have our Flocabulary text on Friday, study hard! Mrs. Lang will be with us on Tuesday (make-up from last Monday's snow-day). Period 3 began reading The Hobbit! The students are very excited! P3 will need to have Ch2 read by Monday.

Mr. Taylor – 6th Social Studies –6th Grade Social Studies: Students have been learning about Latin America and are now working on their own Geography Now! Video, be sure to ask them about it! I anticipate it being an awesome and unique chance for them to show off their personality and ability!

Mr. Taylor-7th LA- 7th Grade Language Arts: Students have been learning about different writing strategies that authors, and they can use in different forms of writing. We completed our first vocab unit of 2019 and will begin our second unit on Monday!

Mr. Gulley – PE/Health- Chapter 4 Test next week on Bullying and Cyberbullying

Mrs. Fields- 6th Math- All math classes have been accessing a mixed review warm-up to start class using Canvas. It has been interesting to see what we remember and what we have forgotten! Students answer review practice questions Monday – Thursday and get instant feedback on correct and incorrect answers. Students struggling can also take the practice questions again later in the week in preparation for the quiz on Friday. Quiz scores have been a bit low, so some would benefit from a little extra review. **Period 2** – We ended the week discussing polygons on a coordinate plane and distance between two ordered pairs. A coordinate plan quiz is coming the beginning of next week. **Period 3** – We continued our exploration of a coordinate plane. We discussed the x-axis, y-axis, quadrants, ordered pairs and plotting points. We will get to polygons and distance between two points next week before wrapping up with a coordinate plane quiz.

Mr. Hofmann– 6th Science- This week students have been looking at the relationship between plants and animals. We learned that plants produce a very important 'waste' product that humans must use. Ask your child what plants produce during photosynthesis. What do they keep? What do they expel?

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts- This week, Mrs. Lang was here and did a book talk over some cool new options for pleasure reading from the public library. We also learned about Author's Purpose, took our vocabulary test on Thursday, and practiced with text features and text structure. Next week, we continue our non-fiction unit and will also do some grammar work with direct and indirect objects. We have a lot to learn and a lot to practice in the coming weeks.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – This week the students continued to learn about India. We learned about Mohandas Gandhi and why he is an important historical figure. We also learned just a little bit about the major beliefs and practices of the 2 major world religions to form in India; Buddhism and Hinduism. Students will take a test over this information next week. The exact day is subject to change if we have any more weather issues between now and then but currently the test will be on Tuesday the 22nd.

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- We have a couple more weeks of our Earth science unit. We will be having the unit test soon. This test will cover everything from layers of the earth to rocks and minerals. Remember you can always review your notes, warm-ups, and quizzes to study.

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

We will explore the art of watercolor using different techniques such as, plastic wrap, crayon, etc. We will then apply our new skill in creating a painting of birch trees in winter. This will be one to frame! Sketchbook Assignment #3 will be due on Friday, January 25th.

Mrs. Graham - The Math-RED, GREEN and ORANGE classes are working with integers. Students have done a great job so far picking up on the processes! Next week we will tackle multiplication and division and then put all operations together.

The Math-YELLOW and BLUE classes are still solving equations. We have tackled everything but special cases. We will get to those next week. Look for a unit quiz at the end of next week or beginning of the next.

Mrs. Goodwin -8th Grade Business: Students will begin a unit exploring college and careers. Students will also be using Word to create documents with proper formatting for business letters.

Mrs. Sutter – 8th Language Arts Students will be wrapping up their persuasive essays. They have researched their topic and are using that information to support their claim or argument. They are using in-text citation and creating a bibliography page. They are continuing to study prefixes.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – 8th Grade Math-Students have been applying the Pythagorean Theorem and it's converse. They will take an assessment at the beginning of next week and then move on to linear relationships.

Algebra-Students have been identifying functions. They will start focusing on linear functions represented as graphs, equations, tables and in words.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science- Students will have a test over reproduction Tuesday, 1/22. This will cover asexual and sexual reproduction along with the process of meiosis. Students have been given a review “packet” that contains additional resources as well as questions to prepare. This is due Monday, 1/21. Please make sure your student has completed this to the best of his/her ability. We will move on to the structure of DNA and mutations next. Again, resources for these units will be from class and located on Canvas.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies-This week, students wrapped up the study of George Washington's presidency. Then, we looked into the brief, yet crucial presidency of John Adam's. Look for test five on January 23rd, with review guides due on Tuesday, January 22nd.

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- The choir concert for February has been changed. With such a short time between the beginning of school and the concert, it seemed best to give ourselves a couple more weeks. The choir concert will now be February 27th at 6:30 pm in the middle school gymnasium. Students should report at 6:15 to warm up in the choir room. The concert should be finished before 7:30 pm. Students will wear their choir shirts and jeans. See you then! Mrs. Allbright

Mr. Vogele – Band - 6th grade received letters about getting an instrument. Please read this and return the last page after completing the checklist for the option you select by next Friday.

7th grade is catching steam and busted through a lesson in our ensemble book in just two days! We will be receiving new sheet music next week. Next week will also begin to feel more “regular” after a quick post-winter break review, with assignments coming due on Canvas.

8th grade finished our welcome back review by reading three “quick study” pieces. These will not be concert pieces, but rather just music for us to learn from and enjoy in lieu of a method book, since they finished it last semester. It is lots of fun to see how quickly they can grasp and master some of the skills required for sight-reading these new tunes. Our first batch of Canvas assignments will come due next week.

Ms. Bryant – We have done a great job reviewing the zones of regulation and what we have learned about them so far this year. We will start next week by digging deeper into the zones and talking about ourselves and what we look like in each of the zones and strategies that we use to transition back into the green zone. As always, for specifics on your child please check their communication notebook and/or Canvas and PowerSchool.

Mrs. Lathery – We are continuing to work on getting our IXL lessons completed. We are also working on important concepts that we learned in math and language arts this week. Everyone is making great progress! Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Mrs. Weaver-Library-

Athletics

Mon. – BBB vs. Centerville, 6pm.

Tues. – GBB vs. Test, 6pm.

Wed.-

Thurs. – BBB @ Northeastern, 6pm.

GBB vs. Franklin Co., 6pm.

Wrestling vs. Franklin Co., 6pm.

Fri.-

**Sat. - Robotics Tournament, UCMS Gym,
8-4:30pm.**