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# UCMS NEWS

## Week of May 14



*Honesty: Choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.*

### Calendar

Tues Drama Performance 6:30  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> gr to Hueston Woods  
Thurs 6/7 Gr Awards during 6 & 7 Periods  
Fri Last student day  
Summerfest 1:00-3:00  
8<sup>th</sup> Gr Breakfast 8:30-10:30  
6/7 Movie trip to Connersville,

### Menu

Mon Chicken patty, tater tots, baked beans, mixed fruit  
Tues Taco salad, Mexican rice, carrots, cookie, pears  
Wed Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches  
Thurs Assorted anything day, asst. fries, broccoli, mixed fruit  
Fri Bosco sticks, salad, corn, fruit cup

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Congratulations to the following students for being elected to next year's student council:

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Jack Witter, Emma Kassens, Chloe Greene, KiKi Jones, Ty Elleman, and Aaron Herring

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Jenna Elliott, Julia West, Anna Lea Adams, Ryder Brittenham, and Dexter Schlichter

IPADS – IPads, with their chargers, will be collected by teachers on these days:

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Monday, May 14

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Tuesday, May 15

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Wednesday, May 16

Chargers must be the original Apple charger given with the iPad at the beginning of the year. If charger is not returned, student will be charged \$25 - \$15 for the box and \$10 for the cord.

With the end of the school year drawing near, please be certain your information is up-to-date in Parent Connect. Next school year and for registration, our school district is switching to PowerSchool and all will be asked to update their information at registration.

Awards Program – the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Awards will be handed out next Thursday, May 17. 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be at 12:54 in our gym and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will follow at 1:48.

**FYI** – School supply lists for next year are available on our web site under parent resources.

**Student Council News:** Our final school social, known as *Summerfest*, will be on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cgutzwiller@uc.k12.in.us)). Thank you in advance!

**ALL MEDICATIONS IN THE SCHOOL CLINIC NEED TO BE PICKED UP BY FRIDAY, MAY 18.**

## **Classroom News:**

**Mrs. Hertel for Mrs. Reece – 6<sup>th</sup> LA** – On Monday and Tuesday we will be taking the L.A. portion of NWEA. We will be collecting L.A. textbooks on Monday. Make sure those are at school! Beth Lang from the Union County Public Library will visit us on Thursday. I have had a wonderful, almost full school year with your kiddos!

**Mrs. Reister – 6<sup>th</sup> Social Studies** – Students did a great job with their “mystery” country! I think we all enjoyed guessing their countries. As the year comes to a close, I would like to say “Thank You” for a great year and for sharing your child with me! I hope everyone has a relaxing and fun summer break! See you all in August!

**Mr. Gulley – 6<sup>th</sup> PE/Health** - We will be finishing Physical Fitness Test and playing games.

**Mrs. Fields – 6<sup>th</sup> Math** – I cannot believe this year is just about to end!! It has went by so quickly!! I want to thank you for sharing your child with me!! Although there were bumps in the road, the journey has been one I will look back on fondly!! Getting to know this group of kids academically and personally has been something I have truly enjoyed and will treasure all of our memories together! I look forward to seeing each of them a little taller, a little more mature and a little more confident next year walking into 7th grade classes!!! Enjoy your summer break!!

**Mrs. Dannaker – 6<sup>th</sup> Science** – I can’t believe the year is over! Thanks for a great year of learning! Also, thanks so much for all the teacher appreciation gifts! We will finish up the year building Rube Goldberg machines the last week of school. Have a great summer!

**Miss Severance – 7<sup>th</sup> Language Arts** – We have been NWEA testing all week. Next week, we will be doing some wrap up with propaganda and rhetoric, as well as some possible grammar review. Have a great summer!

**Mr. Bruns – 7<sup>th</sup> Social Studies** – This week we have begun to learn about Australia. This will continue on into next week. We are also approaching the deadline for SUCCESS, May 15th, so please make sure that your student has their lessons done. Seventh grade will also be turning in their iPads next week.

**Mrs. Beiser – 7<sup>th</sup> Science** - To end the school year, 7<sup>th</sup> grade science is reviewing cell biology. Students are reviewing the functions of cell organelles and looking at the differences between plant and animal cells via microscope. A quiz will be given next Tuesday over organelle functions. Students need to be prepared to turn in their textbooks Tuesday. Bottle rockets will be done Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

**Mrs. Persinger – 7<sup>th</sup> Art** - All students will be finishing their Spotlight Painting and cleaning out their art drawers! Have a wonderful and safe summer break!

**Mrs. Graham - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Math** - The 7th grade math classes are finishing up their year creating a scale drawing of an image of their choosing. They are taking a 10x14 cm picture and dilating it using a scale of 1 cm=1.5 inches. This project is so awesome! The pictures that come out of this project are unbelievable every year! The 8th graders will be finishing up their tessellations. They are also working in SUMDOG to review skills. I would like to take a moment to express my deepest affection for this group of students. I have watched most of them grow and mature into young men and women with goals and dreams. I am forever grateful to you, the parents, for sharing your student with me!

**Mrs. Harvey – 8<sup>th</sup> Business** - We will take our final quiz next week over all of the work we’ve been doing in class throughout the personal finance unit. We will also look at typing speed and reflect on overall growth in keyboarding. It has been a pleasure working with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade—I am hopeful that the skills we have worked on in class will help prepare the students for high school and for life beyond. I look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things this group of young people will do in the future! Have a great summer!

**Mr. Whalbring – 8<sup>th</sup> Language Arts** – This week in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts, we’re analyzing character and tone by reading “Gary Keillor.” We’ll be writing a literary essay as well this week to revisit organization and paragraph writing skills. In HA Language Arts students are practicing annotating more advanced works, such as poems by Robert Hayden, John Keats, and stories by authors like Flannery O’Connor. This practice is meant to help these students prepare for their summer reading practices and their work in English 9 Honors next year, as well as AP Lit beyond that.

**Ms. Estep – 8<sup>th</sup> Math** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math- Students have been working on probability and transformations. Algebra- Students should memorize the quadratic formula. They will have their last quiz/test on Tuesday over graphing quadratic functions using transformations and solving quadratic functions using the quadratic formula.

**Mrs. Crumley – 8<sup>th</sup> Science** – Students have wrapped up their study of the environment and have all made a personal pledge to rethink their use of plastic! We will finish up the year studying the animal kingdom (chapter 13). Students will have their last project to be entered as a test grade. They will be constructing a book on the animal kingdom worth 90 points as a TEST score. They will have time in class, but will probably need to work on it outside of class if they get behind. The book can be made using paper or an app that they have downloaded. Extra credit is due by midnight May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Gutzwiller – 8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies** – We finished up our last unit of study for the year: The American Civil War! This unit consisted of several engaging, role playing activities that involved a lot of debate and reflections! Review guides are due on Monday with the exam on Tuesday.

**Mrs. Albright - Choir** – As we approach the end of the year I have reminders for the Choir/Band King’s Island trip: Everyone should arrive at 8:00 in appropriate clothing. Chaperones will meet at 8:10 out in the hall outside the gym for some instructions and groups. Students have been placed into groups to utilize chaperones completely. You will be with approximately 6-7 students. We will depart precisely at 8:30. If you are late, we cannot wait. Boys and girls may not share bus seats. Students MUST stay with groups all day or they will remain with me or with Mr. Voegel for the day without riding rides. Any park rules such as shoplifting that are broken will ensure a call home and parents must pick students up at King’s Island themselves. Check-ins are 3:00 – 3:30 at the front of the park in front of the fountains. At 3:30 students who requested lunchables will walk as groups to the bus to eat and return. Second check in is at 9:00-9:30 at the Eiffel Tower when we will depart in groups. We will return at approximately 11:30 p.m.

**Mr. Voegel – Band** – Grades have been updated for all 7-8th grade students on ParentConnect, INCLUDING our quarterly proficiency projects. If students have not turned in one or more of the iPad Tenuto note-reading assignments they have been working on all quarter (and all year), it is now reflected as a zero and counts for a significant portion of their grade. They have until the last day of class (THURSDAY) to complete all missing work. Each student is working on a different proficiency level, and students received a list of all missing work and playing tests (including excerpts to retry) on Friday.

6th grade will have two days next week to pass off the first two levels of their 5-star mastery charts and achieve the iPad goal of 30 answers in one minute at 80% accuracy. This, along with strong daily participation and attendance at our concert, constitutes their 4th quarter grade.

**Ms. Bryant** – Math: We will be wrapping up the school year with working on percent of a number. Language: We will be focusing on adjectives. We will also work on some reading comprehension skills in our reading groups. Lifeskills: We will continue working on our independent living skills and our individual goals. Reading 8: We will continue working on building our reading comprehension skills through a variety of texts. Enrichment 7: We will continue to work in our PLATO courses.

**Mrs. Wiebe** - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: This week we completed our NWEA testing. We will wrap up with some end of year activities and our final math mystery. Enjoy summer break!

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: This week we finished up our math mystery. We will complete our NWEA testing next week on Monday and Tuesday.

## **ATHLETICS**

**Mon G @ N Decatur 5:00**