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UCMS NEWS

Week of October 7, 2019



Calendar

Mon. –
Tues. –
Wed. –Choir Concert; 6:30pm. HS Auditorium
Thurs. –Picture retakes
Fri. –

Menu

Mon. – Sloppy Joe, Waffle Fries, Baked beans, Cole slaw, peaches
Tues. –Chicken strips, cheesy potatoes, carrots, pears
Wed. –Chicken noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, applesauce
Thurs. – Baked potato, corn muffin, broccoli, cottage cheese, pineapple, cookie
Fri. –Flatbread, salad, corn, fruit cup

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Picture retakes will be October 10th

Classroom News:

Mrs. Hertel – 6th LA-This week we participated in some class activities, whole group activities, and a small group project all based on Plot Structure. There will be a Plot Structure quiz next Tuesday, October 8. Your child has notes to use for studying.

Mr. Hofmann – 6th SS - 6th Graders by now have presented their East of the Mississippi project and will be shifting their focus to states west of the Mississippi in the coming days.

Mrs. Fields- 6th Math- Mark your calendars for Parent Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17. Information was sent home about the conference format in Friday Folders today. Please be sure to return it with your child on Monday. **Period 2** – We spent most of the week solving order of operation problem with fractions. They took us a little longer to solve, but we did it!! **Period 3, 4, 7** – Fractions, fractions and more fractions has been our focus the last week or so. We took a quiz midweek and most of us did really well!! Check out PowerSchool to see how our child did. Any student that did not get a C or above will be offered an opportunity to retake it. We are moving on to a review of Order of Operations next week.

Mrs. Beiser– 6th Science 6th

Learning Objectives: [Earth-Moon-Sun Systems 6.ESS.1, 6.ESS.2, 6.ESS.3](#)

Students will begin exploring space by introducing the Sun-Moon-Earth System. We are starting this week with a QUIZ ON TUESDAY then begin looking at the different phases of the moon and when they occur. Make sure that bell buzzers are being submitted and all directions are being followed. Late work will not be accepted!

Mrs. Goodwin-6th Grade Business: Students will be wrapping up business class this week. We will review what we learned and create a final project.

6th Grade Enrichment: Students will be wrapping up the business enrichment class this week with code.org

Miss Severance – 7th LA- This week, students completed their third vocabulary list and began working on a research unit. So far, we've been learning how to evaluate sources (especially web sources) to determine if they are current, relevant, authoritative, accurate, and purposeful. Next week, we will be continuing our research unit. Don't forget to be reading for your book reports, due October 29. As of Friday, you have the information you need to prepare and complete your book reports prior to the presentation piece.

Mr. Hawkins – 7th SS –7TH Grade Social Studies was able to do the Minecraft Build in just the nick of time! Great job overall guys in spite of the few hiccups we had. Moving on to Ancient China and the mysteries of that river valley culture. There will be a quiz on Thursday

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- This week we will finish up our lab projects and review what has been learned in the Life Science unit. Look for a unit test coming up next week.

Mrs. Persinger – 7th grade art-Mrs. Persinger – 7th Art

Our last week of Art will be spent creating a woven tapestry. We will be introduced to a new pattern at the beginning of class on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and then apply it to our own artwork. Sketchbooks will be collected this week and stored in the Art Room until 4th quarter when 7th graders return to Art. Have a great 2nd and 3rd quarter!

Mrs. Graham 7th Math -We will be finishing up next week our focus on computation with positive and negative values. We will quiz early next week and then move on to solving equations. We will also be having our first binder check quiz next week. I have spent time organizing with the students in class, so this should not be anything to prepare for IF your student has kept up!

Mr. Gulley-8th P.E/Health-Sex Ed all next week with Girls Inc.

Mrs. Beiser 8th Science- 8th Grade

Learning Objectives: Understanding the periodic table and atomic structure 8.PS.1

Students will read the history behind the periodic table and begin to dissect the sections and elements that make up the periodic table. That information will be used to classify and identify elements. Then, models will be used to describe how each element's atomic structure differs. Students will complete will begin to dissect the periodic table and how it is organized first by taking notes then by color coding their own table along with lab activities to reinforce the organization of the grid. Keep up with homework on canvas science homepage and on the calendar.

Mrs. Snyder 8th LA - 8th Grade ELA students published narratives this week. Students invested a lot of time and energy into this, even begging for more work time. They really enjoyed this, even though they were fretting about it in the beginning. We will visit the library on Wednesday, bring your library book.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math- 8th Grade Math:

Students are solving two step equations.

Algebra:

Students will solve linear inequalities.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science- Students are wrapping up our initial study of atoms and atomic structure. We had a test today and will continue studying the structure and makeup of the periodic table next week.

Mr. Taylor – 8th Social Studies- Students are completing their setting the Stage skit for the American Revolution! We are learning about some of the key events that lead us to the war!

Mr. Nash-8th AG-FFA Announcements:

Next Chapter meeting will be November 5th

FFA SOAR Camp will be Oct. 18-20th for students that signed up to go

National Convention Day Bus trip will be September 31st Permission slip and Itinerary will be coming home soon.

Classroom:

Sent home Forms to be signed for the state of Indiana and guidance office that students are enrolled in my class. They just need to be signed and sent back in.

We are still continuing working in our FFA Student work books. We will eventually start working on learning the FFA Creed.

Mrs. Allbright – Choir- CONCERT WEDNESDAY!!!!

Choir students are getting very close to their performance October 9th at 6:30. This will take place in the high school auditorium. Each group will perform and then there is a combined number at the end. Students need to stay for the entire concert. It should take no longer that 45 minutes. Students check in and warm up in the choir room at 6:15 p.m. Students need to wear their choir shirts and jeans. If a student has lost or outgrown their shirt, I have these for \$15.

6th Grade has rotated to their new 6 week enrichment class. I have enjoyed this first group and will look forward to seeing some of them in choir 2nd semester. My new group is very spirited and not a quiet bunch, but in music class that is often a good thing! We will send out a form for them to list their top enrichment choices in November or December and then extend invitations to students to participate in band or choir or both. All students must be able to match pitch and attend required concerts if they are placed in choir.

Mr. Hardy – Band-6th Grade General Music: This is the second week with the next rotation of 6th grade General Music students. Each week, the 6th grade general music students will be introduced to each instrument they can sign-up to play next semester for 6th Grade Band. This week we have been discussing the instrument families: strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. We have also been talking about our first instrument, the flute. Students spent the week trying out the instrument and using

the same playing technique to make sounds on an empty plastic bottle. Each Friday we will be playing percussion instruments, working on repeating rhythms, and keeping a steady beat.

7th and 8th Grade Band: The members of the 7th and 8th Grade Band have been working hard over the past several class periods. We start out each class period with our concert B-flat exercises, making sure we *always* are playing with a good sound. We have began reading music out of our new band book, "Standard of Excellence" (Book 1 for 7th grade and Book 2 for 8th grade). **Students should be practicing every day!** In order to improve on our instruments, we must spend time outside of class working on the music we have been rehearsing during class.

Our first concert for the 2019-2020 school year will be on December 11. Please mark your calendars now!

Mrs. Lathery –We are currently working on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. We are also working on finishing up our IXL lessons before the end of the 1st quarter. The students are writing in their journals about their favorite month of the year and why. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call me.

Mrs. Mastriano-Thank you for a warm welcome to UCMS! I've spent the week getting to know students and their schedules and routines. I've also shared with them a little about me and my expectations in our classroom and how that will help them outside of our classroom.

Mrs. Weaver- SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be October 14-18 in the UCMS library. Proceeds from the book fair will be used to purchase the latest books of interest for middle schoolers.

Athletics

Mon. – Volleyball vs. Centerville; Away, 6pm

Tues. –

Wed. –

Thurs. –

Fri.-

Sat. –