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UCMS NEWS

Week of December 10, 2018



Calendar

Mon.

Tues. -
Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Menu

Mon. Chicken patty, tater tots, baked beans, applesauce

Tues. Bosco sticks, salad, corn, pineapple

Wed. Biscuit & Gravy, hash brown, sausage links, cinn. Apples

Thurs. Popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, broccoli, pears

Fri. Philly steak, crinkle fries, carrots, 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!

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Classroom News:

Mrs. Snyder – 6th LA- 6th Grade ELA students successfully completed the winter portion of NWEA. I'm proud of how hard they worked and the effort put forth. We will begin working on expository writing by comparing Christmas in different countries throughout the world. The students will step through the entire writing process for this piece of writing. We will visit the library on Monday- Bring your library book to class on Monday and every day!

Mr. Taylor – 6th Social Studies –Students spent this week focusing on US History and US Government. They got to make a menu in a simulation of separation of powers, and tried to get it approved! We will finish with the US West of Mississippi test and then look north as we begin learning all about Canada!

Mr. Taylor-7th LA- Students have finished up with the novel, The Outsiders. This week we are taking NWEA! Soon, we will begin our second major writing project of the year!

Mr. Gulley – PE/Health- Physical Fitness Testing, Physical fitness workout and kickball.

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math –Period 2 solved and graphed inequalities this week. We discovered that equations have one solution, but inequalities have many solutions. We ended the week translating inequalities. **Period 3, 4, 6** solved addition, subtraction, multiplication and division equations this week. We focused on the process of solving equations algebraically. We will focus on solving equations with fractions and decimals next week.

Mr. Hofmann– 6th Science - Science class members built rockets from paper and launched them with straws. We changed launch angles to see if that would affect the distance traveled. This week we have also taken part in National Computer Science week and have done some coding.

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts – – This week, students in periods 3, 4, and 7 took their test over The Outsiders on Monday. Period 2 students finished up Red Scarf Girl and are working on a persuasive essay related to the book (due Tuesday). The rest of the week was spent on NWEA testing for all students. Next week, we will have a mini-writing unit. We have a lot to do before winter break. Stay focused!

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – This week the students continued learning about the history of Japan. We have learned about the geography of the region and how that impacted the development of society in Japan, how the early development of their society was heavily influenced by China and Korea, how an ineffective government gave rise to chaos throughout the country, why the Samurai became so important throughout that chaotic time, why the Japanese chose to isolate themselves from the world for 250 years, and who was responsible for the opening of Japan to the world after those 250 years. We will finish up this unit next week when we learn about Japan during World War 2. The test will be December 14th.

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- - Last week our topic of investigation and experimentation was earthquakes. This week we will be exploring and constructing volcanoes. Be on the lookout for new vocabulary on quiz let.

Mrs. Persinger – Art -Mrs. Persinger – 8th Art

All classes will be finishing their printmaking project this week. One more project to go for 8th graders to complete their middle school art career! Final sketchbook assignment will be due Friday, December 14th!

Mrs. Graham - 7th Math-Circles, circles and more circles! All classes are still working on solving circumference and area problems working to find missing pieces of the formula.

The Math-RED, GREEN, and ORANGE groups are finishing up similar figures and will begin to work next week on percent's. We will be solving percent problems proportionally and through an equation.

The Math- YELLOW and BLUE groups are still solving equations. We had to go back to review the distributive property, but once we took a step back, everyone started to catch on pretty well.

Mrs. Goodwin – 7th Business- 7th Grade Business: Students will be investigating successful entrepreneurs and identifying common characteristics of a successful entrepreneur.

Mrs. Sutter – 8th Language Arts - Students will continue to work on their informative essay. They are learning how to create a five paragraph essay, research a topic and cite their sources. They will also continue their Unit 4 vocabulary unit.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math - 8th Grade Math and Algebra- Students have just finished taking the second round of NWEA. They are learning the properties of exponents. Please consider TutorU if your child needs a quiet place to study or additional support.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science- Students have finished up covalent bonding and Lewis Dot structures. This week students took the second round of NWEA. We will start ionic bonds (a brief overview) and wrap up the semester with balancing equations.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies- We've been focusing on a new vocabulary term, convoluted, regarding the planning of our national government. Last, we identified reasons why the Articles of Confederation did not serve our nation well. Therefore, we had to go back to the drawing table and take two main ideas for government structure and merge them into one compromise! Students role played as delegates of the states and witnessed a scene of the Constitutional Convention. They examining various documents to provide clues as to what the new government might look like for our country and people. Look for test four for the week of December 17th.

Mr. Nash-8th AG- This week in 8th grade Ag we have been learning about the different breeds of cattle. We are ending the week by working in groups of 3 and researching the outcome of crossing 2 breeds and determine their traits. Students then are compiling their research onto posters and presenting to the class their findings. We will continue this research into next week as well.

Mrs. Allbright – Choir-The middle school choir concert has been changed to December 19th at 6:30 in order to avoid such a traffic jam with the high school concert. The high school concert will remain on its original date. We will keep these concerts separate in the future due to space. Thanks for your understanding and hopefully this will make concerts more comfortable. Arrival Time for students is 6:15 with the performance at 6:30. Students will wear choir shirts and jeans. If shirts are lost or too small, I do have extras for \$15. When candles arrive, an announcement for pick-up will be sent.

6th Grade students will be receiving letters to choose their top choices for next semester and Mr. Vogele and I will be submitting our recommendations to the office for choir and band in December so schedules can be set before we return to school in January. Students may request to participate in both if they so choose. Choir members will be required to purchase a t-shirt for the performances for \$15 and all performances are mandatory and graded as half of the class grade. Quizzes and daily participation make up the other 50% of the grade.

Mr. Vogele – Band - 7-8th grade band: Great job to all the performers at our band concert Tuesday night! The students should be proud of their accomplishments, both in preparation and on stage. Our dress rehearsals also went exceedingly well this week. For the rest of the semester, we will continue with a normal daily routine of skills practice, and also include regular opportunities to pass-off, retry, or make-up any missing playing test and iPad work.

6th grade: Students have been moving quickly to pass the 5th of 6 clef reading ranges, as well as trying three of four instruments before our “official sign-up” presentation, which took place on Friday, Dec 7, during study hall. All students wishing to sign-up for band need to return their form ASAP. More

detailed information was sent home with your student on Friday. Absent students should get this information on Monday.

Ms. Bryant –Christmas break is drawing near! We are getting very excited! We have been working on some progress monitoring activities for our goals and will continue to work on them until Christmas break. We are also working to get our IXL lessons done for success. We have taken a break from working on the zones to get those lessons done. We are close to being caught up on that and will start the Zones back up next week. We have also been working to earn enough tickets for a "movie day". As always, check your child's communication notebook and/or canvas and PowerSchool for specifics on your child.

Mrs. Lathery –Our class has been working hard to get our IXL lessons completed. We are continuing to work on our individual goals and making great progress towards them. We have also been making up NWEA tests for our math and language arts classes.

Mrs. Weaver-Library-

Athletics

Mon. -

Tues. - GBB @ Winchester, 6:00 pm.

Wed.-BBB vs. Winchester @ home, 6 pm.

Thurs. – GBB vs. Rushville @ home, 6 pm.

Fri.-

Sat.