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UCMS NEWS



Week of September 9, 2019

Calendar

Mon. –
Tues. –
Wed. –Midterm
Thurs. –8th grade vision screening
Fri. -

Menu

Mon. – Bosco sticks, salad, corn, cottage cheese, pears
Tues. – Popcorn chicken, wedges, broccoli w/cheese, mandarin oranges
Wed. –Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans, salad, pineapple
Thurs. – Chicken patty, French fries, baked beans, applesauce
Fri. –Taco wedges, Mexican rice, carrots, mixed fruit

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Parents: You will be able to see your child's midterm grades by logging into the parent portal. Grades will be posted Wednesday, September 11. Midterms will no longer be sent home.

Report cards will continue to be mailed home.

Picture retakes will be October 10th

Classroom News:

Mrs. Hertel – 6th LA-Next week, we will be talking about different reading strategies.

Mr. Hofmann – 6th SS - 6th grade Social Studies is continuing a look into the forces of nature. Your student should understand the basic principles of the water cycle as well as erosion and weathering. These are skills that should translate to specific Science standards as well.

Mrs. Fields- 6th Math-**Period 2** – We reviewed decimals quickly this week. We practiced adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We ended the week with a quick quiz. We will move on to fractions next week. **Period 3, 4, 7** – We worked with factors and multiples this week, and ended the week with a quiz. We will move on to a review of decimals next week.

Mrs. Beiser– 6th Science- 6th Grade Science Standards 6.ESS.1, 6.ESS.2, 6.ESS.3

After finishing up the section on scientific method and metric system, students will be looking up to space. Students will be working through the Carolina Science kits from Purdue University until October. The science kit is called "Celestial Bodies." Be prepared for lots of new vocabulary such as gravity, revolution, an orbit. There will be several labs. Labs count for 60% of the science grade. Let's go explore!

Mrs. Goodwin-6th Grade Business: Students will be working on learning new Word skills and some basic computer terminology.

6th Grade Enrichment: Students will be using code.org to learn some coding skills.

Miss Severance – 7th LA- This week, students took their first vocabulary test on Thursday. They also began practicing the best ways to read nonfiction and informational texts via articles on commonlit.org. We will continue working on this as we head into next week. Additionally, we worked on identifying main or central ideas.

Mr. Hawkins – 7th SS –7th Grade has been hard at it in designing their gardens for the Garden Project this past week! They are looking amazing! However, some groups need to step it up as the project deadline is Wed. with 25 minutes of class time. We will be buckling up for the next stop at Ancient Egypt and the Pyramids, where will be walking (and writing) like Egyptians!

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- This week students will present their research on the history of germ theory with their groups. We will also continue on investigation of cells and microbes with another lab activity.

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

We will spend the entire week studying color theory and apply our color mixing experiences in creating a painting using graffiti-like font with our name. Sketchbook assignment #5 is due Friday, September 13th.

Mrs. Graham 7th Math - 7th Grade Math (Mrs. Graham): All classes quizzed over prime factorization this week. We moved on to another warm up. All classes also got graded papers back, organized those papers into their binders and learned to create a box and whisker plot based on real data.

The Math-YELLOW, GREEN, and RED groups have moved on to integers which will continue next week.

The Math-BLUE class is working with the Real # System and it's organization. We will begin reviewing positive and negative rational numbers next week.

Mr. Gulley 8th Health/PE- Finish Test on Chapter 14, Then Start PE which will be Physical Fitness Training.

Mrs. Beiser 8th Science- 8th Grade Science

Students just finished up learning about matter and its changes along with its properties. Now, students will begin studying density. Be checking PowerSchool for grades and missing work. If a lab is missed during an absence, students must make that up during study hall. Get a pass from Mrs. Beiser. Check canvas homepage for class schedule, assignments, and homework. Let's have an exSEPtional SEPtember!

Mrs. Snyder 8th LA - 8th grade ELA classes are learning about story elements as we go through our short story unit. We are studying sentence types and sentence structure in grammar.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math- 8th Grade Math and Algebra: Students are solving and checking linear equations in one variable.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science- Students completed their first lab of the year. We had some bumps, but we made it through. Students will also have completed two quizzes. Science this year is going to be challenging, I encourage your student to review notes nightly to help keep ideas fresh in their minds.

Mr. Taylor – 8th Social Studies- Students will begin learning about the first American colonies and what separated them from Europe early on. We will take a fast approach to learning about life in the colonies and will soon speed towards chaos in America, the American Revolution.

Mr. Nash-8th AG- District kick off Tuesday Sept. 10th- Stop by Ag room to get permission slip if you sign up to go. They will be due Monday 9th!

Area Livestock Skillathon and Dairy Foods Thurs. Sept 12th- Stop by Ag room to get permission slip if you sign up to go. They will be due Monday 9th! We will be practicing after school Wednesday and Thursday and Monday the 16th after school in the high school Ag room.

Classroom: We have been working on Careers unit. Students last Friday learned how to tie a tie and this week we are talking about resumes, Cover letters and thank you notes. Students will then be having a “mock” interview/ presentation over their career choices. I will be assigning student days that they will be presenting and letting them know so they can dress nicer for their interview.

Mrs. Albright – Choir- Choir and General music kids have been continuing to review and learn rhythmic patterns and how to read and count them in musical examples.

The booster trash bang fundraiser has begun. It runs from Sept 2-17. All students in choir receive \$2.50 for each item in an account under their name to use for shirt replacements, future choir outfits and future King’s Island trips. This account replaces little gifts sent by companies as a reward system in ways the boosters believe the students might rather be rewarded.

Our first concert is October 9th at the high school.

Mr. Hardy – 6th Grade General Music: 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. So far we have learned about the flute, snare drum, clarinet, bass drum, xylophone/marimba, and the saxophone. This week we have been talking about the trumpet. Each Friday we have been playing percussion instruments, working on repeating rhythms, and keeping a steady beat. Students should always come to class with the necessary materials and be ready to learn!

Try-it Day! On Wednesday, September 11, 6th grade general music students who have me for the first rotation will have the opportunity to perform on all of the instruments you can sign-up to play in 6th grade band! A representative from Muncie Music will be leading this presentation. More information on signing-up for 6th grade band will be shared later in the semester.

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. The past two weeks we have begun reading music out of our new band book, "Standard of Excellence" (Book 1 for 7th grade and Book 2 for 8th grade). Some students have been selected to switch to the percussion section in the band. More information regarding this switch will be sent home very soon. **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 —Our class is working on finishing up our IXL lessons before mid-term. We are also reviewing topics that we learned in our math and language arts classes. This week we will begin writing in our journals.

Athletics

Mon. –

**Tues. –CC vs. Centerville/Hagerstown; Away, 5pm
Volleyball vs. Sunman-Dearborn; Home, 6pm**

Wed. –

Thurs. –Volleyball vs. St. Michael; Home, 6pm

Fri.-

Sat. –CC vs. Randolph Southern Invitational; Away