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UCMS NEWS

Week of May 13, 2019



Calendar

Mon. –
Tues. –MS Choir Concert @ UCHS, 6:30pm.
Wed. –
Thurs. -6th & 7th grade Band Concert @ MS gym, 6:30pm.
Fri.-

Menu

Mon. – Pizza, salad, corn, peaches
Tues. –Hot dog/Coney, Mac & cheese, broccoli, pears
Wed. – Beef Manhattan, Mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce
Thurs. – Chicken patty, wedges, carrots, mixed fruit
Fri. – Hamburger, chips, baked beans, Cole slaw, fruit cup

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

Classroom News:

The Salvation Army is an international charitable organization. We are asking the UCMS students, faculty, and staff to be part of the 1.7 million people that give to this organization. Next week (May 13 – 17), the student council will be conducting its final service project of the year: Sizzling for the Salvation Army! Throughout the week, students will be encouraged to donate any non-perishable food item to their grade level social studies teacher. The winning grade level will receive an ice cream sundae social for their efforts! Help support the UCMS student body in their efforts!

UCMS Art Show
Tuesday, May 14th
5-8pm
UCMS Atrium

Mrs. Snyder – 6th LA - 6th Grade ELA classes are enjoying their literature circle books. We spend each class reading, discussing, and analyzing the book.

We will visit the library on Monday. Be sure to bring your library book to class every day. Mrs. Lang will join us for a **book talk!**

Mr. Taylor – 6th Social Studies –6th Grade Social Studies: Parents! Thank you for your cooperation in our project! The castles turned out amazing, simply mind blowing! I'm super impressed with the things the kiddos have done. Great job everyone! We're moving towards the end as we finish up with Europe and turn our attention to Russia. We will review our principles of Geography and look back at the application throughout the final few weeks.

Mr. Taylor-7th LA- 7th Grade ELA: We are nearing the end of novel number two, *Freak the Mighty*. Kiddos are learning about a hero's journey and how it applies to a lot of popular stories!

Mr. Gulley – PE/Health- Finished Physical Fitness Testing and Maybe play kickball and bounce ball.

Mrs. Fields- 6th Math-

We finished up ILEARN testing the first of the week, and it feels so good!! Period 2 – We put our work with integers to use this week after testing. We went back to order of operations, but mixed in lots of negative numbers. It was a little challenging, but most of us rose to the occasion. We ended the week solving equations with negative numbers. We are going to tackle two-step equations with negative numbers next week. **Period 3, 4, & 6** - We spent the rest of the week working with interior angles of triangle and quadrilaterals. We discovered if given two angles you can always find the third, and if given three angles of a quad you can always find the fourth. We even challenged ourselves with some specific qualities of triangles and quads and realized we could still find the missing angle.

6th Grade News – Scene 75 Field Trip permission slips went home today with students that met the qualifications to go. Permission slips and \$10 must be returned to school and give to Mrs. Fields on or before Monday, May 20th at 8:40a.m. If you have any questions, please call the school.

Mr. Hofmann– 6th Science-

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts- This week, students finished up *Freak the Mighty*, and worked on two projects using the character archetypes and the hero's journey. We will continue to prepare for the test over the novel and plan to take it on Thursday of this coming week. In period 2, students continue to read *Huckleberry Finn* and complete several activities as the book proceeds. Plan for a test over the novel sometime during the last week of school.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – This week the students have finished up learning about Southern Africa. We watched a movie at the beginning of the week about Nelson Mandela and how he helped heal the wounds of apartheid in South Africa. We also took a quiz over this region of the world. Our next and last area of study this year will be Western Africa, home to one of the richest men to ever live throughout history. Some important dates to remember: May 15th Maps of Africa due, May 23rd last test day. May 24th last day of school.

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- Science: Next week we will finish up our text with Investigation 9: Reactions. We are also hoping to check out the outdoor lab, weather permitting, before the end of the year.

Mrs. Persinger –UCMS Art Show Tuesday, May 14th from 5-8pm in the UCMS Atrium! Memos were sent home last week with students who will have art on display this year. This week we will take a look at the history and use of triptych art. Students will create their own triptych art.

Mrs. Graham –ILEARN testing is complete! Thanks to all 7th graders that gave their best effort! No matter the results, I am proud of your focused energy and your effort!

After testing this week, we began a group project on indirect measurement using similar figures. We are figuring the height of the flagpole, a light pole and one of the trees outside UCMS using shadows. Groups are making a poster of their findings. Next week, we will start our last project of the

year. Students will be making scale drawings. Our last warm up of the year will involve graphing lines using slope from an equation.

Mrs. Goodwin – 8th Grade Business: Students will be working on Word, Excel, and PowerPoint skills.

Ms. Beard - The 8th grade Language classes will continue our unit on Tall Tales and Legends. We'll have a test on Thursday, and iPads will be collected on Friday.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math- 8th Grade Math-Students will continue to learn about data collection and analysis.

Algebra-Students will be taking an assessment over factoring polynomials. Then they will learn about quadratics.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science- Students are working on the animal kingdom and classification. Animal kingdom quiz and book due end of next week.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies- It is hard to believe that we are down to the days in 8th grade social studies! Next week, we will be embarking on the final years of the Civil War along with the Reconstruction Era. Students will study various battles through the interpretation of color (interdisciplinary connection to art). Look for test eight May 21st or 22nd. Please know that it is my goal to have students leave my classroom with more questions about what they studied than when they entered in August. It is impossible to cover every detail about every event from the 1500s through the late 1800s. This is why I hope to have students walk out in a few weeks with more questions of curiosity. As a result, students might turn to reading more history articles, books, and biographies or watch the *History Channel*. Learning never stops.

Mr. Nash-8th AG- 8th Ag

We have been wrapping up our natural resources section. Students were able to take home a flower basket they created for their moms or a nice spring flower pot of petunias. Have a great weekend and Happy Mother's day!

Mrs. Allbright – Choir- **Great job to the Drama Club on their performance!**

Choir will perform at the high school May 14th at 6:30. Performers should arrive at 6:15 in their choir shirts.

The King's Island trip will take place Saturday May 25th. We will meet at 8:00 am in the middle school gym and return before midnight. Kids can call as we get close to home. Please make sure to send money for meals and any clothing and sunscreen they may need. The water park will be open but kids will stay in groups with their chaperones, so groups need to stay together.

Mr. Vogele – Band-6-7th grade band concert is Thursday, May 16, at 6:30pm in the MS Gym. It should last 30-45 minutes.

8th grade is joining the HS Band for the UCHS graduation on Sunday, June 2. Optional bus transportation to Millett Hall in Oxford will be provided from the school. There will be a dress mandatory combined dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 30, from 6:30-8:30 in the HS band room. "Concert Dress" for graduation is black and white professional.

Ms. Bryant – We are all very ready to finish up ILEARN testing this week. We also need to be at our 8 math and 8 language lessons Success. We will also continue working on our Zones lessons and coming up with solutions to a variety of problems. As always, check your child's communication notebook and/or canvas and power school for specifics on your child.

Mrs. Lathery – We are continuing to finish up the ILEARN testing and working hard to complete all of our IXL lessons. We are all getting excited for summer break!

Mrs. Weaver-Library- **BUY-ONE-GET-ONE-FREE BOOK FAIR**

The BOGO book fair will continue next week. 7th grade will come again Monday. All students will be able to make final purchases Tuesday and Wednesday. Use this as a good time to stock up on books for summer reading!

Athletics

Mon. –Golf @ North Decatur, 5pm

Tues. –

Wed. –

Thurs. –

Fri.-

Sat. –