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UCMS NEWS

Week of November 12, 2018

Calendar

Mon.
Tues
Wed.
Thurs.
Fri. SOM lunch

Menu

Mon. Bosco sticks, salad, broccoli, pears
Tues. Chicken patty, baked beans, chips, carrots, applesauce
Wed. Biscuit & gravy, hash brown, sausage links, orange smiles
Thurs. Grilled cheese, tomato soup, mixed veggies, cottage cheese, pineapple
Fri. Pizza, salad, corn, 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!

Classroom News:

Mrs. Snyder – 6th LA-6th grade ELA classes are focusing on Theme this week. The students are reading a short story out of their big red book. This story will aid in the conversations about Theme. We will also begin to discuss Point of View. Period 3: is advancing toward the end of their novel. We continue to have Socratic Seminars about each chapter; focusing on one interpretive question found on canvas. Book Reports are due November 20th.

Mr. Taylor – 6th Social Studies –Students are completing our unit on the United States East of the Mississippi River and are beginning to learn about the Western USA.

Mr. Taylor-7th LA- Students have finished their 1st semester book report and are now beginning to read the Outsiders for our first semester Novel. They're working through the characterization of Pony boy, Soda pop, and others this week!

Mr. Gulley – PE/Health- We will be in the Gym Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we will pass out locks and lockers for the students, plus we will be doing Physical Fitness exercising. Thursday and Friday I have the Jacy House speaking to the students on Speak Up Be Safe.

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math – Be on the lookout for your child's midterm next week. Students will be bringing them home on Friday, November 16th. **Period 2** tackled volume and surface area as a warm-up this

week. We also starting solving equations by identifying and isolating the variable, using the inverse operation, substituting, and checking! We started with whole numbers, but will move on to solving equations with decimals and fractions next week! **Period 3, 4, 6** worked with fraction and decimal word problems as a warm-up this week. They had to determine which operation to use and solve it. We also began converting between fractions, decimals and percent's! We will take a quiz next week.

Mr. Hofmann– 6th Science - 6th Grade Science has continued to work with sound and light waves. We have discussed and modeled transverse and longitudinal waves in a variety of ways. Ask your child what- crest, amplitude, and wavelength are.

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts –Miss Severance – Language Arts 7 – This week students in all classes presented their book reports. In addition, they all started a class novel. Period 2 has begun reading Red Scarf Girl and Periods 3, 4, and 7 have begun reading The Outsiders. Students took their vocabulary test on Thursday, as well. We will be focused on the class novels for the next few weeks.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies –This week the students finished up working on their presentations over the 11 major Chinese dynasties. We will continue with Ancient China next week as students use the information collected during their classmates' presentations to think deeper about the various dynasties. We will also explore a little more about the Silk Road and its importance to the history of the world.

Mrs. Dannaker – 7th Science- Earth Science unit starting next week! Be in the lookout for new vocab on quiz let

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

There's a lot going on in the Art Room! Second and third period will be glazing their teapots and working on their color wheel projects. Fourth period will begin building their clay teapots and fifth and sixth period classes will begin a metal tooling project. Sketchbook assignment #4 is due Friday, November 16th!

Mrs. Graham - 7th Math- All groups are working with circumference and area of circles as our warm ups this week. We will continue this next week as well.

The Math-RED, GREEN, and ORANGE groups have discussed rates, unit rates and proportions for the past couple of weeks. We will now apply this information, using it to solve similar figures/scale problems. We will continue this next week.

The Math-YELLOW and BLUE groups have started solving equations/inequalities. We will be solving for the next few weeks.

Mrs. Goodwin – 7th Business-7th Grade Business: Students will finish up the unit about business communications and will begin looking at marketing. Students will be hunting for marketing examples everywhere they go and creating some marketing materials.

Mrs. Sutter – 8th Language Arts –

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – 8th Grade Math- Students studying the real number system. They are comparing, ordering, and classifying real numbers. Reminder to practice their perfect squares!

Algebra- Students have been solving inequalities. They did an excellent job on the most recent quiz.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science- Students will be learning about “proof” of chemical reactions and doing two labs in class.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies – It was another highly-engaging week of learning in class! We started the week with a classroom reenactment of Saratoga, which resulted in the United States gaining a few foreign alliances! Students labeled these counties on a map and then discovered ways they contributed to the war effort! We will also embark on an archeological dig at Valley Forge, where Washington and his men stayed during the winter of 1777-1778. What evidence was left behind by the army to understand what life was like there? Look for unit three test right before Thanksgiving!

Mr.Nash-8th AG- In 8th grade Ag this week and next week we are working on our animal science unit.

Mrs. Allbright – Choir-Choir Announcement: VERY IMPORTANT.

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.

Mr. Vogele – Band -8th grade focused on concert music this week. We reviewed 5-note scales in lieu of a new pass-off.

7th grade received two new concert pieces, and progressed into Unit 6 in our rhythm book and continued Lesson 2 in our ensemble book.

6th grade rotated to their final session on Tuesday. Students who just finished may still submit missing work through Canvas.

Ms. Bryant –This week, we wrapped up our social behavior mapping. Next week, we will move onto "Me in My Zones" and will dig deeper into what each one of these zones look like and talk about strategies that we can use to get out of those zones or stay in them. As always, check your child's communication notebook and/or Canvas and PowerSchool for specifics on your child.

Mrs. Lathery – We have been reviewing important concepts that we have learned in our math and language arts classes. We are also working hard on our individual goals and striving to make improvements. The students are doing their best to complete their IXL lessons before the mid-term.

Mrs. Weaver-Library-

Athletics

Mon. - BBB @ Randolph Southern, 6pm

Tues.-

Wed.-

Thurs.- BBB @ Connersville, 6pm

Fri.-

Sat.-