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## UCMS NEWS



Week of January 13, 2020

### Calendar

Mon. –  
Tues. –  
  
Wed. –  
  
Thurs. –  
  
Fri. –

### Menu

Mon. –Bosco sticks, salad, corn, pineapple  
  
Tues. –Mini corn dogs, tater tots, carrots, pears  
  
Wed. –Chicken tetrazzini, salad, broccoli, bread stick, fruit cup  
  
Thurs. –Sloppy joe, french fries, cole slaw, baked beans, oranges  
  
Fri. – Tony's pizza, salad, corn, mixed berry cup

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

### Classroom News:

*Congratulations to our December Students of the Month!*

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Faith Arididon**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Gretchen Schlichter**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ryder Brittenham**



**Mrs. Hertel – 6<sup>th</sup> LA-** This week, we wrapped up all things *Ghost*. It was a great book, but we ALL were unhappy with the ending! What a cliffhanger! Students had to choose 3 activates off of a BINGO sheet to complete for a final project, we played a really fun Jeopardy style review game, and finished off the week with a final test. On Monday, we will be going to the library, so students need to make sure that they bring their library books to school. Beth Lang from the UCPL will also visit us for a book talk that day. Tuesday, we will be back to our normal routine.

**Mr. Gulley-7<sup>th</sup> P.E. -** Creating a Healthful Eating Plan and Managing Your Weight

**Mr. Hofmann – 6<sup>th</sup> SS-** 6<sup>th</sup> Social Studies has spent the week looking at Brazil and how it's the economic and cultural power of South America. Next week we will explore its past and how Portugal settled in the area.

**Mrs. Fields- 6<sup>th</sup> Math-**

We survived our first week back after break! Students are now responsible for bringing their laptop charged each day. We do not have many loaner laptops, and it makes it very difficult on your child if he/she doesn't have one. UCMS Policy states that after four time of not having a laptop or it not being charged, the laptop will no longer go home with the student. Please help your child get in the habit of charging it nightly! Math P2, P3, P4, P7 – We began reviewing coordinate planes this week. We will continue working with them next week identifying quadrants, distance and reflections!

**Mrs. Beiser– 6<sup>th</sup> Science-** *Learning Objectives: 6.PS.3-Describe how potential and kinetic energy can be transferred from one form to another, 6. SEPS.2 Developing and using models and tools, 6.SEPS.8 Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information*

6<sup>th</sup> schedule

Monday 1/6/20 bell buzzer: inner and outer planets, define voltage and review how a battery works (kit books), Lab 1:4 Measuring voltage and questions (canvas), **Homework: complete voltage lab questions**

Tuesday 1/7/20 Bell buzzer: inner and outer planets, define radiant, thermal and mechanical energy, Power up! simulation on [climatekids.nasa.gov](http://climatekids.nasa.gov) and submit snip/sketch of score, **Homework: finish power up! (snip score to canvas and answer questions)**

Wednesday 1/8/20 Bell buzzer: inner and outer planets, learn windmill/turbine energy transformations (wind energy site, youtube video), build your own wind mill, **Homework: brainpop "wind energy" submit snip and sketch of quiz score**

Thursday 1/9/20 Bell buzzer: inner and outer planets, Finish windmill build, draw diagram-directions on canvas, **Homework: finish windmill/turbine diagram**

Friday 1/10/20 Bell buzzer: inner and outer planets, HELP I'm melting! lab

**Miss Severance – 7<sup>th</sup> LA-** Welcome back! This week, we are starting our fiction unit. Students have begun reviewing the elements of fiction (plot, setting, characterization, etc.), and we have also begun reading some short stories. We will be applying the information to those short stories in the coming weeks. We also have a new vocabulary list and student will have an assessment over those words next Thursday, the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Hawkins – 7<sup>th</sup> SS** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies is geared up and taking an adventure to the Mongol Empire. We are learning the history, the culture, and the food that they ate. We are learning how that empire shaped the world. Also, we are doing a wall project which is due 1/27.

**Mrs. Dannaker – 7<sup>th</sup> Science-** We will be writing our earth science argumentative essays this week.

**Mrs. Persinger – Art-** Mrs. Persinger – 6<sup>th</sup> Art

All classes will be finishing their study on the elements of art by completing the cube project where each element is demonstrated on each side of the cube. The last part of the week will be spent exploring the principles of art; balance, proportion, unity, variety, rhythm, movement, emphasis, and repetition.

Sketchbook assignment #2 is due on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Arts Enrichment will be introduced to the combination of math and art by creating an artwork using tessellations.

**Mrs. Graham 7<sup>th</sup> Math** - Welcome back!! I am so excited to get 2<sup>nd</sup> semester underway! We have so much NEW material to learn this semester...everything from solving more difficult equations to slope and linear functions to proportional reasoning. Students will see a definite increase in pacing and homework this semester. Please encourage your student to keep up and ASK QUESTIONS when he/she isn't grasping something! This week we started back up with solving simple two-step equations. Next week, we will continue working with solving equations but we will add more difficult examples.

**Mrs. Beiser 8<sup>th</sup> Science-** *Learning Objectives: 8.L.S.1 Compare and contrast the transmission of genetic information in sexual and asexual reproduction. Research organisms that undergo these two types of reproduction.*

#### 8<sup>th</sup> SCHEDULE

**Monday 1/6/20** bell buzzer: balancing equations again (due Friday), MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR KHAN ACADEMY SCIENCE, review/intro to asexual reproduction (notes on canvas), discussion and questions through powerpoint, star fish video (fragmentation), Homework: study flashcards

**Tuesday 1/7/20** bell buzzer: balancing equations again (due Friday), selective breeding reading link on canvas, asexual reproduction assignment link on canvas (due Wednesday by class time)

**Wednesday 1/8/20** bell buzzer: balancing equations again, review of asexual reproduction, sinker ball w pp "name that type", Homework: study for quiz

**Thursday 1/9/20** Bell buzzer: balancing equations again (due Friday), asexual reproduction quiz, khan academy (DNA video, notes-write key terms ONLY in notebook, Homework: finish khan academy assignment

**Friday 1/10/20** bell buzzer: balancing equations again, review "what is DNA?" reproduction pp. #3-4, cell cycle/mitosis intro (powerpoint with doodle notes), Homework: memorize PMAT and study mitosis quizlet cards

**Mrs. Snyder 8<sup>th</sup> LA** - 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA classes turned in their argumentative essay this week. We will be studying figurative language next week.

**Ms. Estep – 8<sup>th</sup> Math-** I'm excited to start the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks. The momentum will pick up as we gear up for testing and transitioning students to the high school. PLEASE check with students about

supply needs. Some are with broken binders. Some need paper and pencil stocks replenished. Students must have scientific calculators. There are many without.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math- Students have been learning to estimate, evaluate, and simplify roots. They're applying this skill by finding missing sides of right triangles using the Pythagorean Theorem.

Algebra-Students are learning to solve systems of linear equations. First, we're visualizing solutions by solving graphically. Next we'll solve them algebraically using the substitution and elimination methods.

**Mrs. Crumley – 8<sup>th</sup> Science-** Students are learning about meiosis and sexual reproduction. Look for a large quiz by Tuesday. Coming up after that is our study of genetics and heredity.

**Mr. Taylor – 8<sup>th</sup> Social Studies-** Students are finishing up with our unit on the constitution. We are preparing to talk about separation of powers and the individual branches of the government.

**Mrs. Allbright – Choir-** Welcome to the New Year! Believe it or not our first concert for the winter is February 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be at the high school like the other concerts even though our original packet stated that it would be at the middle school. Concert starts at 6:30 so students arrive at 6:15. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders have received t-shirt order forms and these need to be turned in with payment of \$15 to the UC Choir Boosters by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Nash- AG-** Classroom: Welcome back! We are going to be diving in to shop safety and students are going to research a project they could build out of recycling a pallet to eventually build. We will be going over to the high school when we can to use the shop space. I will watch the weather (Since we are having storms in January) but just make sure your students have maybe a jacket with them.

FFA Announcements:

Livestock Judging Practice Thursday 5:30-7:30pm

Stop by the Ag room to Sign up to Work Basketball games

See Mr. Nash if you would like to Order a Liberty FFA Soft shell hooded Jacket

Strawberry and beef stick sale will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>- February 13<sup>th</sup>

National FFA Week will be Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

**Mr. Hardy – Band-** Welcome back to all UCMS Band Students and Families! We are off to a nice start after the two-week winter break. This past week was the first for **6<sup>th</sup> grade band!** This week we worked on instrument assembly and creating our first sounds. Next week we will begin playing exercises from our method book and work on articulation. Percussion students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade will start talking about skills needed to play snare drum and mallets. **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band** students spent time this week reviewing musical concepts from last semester and starting looking at concert music to play for our upcoming performance in March. A strong start from the UCMS Band Program!

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Families: Please make sure you have signed-up for the Muncie Music instrument rental program. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to Mr. Hardy.**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band: Our next concert is on Thursday, March 5. Please make sure you have this date marked on our calendars!**

**Mrs. Lathery** —We are reviewing important Math and Language Arts skills. We are also working on our IXL lessons and our individual goals for the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

**Mrs. Mastriano-** Wow! Students in my Success have got off to a great start, completing many IXL lessons! My students in Study Skills are getting extra practice with Pythagorean Theorem, and have a positive focus word for the year!

**Mrs. Weaver-LIBRARY**

Language Arts classes are returning to the library this week. Over 30 new books have been added to the collection since leaving for Christmas break. Check them out...literally!!!

#### ACADEMIC TEAMS

Information will be forthcoming about the start of Academic Super Bowl practice. The topic for this year's competition is "The Roaring Twenties". English, Social Studies and Science teams will begin soon.

## Athletics

**Mon. –7/8 BBB vs. Sunman-Dearborn; Home, 6pm**

**Tues. –5/6 BBB vs. Winchester; Home @ HS Gym, 6pm**

**7/8 BBB vs. Hagerstown; Home, 6pm**

**7/8 GBB vs. St. Michael; Away, 6pm**

**Wed. –**

**Thurs. – 7/8 GBB vs. Connersville MS; Away, 5:30pm**

**5/6 BBB vs. Hagerstown; Away, 6pm**

**5/6 GBB vs. Hagerstown; Home, 6pm**

**Fri.-**

**Sat. –7/8 BBB Franklin County Invitational; Away, TBD**

**Wrestling @ Greensburg MS, TBD**