

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOLS

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NEWSLETTER



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NO SCHOOL on Monday, April 8, 2024, due to the solar eclipse!



From the Superintendent ~

As we near the end of the 2023-24 school year, we want to thank all of those who volunteered or took an active role in helping our students to be successful in their academics. Educating the whole child is a shared task, one that we take seriously as staff members of North Fork Schools.

The fourth nine weeks bring with it the assessment of students through state testing. Like in previous years, we will be testing our students electronically. Staff have been working to provide intervention and testing strategies to enhance the student's opportunities on the test. Please help us prepare your son/daughter to take the tests by having them get their rest and eat breakfast in the morning.

We have been busy enhancing the safety and security of our facilities, without turning them into a prison. Please keep in mind that these activities were all paid for by school safety grants. Items that have been added to our safety plan include visitor log-in stations at each building to help us know when and where guests are in our buildings. Please make sure you have a form of identification when you come to the building. Also, door screens have been added to help reduce the visibility into our buildings and enhance the character of each facility. You will see bollards being put up in front of the main doors of each building so it makes it difficult to drive a vehicle straight into the main entrances.

We continue to work on our four Pillars to Success, our strategic plan, which has provided us a road map to improvement. You can review the four pillars on our website under the "About Us" link. Enhancements in English language arts and math continue to be our top priority. We look forward to continuing the collaboration we have built with a number of parents, businesses, and community members to support student success in their academics.

We would also like to thank all of the parents and staff who have put their time, energy, and thoughts into helping the district achieve great things. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have ideas for the future. We are always looking for ways to improve our programs and the lives of our students.

This is an exciting time for all of us. We will be introducing approximately 114 students to the world as graduates of North Fork Local Schools. This is the completion of thirteen years of education in our district and potentially the beginning of further education for many. We would like to offer our congratulations and best wishes to all of those graduating.

We wish all of you a healthy and safe summer break.

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Apr. 1 Return from Break
- Apr. 2 Spring Assessments Begin
- Apr. 8 No School - Solar Eclipse
- Apr. 15 Board of Education Meeting
6:00 pm Newton Elem.
- Apr. 28 MS/HS Band Concert
3:00 pm UHS Gymnasium
- May 5 MS/HS Choir Concert
7:00 pm UMS Gymnasium
- May 19 Senior Class Graduation
2:00 pm C-TEC
- May 20 Board of Education Meeting
6:00 pm Utica High School
- May 22 Last Day for Students
- May 27 Memorial Day



- June 24 Board of Education Meeting
6:00 pm Utica High School

- July 4 Independence Day



- July 15 Board of Education Meeting
6:00 pm Utica Elementary

What's Happening at UHS

Upcoming High School Events

- April 8 No School
- April 16 (2-hr delay) – ELA 10 State Test (part 1)
- April 18 (2-hr delay) – ELA 10 State Test (part 2)
- April 23 (2-hr delay) – Biology State Test
- April 25 (2-hr delay) – Algebra 1 & Geometry State Test
- April 30 (2-hr delay) – US History & Government State Test
- May 19 Senior Class Graduation
- May 22 Last Day of School

Spring Play

On March 8-9, the drama department performed the play titled “We’ll Be Right Back After This Murder.” The students did a great job preparing for the production of the play.



Spring Art Show

The Utica Art Show (grades K-12) will take place on April 18th from 5:00-7:00 PM. The event is an open gallery and artwork can be viewed at Utica High School. Come out and support our North Fork students.



Redskin Recognition Program

Utica High School is continuing our Redskin Recognition Program this year. Every two-weeks we will be recognizing students who embody the positive behaviors we are looking for at UHS. Each staff member can recognize one student for each designated time frame. Winners will be announced during U-Time and will be eligible for gift card drawings!

Fourth Nine-Weeks

Positive Behavior

Dates

Respect "Be Kind"	March 11-22
Responsibility "Be on time & prepared for class"	April 1-12
Community "Help Others"	April 15-26
Achievement "Complete all assignments on time"	April 29-May 10

Responsibility



Achievement



Community



You Made A Difference Award

Mr. Krausz was recognized on March 14 at C-TEC for the "You Made A Difference Award." He was nominated by Addison Coad (senior at UHS) for his dedication to his students and Utica High School.



UTICA MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Student Government sponsored the following events in March:

- Dr. Seuss Spirit Week: Students wore crazy socks for Fox in Sox, they wore green for Green Eggs and Ham, and staff and students wore apparel representing the military, their favorite college, or career choice for Oh, The Places You'll Go.
- Student Government participated in Operation Feed sponsored by the Licking County Food Pantry. We collected food items, hygiene products, and cash to support our local food pantry.
- Students purchased Lucky Gram Cards to send to a special peer or staff. Cards were distributed on Monday, March 18th.
- March 14th was Pi Day and students were encouraged to wear apparel with circles symbolizing 3.14.

Student Council

- The Student Council has provided 43 opportunities to get involved this school year!

After-school Intervention

- **REMINDER:** After-school Intervention ends the week of May 6th. The last day of after-school intervention is May 9th.

Middle School ART Club

- There is now a Middle School Art Club! They are working together to create unique trophies for the Art Show and then will move on to some other creative endeavors!
- Quick note: There will be a unique display in the Middle School section of the Art Show. Kindergarteners sent the 8th grade art students drawings of their favorite animal and challenged them to create matching sculptures! Each will be on display together! We are having a lot of fun taking on this challenge and want to thank Mrs. Gardner and Ms. Sheasby for this awesome idea!



UTICA MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE - continued

6th grade

- In Math students have applied their knowledge of proportions and percents to help solve real life math problems dealing with tax, tips, sales, discounts, and finding the better deal!
- During U-Time 6th grade students complete an Assignment Needing Attention Form to analyze their grades in each class and organize their missing work to help improve their grades!
- ELA students held a mock trial involving Sponge Bob!
- During Advanced ELA students created an Instagram Profile and 6 posts for one of the main characters from The Watson's go to Brimingham 1963.
- **REMINDER:** The 6th grade trip is May 20th- 22nd

7th grade

- In Science students have been learning about the Hydrologic Cycle. Combining creativity with Art and Science, students created study posters to prepare for a test.
- In Math students have studied one and two step equations and inequalities.
- ELA read about "The Dust Bowl" in both nonfiction and fiction texts. Students identified examples of figurative language and determined the meaning behind it.
- In Career Connections students learned about careers in Marketing by designing their own SHOES! They created logos, slogans and presented a sales pitch to multiple staff members in the Middle School and to their class.
- In Social Studies students have learned about the Roman Empire. The students utilized Google Earth in their studies.

8th grade

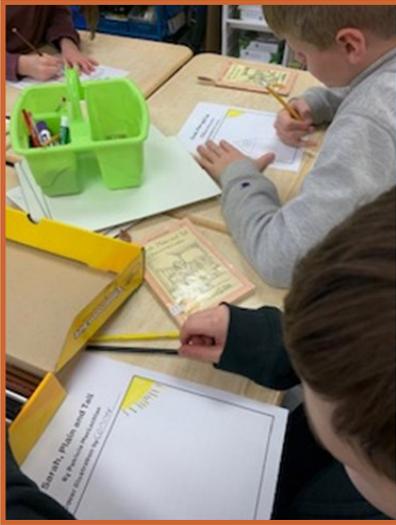
- As 8th grade American History was studying the first Presidency, students read inaugural speeches by different Presidents. They then wrote their own as if they were President of Utica Middle School. They just finished learning about the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, which will help prepare them for the Washington D.C. trip.
- ELA classes just finished a project where they created a blueprint of their life. This was based on the "Life's Blueprint Speech" by Martin Luther King Jr. ELA will learn about The Great Depression in March. Students will also be completing an informational writing assignment using ODE restart ready checkpoint.
- 8th grade Science is learning about genetics and heredity. They just finished some fun labs using magnets and electromagnets learning about field forces.
- 8th grade math is currently finishing up a statistics project, and building scatter plots that show positive and negative correlations. They will then move into reviewing all standards before the state test in April.
- **REMINDER:** 8th grade trip is May 7th – 10th

Utica Elementary News

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS ~

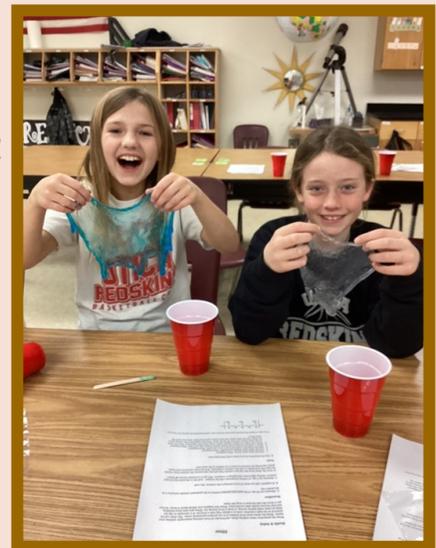
BOOK CLUB

This year we expanded our reading club to include 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and modified our format to that of a book club. We read and discussed the novel: *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. Then students designed alternate book covers and wrote their own summaries. We had a great time and the book was a winner!



SCIENCE CLUB

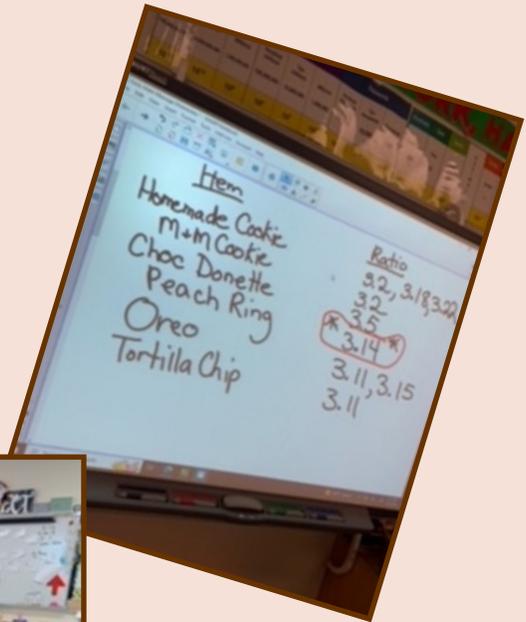
Science Club has been a hit once again this year. Fourth and fifth graders who took part in this after-school activity had the chance to participate in a variety of activities such as carving pumpkins, creating slime, modeling the solar system, and tie-dyeing tee shirts. Who knew that staying after school could be so much fun?!



Utica Elementary News *continued*

MATH CLUB

The 4th and 5th grade math club celebrated **Pi Day** at their March meeting by measuring and calculating the ratio of circumference to diameter of many common round foods. We discovered that peach ring candy came closest to Pi since they are manufactured close to a perfect circle. Homemade cookies were not very close to perfect - except they taste the best!!



HALL MONITORS

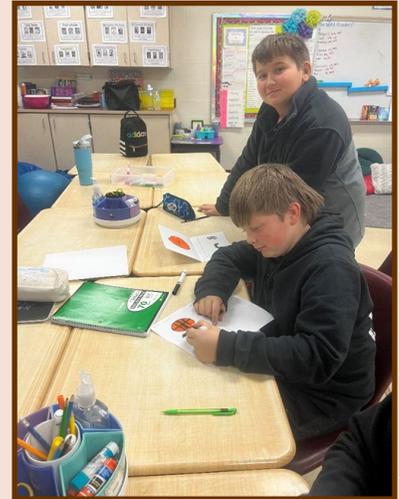
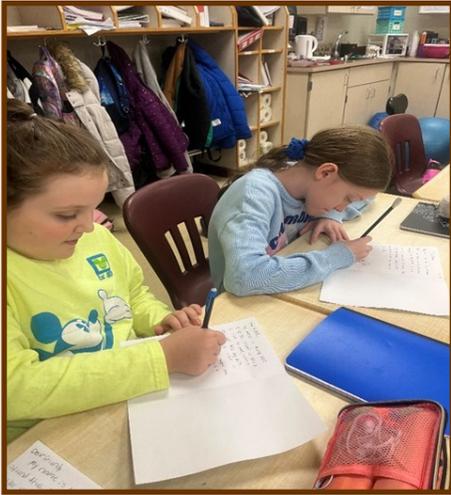
This year, 4th and 5th graders volunteered to be hall monitors at dismissal time to work to prevent injuries when students run in the hallways. Provided with belts by our PTO, these students monitor the halls each day and reward well-behaving students with tickets. Collection of ten tickets means a treat from the office!



Utica Elementary News *continued*

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

The Creative Writing Club wrote letters to the residents at Oak Hill Manor to brighten their day.



Seven of our fifth graders became published authors with their Spooky Saga Stories. They will be included in a publication that will go out nationwide.



Utica Elementary News *continued*

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Utica and Newton Elementary PTO's along with their schools PE teachers, Susi Basista and Derek Morey, hosted their 1st Annual North Fork School District Dodgeball Tournament fundraiser on March 9, 2024. The tournament included 7 teams in the kindergarten – 3rd grade level along with 11 teams in the 4th - 7th grade level, totaling 144 students in all. The successful event raised over **\$2000**. Next year the dodgeball committee looks forward to expanding with an 8th grade – Adults level.



UTICA ELEMENTARY
2024 SPRING ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE
TESTING WINDOW - APRIL 2 - MAY 7

Mark your calendar!

APRIL 2	3 rd ELA- FORSTER
APRIL 3	3 rd ELA- REED
APRIL 4	3 RD ELA- EWING
APRIL 10	4 TH ELA
APRIL 11	5 TH ELA
APRIL 23	3 RD MATH- FORSTER
APRIL 24	3 RD MATH- REED
APRIL 25	3 RD MATH-EWING
APRIL 30	4 TH MATH
MAY 1	5 TH MATH
MAY 7	5 TH SCIENCE

Our Ohio State Assessment schedule is now set for third, fourth and fifth grade. We feel it is important to release this information early so appointments or vacations can be scheduled around your child's testing dates. We understand that unplanned absences occur, but it significantly benefits a student to test with their classmates as opposed to being pulled during instructional time to assess with other grade levels.

*Non-testing days will be used as make-up days in the event of absences, technical difficulties, or an unforeseen emergency.

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

PERFORMANCES WILL BEGIN AT 2:00 P.M.

MAY 8	1 ST AND 3 RD GRADE
MAY 9	4 TH AND 5 TH GRADE

Save the date!



News from Newton Elementary

K - 1 Concert

The kindergarten and first grades at Newton Elementary performed a concert on March 15th to a full house! The focus was on a **Healthy Lifestyle**. Students sang songs about healthy foods, exercise, and about being superheroes. The students were joined on stage by **Super Foods and Exercise Experts** (also known as the kindergarten, 1st grade, and special teachers.) The students did a fantastic job of practicing **Habit #7 of Sharpening the Saw**. Thanks to everyone who made the concert a success, including the Newton PTO!



Students in the Math Club celebrated Pi Day.

The Math Club learned how to measure a circle's circumference and diameter to calculate pi (3.14). The circles that they were working with just happened to be snacks that they could eat! Thanks for a great year of having fun with Math! - Mrs. Hale



The North Fork **DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT**, sponsored by both the Utica and Newton PTO, was a super fun success that raised **OVER \$2,000!** The Newton Elementary staff and PTO were the champions of this year's hard-fought dodgeball game!

100 DAYS of KINDERGARTEN



Happy
100th
Day
of School!



Dr. Seuss Week



Dr. Seuss

Newton celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. They had a fun time with the word patterns and rhyming words. What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book? My favorite is *Green Eggs and Ham*.

Newton News (continued)



Newton students were fortunate to participate in the Columbus Blue Jackets' Power Play Challenge again this year! All of our 5th graders were taken on an all expense paid field trip to the Chiller North Ice Rink sponsored by the CBJ franchise and Ohio Health. All students K-5th grade learned how to properly grip the stick, stickhandle around defenders, pass accurately, and shoot to score goals during PE Classes.



TESTING TIPS

- * Get a good night's rest.
- * Eat breakfast.
- * Encourage your child to do their best!

WEATHER AWARENESS -

Spring weather is in the air. As we all know, Ohio weather can change at a moment's notice. You may want to remind your child to wear a heavy coat or dress in layers. It can be chilly at recess in April and at the bus stop.

Have you reviewed with your family your safety spots in case of a tornado warning? Do you have a safety kit?

STATE TESTING -

April is testing month for Ohio students. Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking MATH and ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS. Fifth grade will also take a SCIENCE test.

North Fork Local Schools- Elementary and Middle School
2024 District Spring Assessment Calendar- as of 1.22.24

Grade	Assessment	Dates
3	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math)	April 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th April 23 rd , 24 th , 25 th
4	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math)	April 10 th April 30 th
5	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math) Ohio's State Tests (Science)	April 11 th May 1 st May 7 th
6	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math)	April 16 th , 17 th April 23 rd , 24 th
7	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math)	April 16 th , 17 th April 23 rd , 24 th
8	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math) ** Algebra I End of Course Exam** Ohio's State Tests (Science)***	April 16 th , 17 th April 23 rd , 24 th April 23 rd , 24 th April 30 th

Please check building pages for specific testing information*

North Fork Local Schools- High School
2024 District Spring Assessment Calendar- as of 1.22.24

Grade	Assessment	Date
11	State ACT	March 12 th
<p>*** Juniors will be permitted to leave at the completion of testing with a signed parent permission form and their own transportation. Students who require transportation from the school will be provided a study hall and lunch for the remainder of the day.</p>		

Utica High School will operate on a 2 hour delay schedule on the following testing dates:

April 16 th AND 18 th : English II
April 23 rd : Biology
April 25 th : Algebra I/Math 2 and Geometry/Math 3
April 30 th : US History, Government

Students who are **not** scheduled to take End of Course exams on the above date(s) are permitted to report to school at 9:30am if they have their own transportation. Students who require district transportation will be brought to school at normal pick up time and provided a study hall until the completion of scheduled testing.

AP Testing- location TBD

Government	May 6 th
Literature	May 8 th

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2024 - 2025 CALENDAR
STUDENTS

REVISED Approved 02/12/2024

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MAY 2025 17

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JUNE 2025

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Key : # School Day # End of Grading Period # No School

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES:

Aug 21	First Day for Students	Jan 20	No School - Holiday
Sep 2	No School - Holiday	Feb 3 - 13	Evening Conferences (2 - 1/2 Days)
Oct 17	End of 1st Grading Period (41 Days)	Feb 14	No School
Oct 18	No School - Staff Professional Day / Records Day	Feb 17	No School - Holiday
Nov 4 - 14	Evening Conferences (2 - 1/2 Days)	Mar 12	End of 3rd Grading Period (45 Days)
Nov 5	No School - Staff Professional Day	Mar 13	No School - Staff Professional Day
Nov 15	No School	Mar 14	No School - Records Day
Nov 27	No School	Mar 21	Last Day Before Spring Break
Nov 28 - 29	No School - Holiday	Mar 31	Return from Spring Break
Dec 19	Last Day Before Winter Break & End of 2nd Grading Period (39 Days)	Apr 18	No School
Dec 20	No School - Staff Professional Day / Records Day	May 18	Senior Class Graduation
Jan 6	Return From Winter Break	May 23	Last Day for Students & End of 4th Grading Period (44 Days)

169 Student Days