

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOLS

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NEWSLETTER



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From the Superintendent ~

Dear North Fork Families,

As we approach the end of the 2024-25 school year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has volunteered or taken an active role in supporting our students' academic success. Educating the whole child is a shared responsibility, and we take this mission seriously as staff members of North Fork Schools.

State Testing and Student Preparation

The fourth nine weeks bring the important task of assessing our students through state testing. As in previous years, these assessments will be conducted electronically. Our staff have been working diligently to provide intervention and testing strategies to support student achievement. You can assist us in preparing your child by ensuring they get adequate rest and eat a healthy breakfast each morning. Your support plays a crucial role in helping our students perform at their best.

Safety and Security Updates

We continue to prioritize the safety and security of our facilities. In April, we will conduct a district-wide school safety drill to reinforce our emergency procedures. Our threat assessment teams are dedicated to ensuring that all students have the resources they need to be mentally and physically safe in our schools. These ongoing efforts reflect our commitment to creating a secure and supportive learning environment for every student.

Strategic Planning and Capital Improvements

Our Board of Education is actively working on a district-wide strategic plan. The goal is to identify three or four key objectives that will guide our efforts and unite the district. We welcome your participation in the committees that will contribute to this important document. In addition, we are developing a capital improvements plan to address long-term facility needs. We value the collaboration we have built with parents, businesses, and community members and appreciate your continued partnership in supporting student success. If you have ideas for the future, we encourage you to reach out to us. Your input is invaluable as we strive to improve our programs and the lives of our students.

Celebrating Our Graduates

This is an exciting time as we prepare to celebrate the achievements of our graduating seniors. Their commencement marks the culmination of thirteen years of education in our district and the beginning of new opportunities for many. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the **Class of 2025** as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

Wishing You a Wonderful Summer

As the school year draws to a close, we wish all of you a healthy and safe summer break. Thank you for being a vital part of our school community. Together, we will continue to make North Fork Schools a place where every student can succeed.

Warm regards,

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Apr. 3 District-Wide Safety Evacuation Drill
- Apr. 8 Spring Assessments Begin
- Apr. 18 NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
- Apr. 20 HAPPY EASTER!



- Apr. 21 Board of Education Meeting
6:00 p.m. Newton Elem.
- Apr. 23 UHS Spring Art Show
5:00 p.m. Utica High School
- Apr. 27 MS/HS Band Concert
3:00 p.m. Utica High School
- May 4 MS/HS Choir Concert
7:00 p.m. Utica Middle School
- May 18 Senior Class Graduation
2:00 p.m. C-TEC
- May 19 Board of Education Meeting
6:00 p.m. Utica High School
- May 23 Last Day for Students
- May 26 Memorial Day





North Fork Local Schools Fiscal Update

Keeping Our Schools Safe & Secure

At North Fork Local Schools, we're committed to using our resources wisely to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. We're excited to share how recent grants are helping us make meaningful improvements across the district.



How We're Using the Safety Grant

- **Enhanced Security Cameras** – More cameras for better monitoring.
- **New Key Card System** – Secure access for staff.
- **Visitor Badging System** – Improved tracking of school visitors.
- **CPI Training for Staff** – De-escalation and crisis prevention.
- **Bus Safety Training** – Safer transportation for students.
- **Updated Crosswalks & Fencing Repairs** – Safer pedestrian access.
- **Window Security Enhancements** – Increased building protection.
- **Safety Bollards** – Reinforced protection at school entrances.



BWC Grant: Keeping Our Staff Safe



These funds are helping improve workplace safety with ergonomic upgrades, new safety equipment, and wellness programs to support our staff. We're grateful for the support these grants provide, helping us prioritize the safety and wellbeing of both students and staff.

Have Questions? We're Here to Help!

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Thank you for your continued support of North Fork Local Schools!

What's Happening at UHS

Upcoming Events/Testing Schedule

- April 3 – District Safety Drill (HS 10:00 AM)
- April 15 – ELA 10 (Part 1)
- April 17 – ELA 10 (Part 2)
- April 22 – Biology
- April 24 – Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, Math 1, Math 3)
- April 29 – History (US History & Government)

** During testing days, testing will take place from 7:30 – 9:30 each day and classes will run on a 2-hr late start schedule

Staff Members of the Month

The UHS staff nominates and votes on a staff member of the month. UHS staff are recognized for their hard work and dedication to the students.

November – Jimmy Wilfong
(Custodian)



December – Mrs. Beaver
(HS Secretary)



January – Mrs. Brand
(Aide)



Redskin Rewards

Utica High School is continuing to recognize students for meeting specific criteria for each 9-week grading period. The system has changed to a point reward system. This system allows students the opportunity to accumulate points and cash those points in for various items.

Criteria

3.5 GPA = 30 points
3.0 GPA = 20 points
0 Discipline Referrals = 30 points
0 Absences (excluding medical) = 25 points
0 Tardies to Class/School = 20 points

Rewards

Admission to Fall events = 30 pts
Admission to Winter events = 30 pts
Exam exemptions = 50 pts each
(cannot exempt the same course test)
Academic Day = 75 pts
5 Point Exam Boost = 20 pts each

Third Nine-Weeks

Positive Behavior

Dates

Respect "Be Kind"	January 6 - 17
Responsibility "Be on time & prepared for class"	January 21- 31
Community "Help Others"	February 3-13
Achievement "Complete all assignments on time"	February 18-28



Drive Your Tractor to School Day

On March 19th, students involved in the FFA Program had the opportunity to drive their tractors to school.



Teacher Recognitions



Mr. Rowley and Mrs. Fouts were recognized by the Licking County Foundation and received the Leaders for Learning Award. Mr. Felumlee received the You Made A Difference Award.



Newton News

In January, Newton's fifth-graders took a trip to Biztown!



In March the Newton and Utica Elementary PTO groups put on the annual DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT.



The Utica Middle School and High School choirs came down to sing to the students at Newton in March.



Newton's PTO put on a Mother-Son Neon Night and had a great turnout!



In March, the kindergarten and first-grade students had their Dr. Seuss concert.



Newton's *Leader In Me* sponsored "Donuts with Grownups" the last three days before spring break. Each day had a great turnout!



Spring time looks busy for Newton Elementary students as we will be having statewide testing, fieldtrips, Fun Day, and our Walk-A-Thon all coming up!

Museums for All: Columbus

If you receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, we invite you to experience the wonders of Columbus museums at little or no cost.

Museums for All is a national initiative designed to remove financial barriers and make cultural experiences accessible to everyone. In Columbus, six museums have joined forces to create one of the few Museums for All Hub Cities, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to enjoy art, history, science, and more.

How does it work?

Each museum offers different benefits. Check out the details below and visit each museum's website for the most accurate information:

FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

\$4 per person | Participants in SNAP EBT, WIC or Medicaid and their immediate family members; proof of participation and ID will be required at check-in.

- fpconservatory.org
- (614) 715-8002
- tc@fpconservatory.org
- COTA bus line: 10, 11

COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART

Free | All members within an eligible household with SNAP EBT, WIC, or Medicaid.

- columbusmuseum.org
- (614) 221-6801
- info@cmaohio.org
- COTA bus line: 10, 11, 2

COSI

\$5 per person (some exhibitions may have an additional fee) | Up to 8 visitors within an eligible household with WIC, SNAP EBT Medicaid or Ohio Directions; proof of participation and ID will be required at check-in.

- cosi.org
- (614) 228-2674
- center@cosi.org
- COTA bus line: 1, 3, 8

NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

\$1 per person | Up to 2 adults and 5 children within an eligible household with SNAP EBT.

- nationalvmm.org
- (614) 362-2800
- info@nationalvmm.org
- COTA bus line: 1, 3, 5

OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION

\$1 per person | Up to 8 visitors within an eligible household with SNAP EBT, WIC, Medicare, or Medicaid; no verification documents required at arrival.

- ohiohistory.org
- (800) 686-1541
- COTA bus line: 4, 8, 31

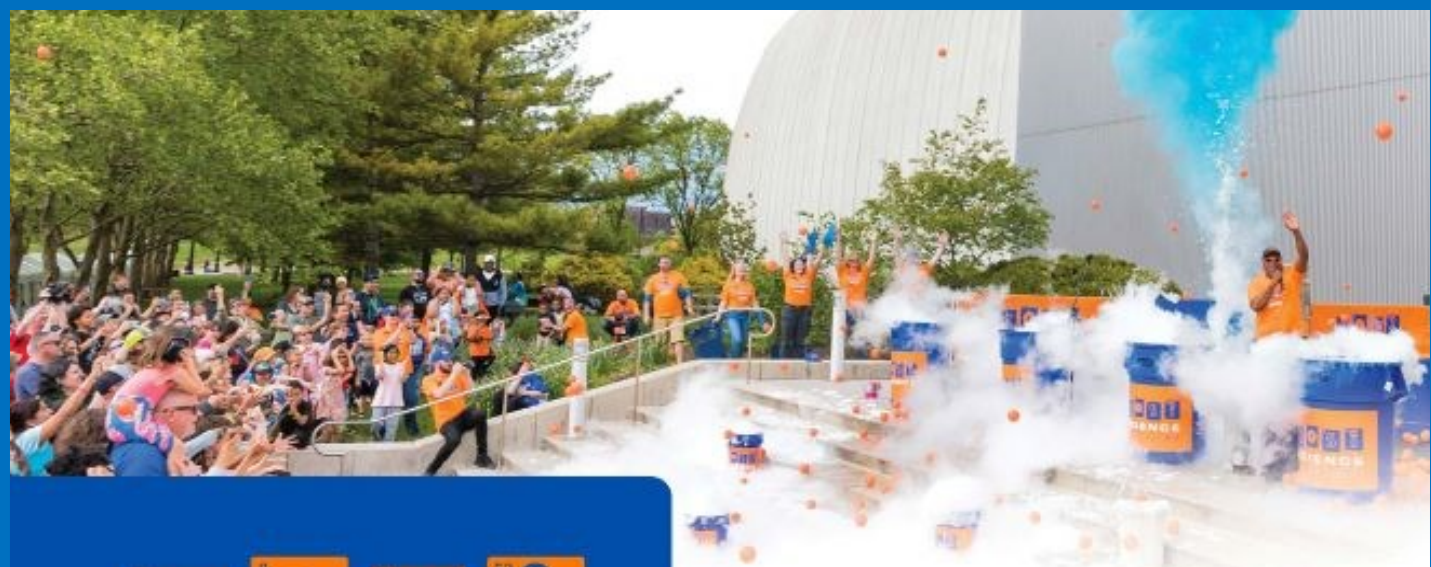
WEXNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Free

- wexarts.org
- (614) 292-3535
- COTA bus line: 2, 31, 82

Prices subject to change.
Please check each museum's website for current information.





VISIONARY SPONSOR **BATTELLE**

April 30 - May 3, 2025

**Be an element
of the science fun!**

at Ohio's largest **STEAM** event

* science, technology,
engineering, art, math

4 days of hands-on science fun

Wednesday

**April
30**

Thursday

**May
1**

Friday

**May
2**

Saturday

**May
3**

11am-5pm



Community STEAM events

All around Ohio
April 30-May 2, 2025

Experience behind the scenes tours, educational talks, nature walks, and more at events hosted by local organizations, companies, and individuals. These community STEAM events highlight the science that is all around us by connecting us with those who interact with it every day, and showcase how much it benefits our daily lives.



Scan here
to explore
Community
STEAM events
near you!

Big Science Celebration

Scioto Peninsula, surrounding COSI
May 3, 2025 from 11am-5pm

Experience over 130 exhibitor stations with hands-on science hosted by STEAM professionals, researchers, and experts from Central Ohio and beyond. This exciting, free experience is located on the Scioto Peninsula, surrounding COSI, and takes place on the last day of the COSI Science Festival.

For more info, visit cosiscifest.org

Catch a ride to the Big Science Celebration for free with COTA, the Official Ride Partner of the Big Science Celebration. Visit cosiscifest.org/visit for details.

UTICA ELEMENTARY UPDATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3 District-Wide Safety Evacuation Drill
- April 4 Talent Show 6:00 p.m.
- May 1 Second Grade Wax Museum 2:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar!

Spring Concert Series:

- May 7 First Grade 6:00 p.m. Third Grade 6:45 p.m.
- May 8 Fourth Grade 6:00 p.m. Fifth Grade 6:45 p.m.



The students in the fifth grade have been working hard to reach an individual goal. Two students have reached the million words read goal. **Cameron Radabaugh** and **Teagan Henry** have read over one million words this year and received a special lunch from Nicks.

All fifth-grade students have participated in daily reading and have contributed to having read 6,409,532 words so far this school year.

February's **Math Club** meeting was student choice. Members played a selection of games involving various math skills and, not the least of which was **FUN!**



UTICA ELEMENTARY UPDATE ~ continued

The high school band paid fifth-graders a visit to promote the band elective as students prepare to choose their courses for middle school.



The UE staff created an "Under the Sea" 9-hole mini glow putt-putt course for all of the students to enjoy for two weeks during PE class. The course was also opened up to the public for six evenings that had over 150 families sign-up to play.



UTICA ELEMENTARY UPDATE ~ continued

Mrs. Ewing's 3rd grade class learned about storms that produce high winds and related safety issues. Students built miniature homes, and they were given some materials to try and secure the houses (tooth picks, paper clips, extra paper, and stickers). Mr. Leaman brought in his wind tunnel and every student was able to test their design and see at what wind speed their house fell apart.



Mr. Trost's fifth-grade class and Mrs. Carter's first-grade class were the two winners of our winter food drive, so both classes joined up for a popcorn, hot chocolate, and movie to celebrate their success. Thank you to all UE students for the hundreds of dollars in cash and food items that you donated to people in need.



UTICA ELEMENTARY UPDATE ~ continued

Science Club has been a hit once again this year! Approximately fifty 4th and 5th graders participated on select days after school. Activities included carving pumpkins, tie-dye, and making slime!



Mrs. Gardner's kindergarten class took advantage of a beautiful, warm, sunny day to visit and learn about the library in Utica! The library workers were so excited to see Utica students and help them see what all the library here in Utica has to offer! If you have not been to Utica's library, you need to check it out! Our kindergarten students give it a thumbs up!



UTICA ELEMENTARY UPDATE ~ continued

Mrs. Gardner's and Miss Sheasby's kindergarten classes learned about zoo animals after the Columbus Zoo came to visit. The children all picked their favorite zoo animal and drew a picture of it. Mrs. Hughes took the pictures that the children had drawn and gave them to her 8th grade students to create clay sculptures from. The 8th graders created the sculptures just like the pictures that the kindergarteners had drawn. Once the sculptures were all finished, Mrs. Hughes invited Mrs. Gardner's and Miss Sheasby's kindergarteners down to see them and meet some of the artists who had created their animals. The 8th graders were just as excited to meet their kindergartener as the kindergarteners were to see the animals and their "buddy" that made them.



Mrs. Morey's second grade class recently participated in the **Flat Stanley Project**. They are eagerly waiting to receive their Flat Stanley's back in the school mail, sometime in April, to read about Flat Stanley's adventures with one of their family members or friends. Through this project, her class will be learning some interesting facts about 13 different states that their Flat Stanley's were mailed to.



NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2025 - 2026 CALENDAR
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02/10/2025

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES:

Aug 18	First Day for Students	Jan 19	No School - Holiday
Sep 1	No School - Holiday	Feb 2 - 12	Evening Conferences (2 - 1/2 Days)
Oct 16	End of 1st Grading Period (43 Days)	Feb 13	No School - Conference Day Offset
Oct 17	No School - Staff Professional Day/Records Day	Feb 16	No School - Holiday
Oct 20 - 31	Evening Conferences (2 - 1/2 Days)	Mar 11	End of 3rd Grading Period (45 Days)
Nov 4	No School - Conference Day Offset	Mar 12	No School - Staff Professional Day
Nov 26	No School	Mar 13	No School - Staff Professional Day/Records Day
Nov 27 - 28	No School - Holiday	Mar 27	Last Day Before Spring Break
Dec 18	Last Day Before Winter Break & End of 2nd Grading Period (40 Days)	Apr 6	Return from Spring Break
Dec 19	No School - Staff Professional Day/Records Day	May 22	Last Day for Students & End of 4th Grading Period (45 Days)
Jan 5	Return From Winter Break	May 22	Senior Class Evening Graduation