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Important Reminders:

- ◆ Feb. 01 - 11
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- ◆ Feb. 08 Board Meeting
WMS
- ◆ Feb. 12 No School
- ◆ Feb. 14



- ◆ Feb. 15 No School
Holiday
- ◆ Feb. 16 No School
Staff PD
- ◆ Mar. 17 End of Third
Grading Period
- ◆ Mar. 18 No School
Staff PD
- ◆ Mar. 19 No School
Records Day
- ◆ Mar. 29 Return from
Break
- ◆ Apr. 02 No School
Holiday
- ◆ Apr. 04



From the Superintendent ~

It is so hard to believe that we started school in August and here we are saying that we have reached the halfway point of the 2020-21 school year, especially face-to-face with students and staff in the buildings. The pandemic has certainly put us all on edge and constantly wondering what the next day will be like. I have to say **THANK YOU** for maintaining the protocols we set up so that students can learn in our buildings.

With the beginning of the second semester, our staff will continue to engage our students academically. This is the critical point of the year to ensure we are on target for graduation or earning the credits towards graduation. Face-to-face students and virtual learning students really need to focus on completing their work. The second semester will also bring with it the completion of winter, state testing, and ultimately graduation for our seniors. This is an important part of the lives of all of our students.

Although the weather has been kind to us, so far, keep in mind that the winter is not over yet. As we face the upcoming forecasts, we will make the best decision concerning school closings we can for all of our students' safety. We have information on our webpage, under the district tab, that explains how we decide to delay or close. Always remember that as a parent you need to make the best decision on whether your children will be driving in weather that may be dicey.

State testing is coming upon us rapidly and the staff has been preparing students by reviewing past tests, looking for common items, and ensuring we are covering all of the areas needed for our students to be successful. Why are these tests so important? Current law requires students to take and pass all five subjects of the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) to earn an Ohio high school diploma. Students who do not pass one or more of the tests will retake the tests they need to pass. Parents, it is vital that you stress to your student the importance of these tests and maintaining their grades. Without passing all five of the testing areas, or completing other pathways, the students will not be able to earn their diploma. The testing schedule will be on our webpage so you have the dates when the tests will be administered.

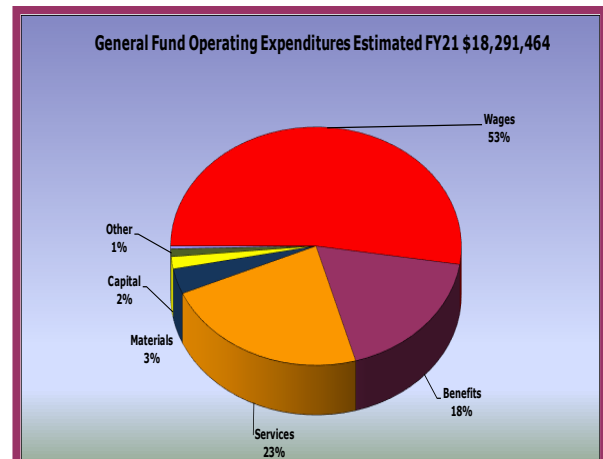
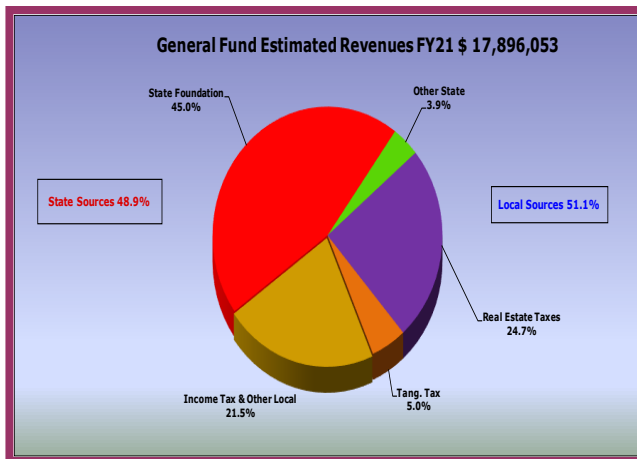
We are grateful to you for allowing us to educate your students. As administrators, teachers, and support staff, we appreciate the time we can spend with all of the students in our care. By keeping our students focused on their academics, we can help every student meet the requirements necessary to graduate. .

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

Did you know...

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

- State funding for all schools was reduced back to 2018-2019 fund level for last year and this year.
- On average it takes 1.5 million to operate the school district for one month.
- The district spends an average of \$11,423 per student each year.
- The district received \$105,225 Coronavirus Relief Funds to purchase masks, gloves and sanitizing products for all buildings.
- Clay Township and the Village of Utica each generously donated \$10,000 of their Coronavirus Relief Funds.
- This year we were able to increase the bus radio signal with a State Broadband grant.
- It costs \$1.4 million to run our transportation department for one school year.
- The state reimburses the district \$3.51 for every free lunch and \$2.26 for every free breakfast.



The graphs above explain this school year's estimated **General Fund Revenue** percentage from each source and the **Estimated Expenditure** for each category.

For more financial information please visit the Treasurer's Office link on the district's website or call or email with any questions.

Treasurer's Office Link

kbreehl@northfork.k12.oh.us

740-892-3897

(Hold down CTRL+ and click on link.)

North Fork Local School District
KINDERGARTEN SCREENING
(Child must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2021.)
March 18, 2021 Students attending Newton Elementary
March 19, 2021 Students attending Utica Elementary
More information will be available on the North Fork website at a later date.
www.northfork.k12.oh.us

Technology News

Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Watson

The Technology Department has 80 -100 iPad 2's for sale!

SPECS:

- Lowest iOS 9.3.5
- 13GB Storage
- Model MC769LL/A
- Unmanaged (no filtering/censorship)
- Generic cloth case or no case included
- Limited 30 pin chargers available

Cost = \$10

- iPads for sale have all been wiped, tested, and charged. *All sales are final.* These are older iPads but function perfectly for most applications, email, and internet.
- March 16, 2021, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the UHS gym lobby.
- Please complete the following form if you're interested:



As a reminder ~

- Both interim reports and report cards are being posted online. Biological parents and/or legal guardians can access this information through the **ParentAccess** portion of **ProgressBook**. If you have not created your **ParentAccess** account, you will need to obtain directions and a registration key by contacting **Mrs. Watson** at klwatson@northfork.k12.oh.us.
- Paper copies of interims and report cards are available by request only. All requests must go through the **building secretary**.
- In order to access interim reports and report cards online, school fees must be paid in full.

Utica Elementary Update

Mr. Ballinger, Principal

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Second semester conference dates have been set for February 2 and 10. In order to accommodate individual family needs, conferences will be taking place both in person and through Zoom. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference.



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day traditions continue to be an exciting part of the school year for our younger elementary students. We don't want to let this pandemic dampen their Valentine spirit, but this year will be different based on protocols we have to follow. All Valentine cards and boxes/bags need to be at school on February 8. Cards will be distributed on that Monday and will sit until Thursday, February 11, when students will be permitted to take their belongings home.



Bruce's Last Ride

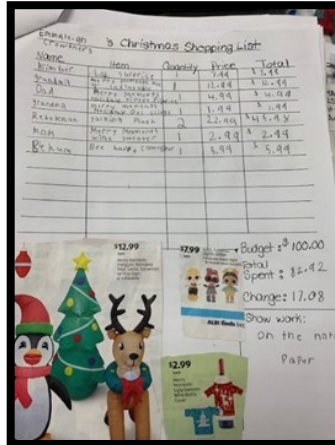
On January 8, Utica Elementary students and staff celebrated **Bruce Guttridge's** final route before he rode off into retirement. We thank Bruce for his dedication and commitment to safety, transporting students for North Fork Local School District.



Utica Elementary Update

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Fifth grade making real-life connections with their math skills as they are developing Christmas shopping lists. Thank you to the **Aldi Corporate Office** for their donation of enough flyers for the entire grade level.



Kindergarten Fun & Exploration

Grinch Day



New Class Pet

Mrs. Gardner's kindergarten class got a **new class pet**! The children wrote about what they would like to name the fish, voted and graphed their votes, learned about different kinds of fish, and facts about their new pet goldfish!

NEWTON NEWS

Ms. Gorius, Principal

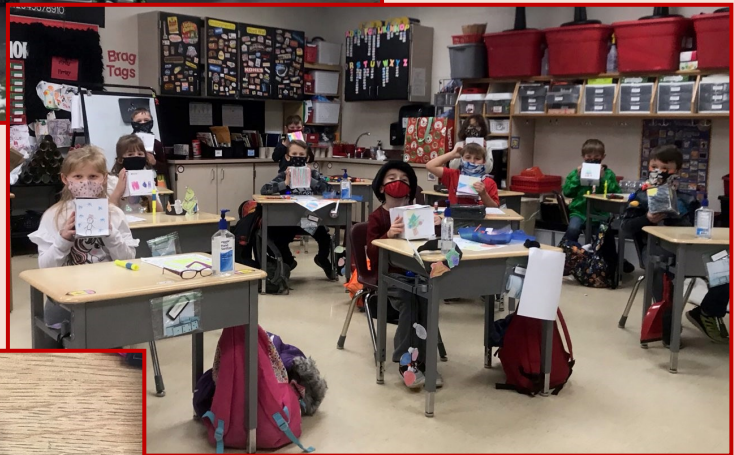
Parent -Teacher conferences are Thursday, February 4, and Wednesday, February 10. Conferences will be held by telephone, Zoom, or in person. Please contact the school if you would like to schedule a conference.



Singing Christmas carols ↓



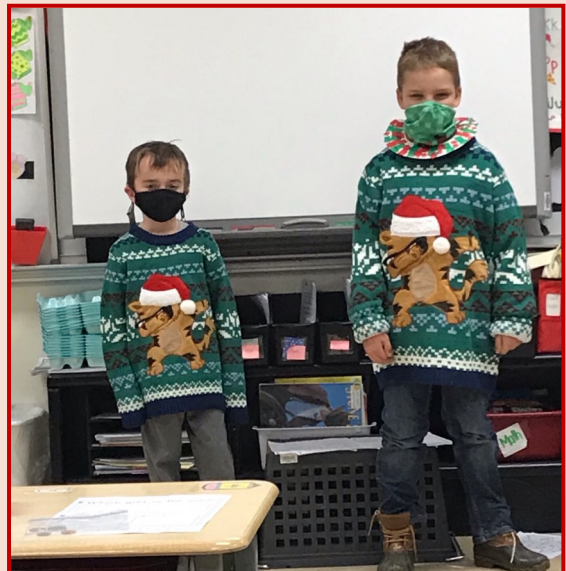
First grade decorating boxes for the taco fish ↓



Rocks for our *Leader in Me* scavenger hunts ↓



Twinning on ugly sweater day →



Utica High School F.F.A. Members Earned Awards in 2020 ~ Mrs. Gina Neff

Several members of the **Utica FFA** chapter have earned the State and American FFA degrees during 2020. Several of our members also did well at the 2020 Ohio FFA Celebration, which was a virtual FFA convention held in place of our annual in person State FFA Convention.

FFA members Autumn Drumm (2020 grad) and Emily Hill (2021 senior) earned their FFA degree. This is the highest degree that FFA members can earn from the Ohio FFA association. These members demonstrated an investment in their FFA careers by being active in CDEs (Career Development Events), in FFA activities above the chapter level, and investing time and money in their SAE's (Supervised Agricultural Experiences). These members were recognized at the Ohio FFA celebration.

Also, at the Ohio FFA celebration, the following members were recognized for their SAE's. These students filled out applications which were judged by a panel of other ag teachers and placed in the state. All of these students were in the top 4 of their categories, in the State of Ohio.

Amanda Annett (2020 grad) placed 3rd in Beef Production Placement

Shaeley Warner (2019 grad) placed 2nd in Beef Production Entrepreneurship and was a State Star Farmer finalist.

Seth Blake (2019 grad) placed 2nd in Goat Production

Trina Orr (2019 grad) placed 3rd in Agriscience Research integrated Systems and was a State Star in Agriscience finalist.

Our Agriscience Fair participants were recognized for placing in the top 3 at the Ohio FFA Celebration. They were: **middle schoolers: Sarah Canterbury and Melinda Wesley, Arthur Hollenback and Kyle Gilbert, Savanna Swafford and Bethany Glancy, Keely LaRue and Abby Buchanan, Eviee Smith, Emily Paxton and Alexa Gosnell, Alex Annett and Devon Firman, and Nicholes Drumm and Connor Garee.** These students received a certificate and money for their placing.

At the 2020 National FFA Convention, we had 2 members who earned the highest FFA degree, the American Degree. Only 1/2 of 1% of all FFA members earn this prestigious award. (According the National FFA, the current membership number is 760,113 FFA members). Students who earn the American Degree show a significant investment in the SAE's, as well as a commitment to community service. They must have also earned the State FFA Degree before applying. **FFA members Trina Orr and Seth Blake earned their American FFA degree.**

It's been fun reflecting on our 2020 accomplishments, despite it being a crazy year. Right now we are starting our award cycle again and student are submitting applications for State Degrees, American Degrees, proficiency awards and Agriscience fair. **Wish us the best of luck in 2021!**



Utica Middle School

Mr. Wilhelm, Principal

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be February 8 and 10 for the second semester. They will run from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. each night. Due to regulations, *all* conferences must be scheduled in advance. No walks-in will be accepted. Please call the middle school office to schedule your appointment.

There are 3 options this year:

1. Normal, Face-to-Face
2. Video Conference over Zoom (If you want to meet with multiple teachers at once.)
3. Telephone Conference

Choose the option that works best for you and let the office know which option you would like when you schedule.

UMS Unites

Our next UMS Unites is coming up on February 5th. We will honor the honor roll and merit roll students from the second quarter during lunch time. The day will be full of fun and educational activities for students to enjoy. The Kona Ice truck will also be making a visit during lunch time.

Chicago Trip Officially Cancelled

It is with deep regret that we must inform you of the cancellation of our rescheduled class trip. The sixth-grade team came to this decision after watching the COVID cases remain steady, and having concerns with bus seating arrangements and hotel rooming arrangements.

We will be refunding all cash payments made for the class trip. Any money made through fundraising will not be refunded (this is state law). We also are not allowed to earmark fundraising money for individual students. All fundraising money will go into one account and will be distributed equally among all students going on their next class trip.

To receive your refund, we will need the following information:

Name of student
Name of person receiving the refund check
Mailing address for the check

Once I receive this information, I will begin the refund process.

Again, we are greatly disappointed to have to cancel, however we feel that this is the best decision we could make at this time. If you have any questions, please email Jeff Hindel at

Book Fair Info

The **UMS Book Fair** will now be held 2 ways. The first way is the normal, in person way. Students will be able to preview and purchase books February 3 – February 11 during the school day. Students will explore the book fair one day, and return another day to make purchases. More information concerning the schedule will be given to the students. The second way is new, and we are hoping it is a success moving forward. It is the ability to purchase products online. See the image for more information.

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North Fork Local Schools
2021 Spring Assessment Calendar
All Assessments are online unless otherwise arranged.
(as of 1/21/2021)

Mrs. Kimpel, Director of Curriculum and Assessment

As the Ohio Department of Education's Restart Plan continues to be revised with updates, below is a tentative schedule for state mandated testing. We will keep you updated as we receive any information from the state.

Below is a breakdown, by month, with a scheduled list of events. As buildings continue to create their schedules, they will communicate specific grade level dates.

FEBRUARY

Week of 2/17 - 2/19 Whole Grade Gifted Identification Testing - Terra Nova and Inview, Grades 2 and 5

February 23 State ACT testing - 11th grade students will report; students in grades 9, 10 and 12 will learn remotely.

February 24 Middle School Subject Acceleration, Math - 7th grade students

MARCH **Kindergarten Screening** - Watch for more information on the **district website**.

APRIL District testing window **4/12 - 4/30 More information will be shared with students prior to spring break.** Students in grades 3 - 8 will take tests in ELA and Math. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also take Science.

High school students will take *End of Course* exams (EOC) in English II, Biology, US History, American Government, Algebra and Geometry. The ELA I EOC has been eliminated for the Classes of 2023 and 2024.

MAY

AP Testing May 4 - AP Government; May 12 - AP Lang