

# NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## NEWSLETTER



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### Important Reminders:

- ◆ Feb. 6 - 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Check building calendar for dates.)
- ◆ Feb. 13 Board of Education Meeting
- ◆ Feb. 14  Happy Valentine's Day
- ◆ Feb. 17 No School
- ◆ Feb. 20 No School - Holiday
- ◆ Feb. 21 No School Staff PD
- ◆ Mar. 8 End of 3rd Grading Period
- ◆ Mar. 9 No School Staff PD
- ◆ Mar. 10 No School Records Day
- ◆ Mar. 20 Board of Education Meeting
- ◆ Apr. 3 ~ 7  Spring Break
- ◆ Apr. 9 Happy Easter!  

- ◆ Apr. 17 Board of Education Meeting

### *From the Superintendent -*

I wanted to start this newsletter by saying **THANK YOU**. It is not often parents hear someone say thanks for all they do as a parent. Education is a collaboration between parents and school personnel. We certainly can't do it by ourselves and need all the support you can provide your children at home. As we reach the mid-point of the school year, we continue to work on keeping students safe and learning in our buildings.

With the beginning of the second semester, we find ourselves at a critical point of the year to ensure we are on target for graduation or earning the credits towards graduation. Students really need to focus on getting their work completed. The second semester brings with it the completion of the winter, state testing, and ultimately graduation for our seniors. It is imperative that we engage students at home and at school to ensure they know the importance of passing the state-mandated tests.

Staff have been preparing students to be successful for their tests by reviewing past assessments, looking for common items, and ensuring we are covering all of the areas required by the State. 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 diplomas. We have placed the testing schedule on our webpage so you have the dates when the tests will be administered.

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 we can concerning school closings, for all of our students' safety. We have information on our webpage that explains how we make the decision to delay or close under the District tab. 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.

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 be successful on their educational journey.

*Scott Hartley, Superintendent*

*Register now!*



# North Fork Local Schools Kindergarten Screening & **REGISTRATION**

To begin kindergarten this fall, a child must have been born on or before **August 1, 2018.**

**Registration will be open online from February 1-24, 2023**

**Screening Dates:**

**March 9, 2023 – Newton Students**

**March 10, 2023 – Utica Students**

Details are available on the North Fork website under the ENROLLMENT link.

[www.northfork.k12.oh.us](http://www.northfork.k12.oh.us)

*Get prepared!*



### Documents Required for Registration:

Gather the following documents to **upload** during the online registration process.

- Up-to-date immunization records
- Child's **Certified** Birth Certificate
- Valid ID of parent/guardian registering child
- Custody documents – if appl. (court stamped)
- Proof of residency (ie., utility bill, government mailing, rental or lease agreement, paystub)
- Copy of current IEP (if applicable)

### Immunizations Required:

- 5 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- 4 POLIO
- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- 3 HEP B (Hepatitis B)
- 2 Varicella

Call your child's pediatrician or your local health department for an appointment.



**NATIONAL**

**SCHOOL  
COUNSELING**

**FEB. 6-10, 2023**

**WEEK**

School  
Counselors:  
Helping Students  
Dream Big

**North Fork Local Schools  
2023 District Spring Assessment Calendar**

Grade	Assessment	Dates
3	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math)	April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>
4	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math)	April 25 <sup>th</sup> May 9 <sup>th</sup>
5	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Science) Ohio's State Tests (Math)	April 26 <sup>th</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup>
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8	Ohio's State Tests (ELA) Ohio's State Tests (Math) ** Algebra I End of Course Exam** Ohio's State Tests (Science)*** *** 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> grade students will learn remotely on this date only	April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> May 3 <sup>rd</sup>

\*\*\* 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be dismissed at the completion of their Science testing day if they have transportation and with a signed parent permission form. Students who require transportation from the school will be provided a study hall and lunch for the remainder of the day.

High School Grade	Assessment	Date
11	State ACT	March 14 <sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*Students in Grades 9, 10 and 12 will learn remotely on this date. 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.

High School End of Course Exams	Dates
English II	April 20 <sup>th</sup>
Biology	April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Algebra I, Math 1&2, Geometry	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
US History, Government	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>AP Testing</b>	
Government	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Language	May 9 <sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*\* Students who are not scheduled to take any End of Course Exam (EOC) will learn remotely

\*\*\*\*Students will also be dismissed at the completion of their testing day(s) if they have transportation and a signed parent permission form. Students who require transportation from the school will be provided a study hall and lunch for the remainder of the day.

# Raising **CONFIDENT,** **COMPETENT CHILDREN**



**Thursday, February 21, 2023**  
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

You are invited to attend a **virtual Triple P parent seminar** hosted by Our Futures in Licking County.

**This seminar:**

- is free
- will be held **live on Zoom**
- welcomes all parents, grandparents and caregivers

Please register by calling **(740) 522-1234, ext. 22**, or email [TriplePseminar@hotmail.com](mailto:TriplePseminar@hotmail.com) at least four days prior to seminar date.

You will receive a reminder and Zoom link prior to the seminar date you wish to attend.



**Raising Confident, Competent Children** is a **Triple P** seminar that helps lower the stress of parenting by equipping parents to:

- Encourage confidence in their children
- Help their children reach their own potential
- Enable their children to get along well with others

**Triple P** is a research-based, internationally-recognized, multilevel parent support program funded by Licking Memorial Health Systems and supported by Mental Health and Recovery of Licking and Knox Counties and Our Futures in Licking County.

96 percent of parents who have tried some of the **Triple P** strategies have seen an improvement in their child's behavior!



# *Utica Elementary School*

**Mr. Brett Ballinger, Principal**

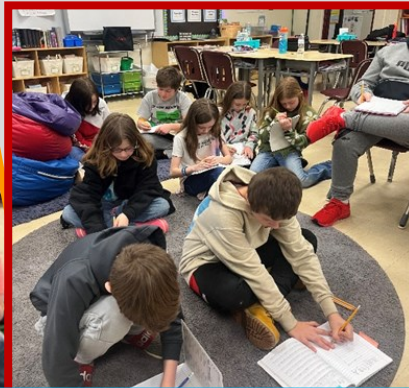
## **Leader in Me Clubs**

We are excited to announce that our building-wide clubs have officially started. Through our Leader in Me initiative, we are constantly striving to ensure our students are developing a strong sense of school belonging and strengthening the trusting relationships they have with the adults in the building. Our Culture Action Team decided to focus on clubs as a way of fostering these targeted areas of school climate by nourishing the whole child.

The process started in the fall. All staff members chose a topic they were passionate about and felt students would enjoy exploring through hands-on activities. A PowerPoint presentation, explaining each club, was created and shared with students during their Technology class. After investigating the club options, students voted on their top choices of clubs to join. Students have been split by grade bands (K-1, 2-3 & 4-5). Our clubs provide a fun opportunity for students to interact with others from different classes and grade levels.



## Utica Elementary School (continued)



## Upcoming Events



### Fourth Grade Science Fair

Our fourth-grade students have been investigating the world around them through the scientific method. They have been working diligently to answer science related questions in an effort to prove their hypothesis right or wrong. Final projects will be on display for our student body and parents on February 15, with official judging taking place on February 16.



### Kindergarten Screening

**Mark your calendars!** The Kindergarten Screening date for Utica Elementary has been set for March 10. Students turning five years old on or before August 1, 2023, are eligible to enroll for kindergarten. If you are planning on sending your child to kindergarten next school year, please plan on scheduling an appointment during our screening day. Registration information can be found under the **enrollment** link at [www.northfork.k12.oh.us](http://www.northfork.k12.oh.us).

**Registration will be open from Feb. 1 through Feb. 24, 2023.**

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Second-semester conference dates have been set for February 9 and 15. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference.

### Book Fair

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be returning to Utica Elementary. The book fair will be set up in our library, February 6 ~ 10.

# What's Happening at UHS ~ Mrs. Lisa Ritzer

## Upcoming Events

- February 7 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6:30
- February 15 Parent/Teacher Conference 3-6:30
- February 16 Interim Grades Available
- February 17 No School
- February 20 No School
- February 21 PD Day – No School for Students
- March 8 End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks
- March 9 PD Day – No School for Students

## Teacher Recognition Night

During the boys' basketball game on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, the senior basketball players and cheerleaders each recognized a North Fork teacher who had impacted their life as a student athlete.



Pictured from left to right: Mr. Felumlee, Brody McDaniel, Mr. Krausz, Trenton Cochran, Zach Heckman, Mr. Snelling, Trenton Collins, Mrs. Grigsby, Mrs. N. Williams, Madison Mathis, Jackie Searfos, Mr. Spung, Tyler Chinn

## Music Department

Mr. Dean and Miss Clippinger continue to work toward growing their music programs at both the middle school and high school. Anyone with middle school or high school student who would like to get involved in the music program, please contact the high school or the teacher directly.

## Arial Program

Congratulations to Zach Heckman and Jax Moran for being chosen to participate in the Arial Internship Program. This program is open to seniors who qualify during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

## Redskin Recognition Program

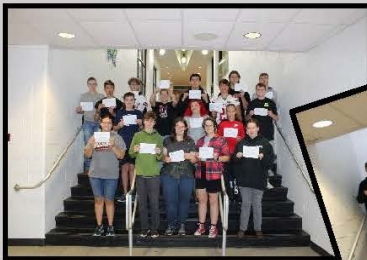
Utica High School is continuing our Redskin Recognition Program this year. Every two-weeks we will be recognizing students who embody the positive behaviors we are looking for at UHS. Each staff member can recognize one student for each designated time frame. Winners will be announced during U-Time and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

### Third Nine-Weeks

#### **Positive Behavior**

#### **Dates**

<b>Respect</b> "Be Kind"	January 3-13
<b>Responsibility</b> "Be on time & prepared for class"	January 18-February 3
<b>Community</b> "Help Others"	February 6-16
<b>Achievement</b> "Complete all assignments on time"	February 27-March 8



Respect



Responsibility



Achievement



Community

## Leadership Conference

Leaders of the UHS Athletic Council attended a leadership conference on January 19<sup>th</sup>. This conference is set up so that student ambassadors can meet other student leaders in the Licking County. Students listened to speakers who talked about leadership and college transitions.



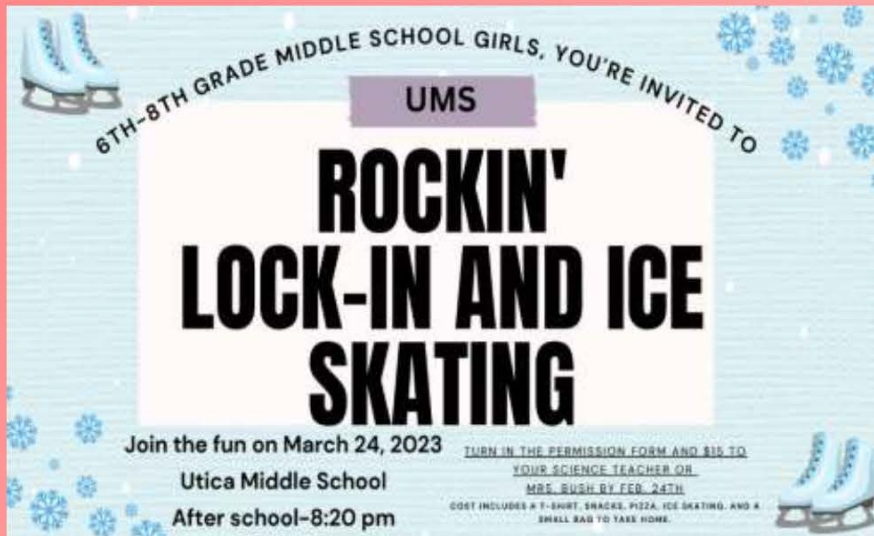
## Utica Wrestling

The Utica Wrestling Invitational was recently renamed the Mike Garven Classic. This recognition is due to the years of service and dedication Mike Garven has shown to the Utica Wrestling program.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



6TH-8TH GRADE MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS, YOU'RE INVITED TO

**UMS**

## ROCKIN' LOCK-IN AND ICE SKATING

Join the fun on March 24, 2023  
Utica Middle School  
After school-8:20 pm

TURN IN THE PERMISSION FORM AND \$15 TO YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER OR MRS. BUSH BY FEB. 24TH  
COST INCLUDES A T-SHIRT, SNACKS, PIZZA, ICE SKATING, AND A SMALL BAG TO TAKE HOME.



## Upcoming 6th Graders!

PARENT MEETING  
MARCH 21ST, 2023  
6:30 UHS CAFETERIA



A meeting to go over scheduling and what to expect for your upcoming 6th grade year in Middle School.

### NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK! FEB 6-10, 2023

[Visit the American School Counselors Association website for more info!](http://www.asca.org)

**What do we do?**  
As middle school counselors, it is our responsibility to support students not only academically, but emotionally as well. When you see a school counselor, you're NOT in trouble!

**Numbers**

- The recommended ratio for school counselors is 250 students per counselor
- The average for Ohio is 400 students per counselor (more than recommended)

**How to become a school counselor:**

- You need a master's degree in school counseling
- You have to pass a state exam
- Pass a criminal background check
- 700 hours of interning (why Mrs. Kelly is here)

**Fun Facts!**

- The school counseling profession originated over 100 years ago
- The name of the profession changed from "Guidance Counselor" to "School Counselor" because **WE CAN DO MORE THAN JUST GUIDANCE!**

**What we can help with:**

- Scheduling
- Need someone to talk to
- Class or grade concerns
- Questions about school
- Anxiety/Stress
- Bullying
- And so much more! Just ask!

**Organizations we are in:**

- ASCA is the American Association for school counseling. We follow their code of ethics.
- OSCA is the Ohio School Counselors' Association. We follow their guidelines to meet social and emotional needs of our students!
- These organizations give us rules to follow so we can help all of our students in the most researched and ethical ways possible.

Want to chat? Scan Here!



**UMS?** *Mr. Shawn Wilhelm, Principal*

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual UMS Guys Night Out Trip

★ **UMS** ★

## At Huntington Park

*Columbus Clippers*




Save the date:  
**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**\*\*More Information will be coming soon!\*\***

# Newton News - Ms. Michele Gorius, Principal

## Conferences

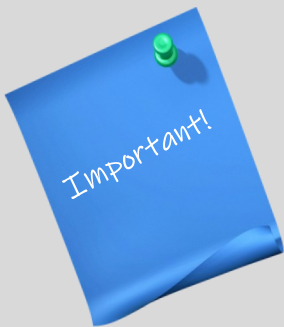
Parent-teacher conferences will be held Thursday, February 9, and Wednesday, February 15. Teachers or parents can request a conference. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time.

## Book Fair

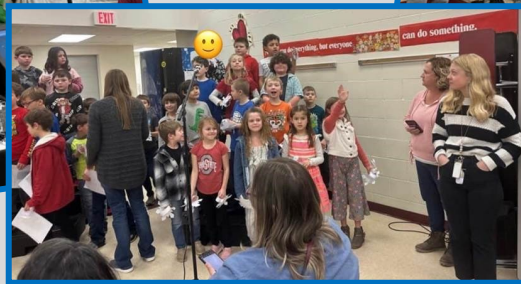
PTO and Mrs. Stout will be holding a book fair, February 8 - 16. It will be opened during evening parent-teacher conferences and during the day for students. Look for fliers about the book fair.

## Math Facts

Teachers are noticing students do not have their math facts memorized. Five to ten minutes a night will help them learn their facts. It can be done orally while in the car, in the morning while eating breakfast, playing cards can be used, etc. Students should be secure with their addition and subtraction facts by the end of second grade; multiplication and division facts by the end of third grade. Thank you in advance for your help!



*Our second and third grade students held their "Snow Day Concert" on January 27.*



## ~Upcoming Dates to Remember~

Feb. 6	PTO Meeting
Feb. 7	Spring Photo Day
Feb. 8 - 16	Book Fair
Feb. 9, 15	Parent-Teacher Conferences

## To Receive a Text Message from **One Call Now**

POWERED BY ONSOLVE

The opt-in process to receive **text messages on a wireless phone associated with your account** is easy! Simply text **ALERT to 22300**. You will need to repeat this process for any wireless number you wish to receive messages. For text messages, message and data rates may apply, depending on the data plan you have with your cell carrier. Please be aware that if you opt-in to receive text messages, you will **NOT** receive a phone call on that wireless number, *only* a text message.

### **IMPORTANT STUFF!!**

#### **From the Technology Department**

**Students are to be using the Outlook App that is on their iPad for emails. This change was made to comply with new Microsoft authentication methods. If a student needs help, they should start with their UTime teacher and, if needed, stop by the Technology Department for assistance.**

**Thank you!**



## Money Talks ~ Mrs. Kellie Breehl, Treasurer

This is a very busy time as we navigate past the mid-way point of the 2022-2023 school year and as the calendar year 2022 concludes. The district is currently amidst the 2021-2022 State Audit, all 1099 and W-2s have been processed and distributed, and now we are beginning the 2023-2024 budgeting procedures.

For operations, school districts in Ohio rely heavily on state funding. Our district is funded 50.2% from state sources and 49.8% from local resources. Every two years the Governor releases his biennial budget proposal. The new biennial budget proposal, released this week, will include the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Once the bill is reviewed and simulations become available, webinars will be provided to discuss an overview of the proposal. The proposal will continue the phase-in of the Fair School Funding Plan, which will provide funding for the third and fourth years of the six-year implementation.



Our office would like to **congratulate** Mr. Caleb Hickman and the FFA classes on their recognitions:

**Logan Scarberry, Utica FFA Treasurer, received a gold rating on his treasurer's book.**

**Melinda Wesley, Utica FFA Reporter, received a gold rating on her reporter's book.**

**Audrey Boeshart, Utica FFA Secretary, received a gold rating on her secretary's book.**

**These students will be recognized at the Ohio FFA State Convention in May.**