

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NEWSLETTER



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Important Reminders:

- ◆ **May 21**
Board of Education Meeting
6:00 pm Utica Elementary
- ◆ **May 28**
Holiday - No School
- ◆ **May 30**
Last Day for Students
NO LATE START
- ◆ **May 31**
Staff Work Day
- ◆ **June 3**
Senior Class Graduation
C-TEC 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **June 18**
Board of Education Meeting
6:00 pm Utica Middle School
- ◆ **June 25**
Board of Education Meeting
6:00 pm Utica High School
- ◆ **July 16**
Board of Education Meeting
6:00 pm Utica High School

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~REMINDER~

NO LATE START

**on Wednesday,
May 30, 2018**

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From the Superintendent...

As we near the end of the 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. It makes the job of educating all students easier with the help of so many dedicated people.

The fourth nine-weeks brought with it the assessment of students through state testing. Like 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. We continue to work on our Four Pillars to Success, which have provided us a road map to improvement. You can review the four pillars on our website.

We are currently in the process of getting a new bus garage built. The replacement of that building will provide our transportation department a facility that will work on all of our buses. Another exciting addition will be offering a pilot program for preschool for next school year. The program will have thirty-two seats available for those students who are primarily in need of special education services. We will fill the remainder of seats with general education students. This will provide us a starting point for the future of preschool services. The "Leader in Me" program will be starting in the fall for our elementary students and staff. This program will utilize Stephen Covey's characteristics for highly effective students.

We look forward to continuing the collaboration we have built with a number of parents, businesses, and community members with our community engagement activities. This year we provided information on social media, and hidden in plain sight programs. We believe these are worthwhile to provide information to everyone on common issues our community is facing.

We would also like to thank all of the parents and staff who attended the district "Think Tank" meetings. These meetings give us an opportunity to hear from our community and see where all of you would like our district to move. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have ideas for the future. We are always looking for ways to improve the programs and lives of our students.

This is an exciting time for all of us. We will be introducing approximately 120 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 for all of those graduating.

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

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

News from Newton Elementary

Michele Gorius, Principal



~Daily Announcements~

Students are now helping with the daily announcements. They share school information, what is for lunch, the weather report, birthdays, The Pledge and a joke for the day. Miss Staneluis is helping the students.

Second Grade Wax Museum

Second graders studied famous Americans. They dressed as their person and presented facts during the Wax Museum. Second grade teachers are Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Parriott, and Mrs. Schraer. *** Please see pictures on page 3. ***

Important Dates to Remember:

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|--------|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| May 11 | PTO Walk-A-Thon | UHS | (Rain Date 5/14) |
| May 18 | PTO Fun Day | Newton | (Rain Date 5/25) |
| May 25 | Student of the Month Lunch | | |
| May 28 | No School | | |
| May 30 | Last Day of School | | <u>(NO LATE START)</u> |

Have a safe, relaxing summer!

Encourage your child to read for *at least 30 minutes* a day. The public library is holding a summer reading program.

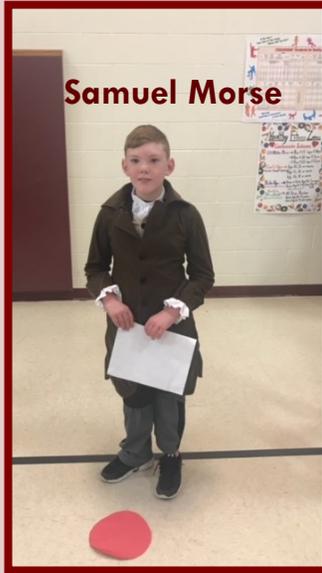


Newton Elementary

Second Grade Wax Museum



Annie Oakley



Samuel Morse



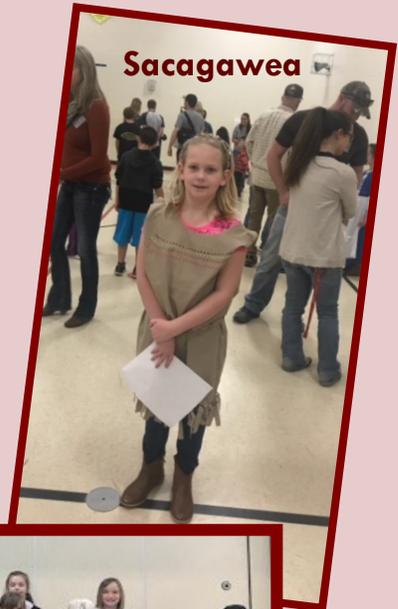
Betsy Ross



Benjamin Franklin



Annie Sullivan



Sacagawea



Second Grade Students

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~ CLUBS & AFTER-SCHOOL GROUPS



Leadership Club

For the second school year in a row, Mr. Brad Kittle volunteered his time to meet with 32 students each Tuesday from January through this spring. **Thank you, Mr. Kittle, for helping our Utica Elementary kindergarten through fifth grade students with Leadership Skills!** Students in Mr. Kittle's groups looked forward to Tuesdays and practiced what it takes to become a "**Great Leader.**" Utica Elementary is very grateful for Mr. Kittle and so thankful for the wonderful example he sets for our students, parents, and staff.

After School Reading and Writing Club

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Hatch are happy to report that this school year, Reading and Writing Club "**Rocked!**" We appreciate the fine behavior and hard work the 38 students put forth from October through mid-April. Students practiced writing in response to more than one reading selection. Some writing was handwritten. Other writing selections completed by students were typed in the computer lab. **Thank you** parents for allowing your children to participate in this after school activity so we could practice what it takes to become **better readers and writers!**



Math Club 2017-2018

Math club is an informal way to promote mathematics that is fun and often outside the standards that we MUST learn. We often explore mathematics through architecture and engineering so we do a lot of building with different materials to examine stability and structure using angles. Each spring we celebrate Pi Day in March by measuring the circumference and diameter of round objects such as watermelon slices, cookies and orange slices. Then the students eat the materials! This year we added an old-fashioned game of monopoly to the mix to experience buying and selling properties and finished up using borrowed Zome materials to build interesting structures. The kids love the opportunity to learn through play, with less structure and no assessments to worry about!

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~ CLUBS & AFTER-SCHOOL GROUPS (CONT)

Science Club

This year in **Science Club** we explored the world around us through the Magic School Bus Science Club Program. We averaged 20 students per meeting and met once a month. Students this year explored and created volcanoes, learned how white light is a mixture of all light colors with colored pin-wheels, grew bacteria in petri dishes to compare the effectiveness of hand sanitizer vs. hand soap, constructed constellation boxes with shoe boxes, and even made edible playdough! We are already looking forward to **Science Club** for the 2018-2019 school year.



Student Government

UE Student Government spent this year contributing to our local areas through fundraising and outreach! This year Student Government's first fundraiser was **Dance Out Homelessness**. Students paid one quarter and received a song sheet where they wrote a song choice, then at the end of each day we drew a song and played it over the PA system while the whole school stopped for a **dance break**. Through this we raised over \$250.00 for the Licking County Coalition for Housing. We were also able to raise \$2,500.00 for the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society**, 75% of which went right back to patients and research here in Licking County! For the holidays, we packed shoeboxes to send to kids all around the world who needed some extra love. During Christmas we also held a candy gram sale which helped us raise over \$150.00 to order vinyl leadership quotes to hang throughout the school. Student Government consisted of 9 members, one student from each classroom, third through fifth grade.

MONEY TALKS ~ Mrs. Tonya Mickley, Treasurer/CFO

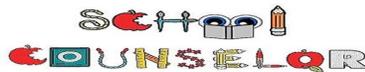
We are closing in on the end of another fiscal year. Where does time go?

If you drive past the high school, you will notice most of our buses are sitting on the lot when not in use. That is because we have begun the long awaited bus garage project. What is exciting for me is that we are able to do this project with monies that we were able to set aside for this specific purpose. In your personal life – that would be the equivalent of purchasing a car with cash and not taking a loan out to make this purchase. What that means is the Board of Education is making wise financial decisions.

The Board is also being cognizant of our aging educational facilities. Currently, the board has earmarked some monies for emergency building/equipment repair needs. Preparing for the future, they have had the state come in to do a review of our middle school facility to help determine the best way to move forward. The state will be able to do some project cost projections to determine if it will be more cost efficient to update the current facilities or to build a new facility.

We will, once again, be ending the year with revenues exceeding expenditures, which will also help the Board to make financial decisions to benefit the district.

As always, if you have any financial questions, please contact the treasurer's office.



Mrs. Susan Hatch

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Elementary Character Education Classes

Students at both Newton and Utica Elementary Schools studied new ways to encourage the development of leadership skills for all as part of the district-wide initiative **“The Leader in Me.”** Topics this school year included; Say No to Drugs, Positive and Negative Peer Pressure, Fire Safety, Bus Safety, Internet Safety, Home and School Safety, Be a Friend not a Bully, Dangers of Cyberbullying, Famous Americans, Conflict Resolution, Study Skills, Controlling Anger, Thankfulness for Home, School, Country, and Famous American’s contributions to our Country. **Many thanks to Mrs. Stacy Stevens and Mrs. Bonnie Stout** for their assistance with the Character Education Lessons in the Library!

Courageous Kids

Thank you Ms. Sheri Weiner from Hospice of Central Ohio for leading our “Courageous Kids” counseling groups at both Newton and Utica Elementary this school year. Ms. Weiner is also leading a Kids Camp in Newark this summer free of charge. If you would like to sign your child up for the **Kids Camp this summer** or need to talk to a grief counselor for your child/children, you may contact Ms. Weiner at sweiner@hospiceofcentralohio.org or call (740) 788-1400.

Friendship Groups

During the 2017-2018 school year, many students participated in **Friendship Groups** at Utica and Newton Elementary Schools. The students enjoyed the company of their classmates at various grade levels all year long. Two favorite activities were writing letters to men and women in the Armed Forces and typing stories from journals in the computer lab.

Thank You North Fork Community!

The elementary staff and students wish to thank community members, North Fork Children’s Foundation, local Fire and EMS Departments, area churches, school PTO’s, community businesses, and North Fork staff for their donations this school year. We are grateful for you all in providing coats, gloves, school supplies, and food throughout the year. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and support for our wonderful North Fork District students!

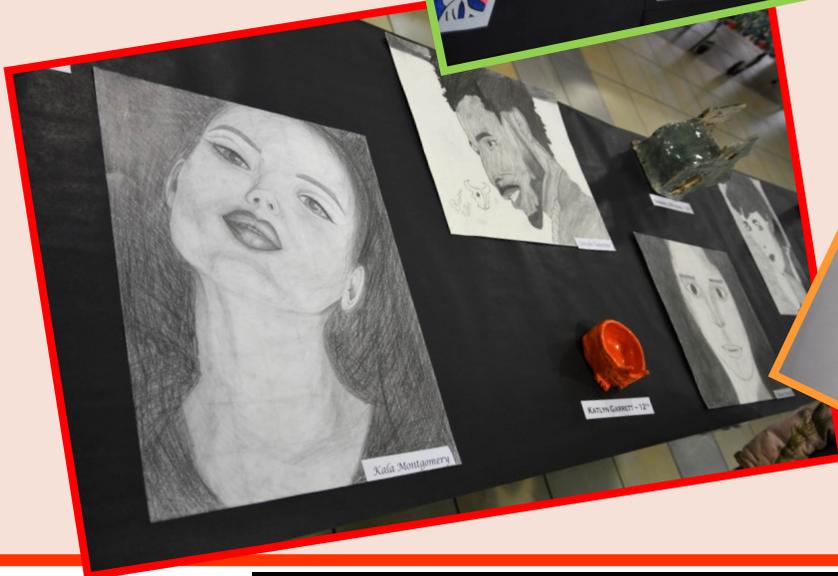
Utica High School Spring Art Show

Utica's Annual Spring Art Show was held on April 17, 2018, this year. Students, grades 9 -12, worked in classes to prepare several pieces over the course of the year. Drawing, digital art, painting, ceramics, sculpture, and mixed media pieces were all represented. There was great attendance and the cafeteria was filled with art students and proud families. Several art pieces were then entered into the 2018 Congressional Art Competition and winning pieces have a chance to be displayed in Washington, D.C. at the Cannon Tunnel.

**** Special thanks to Kristi McVay, as she catered the event with sandwiches, veggies and treats. ****



Utica High School Art Show Pictures...



Utica Middle School ~ Marcia Rutherford, Principal

7th grade students, Zane Crase, Jaydin White, Gabe Overly, Abby Paxton, and Layken Walters, were recognized by *Velvet Ice Cream* for their invention of a new ice cream flavor as part of their Career Connections Class. This flavor, *Pineapple Upside-Down Cake*, will be featured at this year's Ice Cream Festival.



Student Government organized a drive for *Operation Feed!* The school did a great job collecting food and funds for Licking County's needy!

Principal's Message ~

As we move to the end of the year, we wish the sixth grade and eighth grade well as they travel to *Chicago and Washington DC*. Our eighth grade students wrote a passage on the significance of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and how could they represent the school. *Congratulations* to *Kathryn Ramseyer* and *Kenneth Davenport!!* These two students will be laying the wreath at the Tomb.

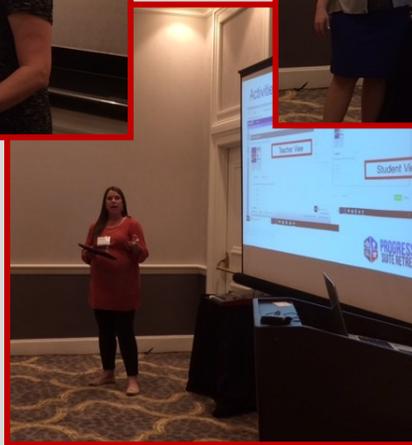
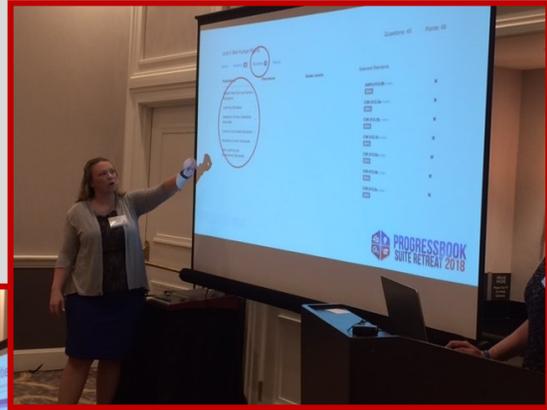
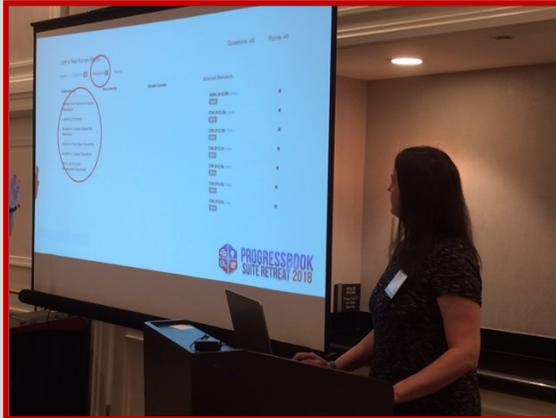
Please look at the North Fork website and postings from Utica Middle School on Facebook for additional end of year announcements!

Have a wonderful summer,

The staff at UMS

Technology Department...

Technology Training Coordinator Mrs. Kimberley Watson along with staff members Mrs. Kayla Campos, and Mrs. Heidi Williams, represented North Fork as presenters at the ProgressBook Suite Retreat. They presented on the Virtual Classroom portion of the ProgressBook Suite.



From the Athletic Department ~

Who: UMS & UHS Students

What: Free Sports Physicals

Where: Utica High School

When: Monday, May 21, 2018

Girls - 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Boys - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please call Utica High School
at 740-892-2855 with any
questions!



