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Important Reminders:

- ◆ **May 17** Board Meeting
UHS
- ◆ **May 23** Graduation
- ◆ **May 26** Last Day for
Students
- ◆ **May 27** Staff Work Day
- ◆ **May 31** **Memorial Day**



- ◆ **June 28** Board Meeting
UHS
- ◆ **July 4** **Independence
Day**



- ◆ **July 19** Board Meeting
Utica Elem.
- ◆ **Aug. 16** Board Meeting
UHS
- ◆ **Aug. 18** **First Day of
School for
Students**

From the Superintendent ~

As we near the end of the 2020-21 school year, we want to thank everyone for their diligence and understanding because of the pandemic. This school year made for some interesting times, especially not knowing what to expect as we brought students back into the school buildings at the start of the year. We could not have kept students in the buildings without our community, parents, staff, and especially the students themselves.

One of our biggest challenges this year was to provide as much normalcy to our students as we could. This was difficult with all of the restrictions and guidelines that were provided to us from the state and our health department. We believe our staff did everything they could to enhance the learning environment to meet all of those guidelines.

The fourth nine weeks brought with it the assessment of students through state testing. Like previous years, we tested our students electronically. Staff have been working to provide intervention and testing strategies to enhance the student's opportunities to be successful. 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 on the Academics page.

We look forward to continuing the collaboration we have built with a number of parents, businesses, and community members we have worked with throughout the pandemic. By taking an active role in helping students to be successful in their academics, we will certainly see the success in the upcoming school years.

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 and thank you for entrusting us with the health, welfare, and education of our community children.

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!



Tidbits from the Treasurer

Kellie Breehl, Treasurer



Did you know...

- The district will be replacing EZPay, the online lunch and fee payment system with PaySchools. The system will be more user friendly and will automatically update based on its interface with all state software. More information will be coming soon!
- The Ohio Department of Education received approval to offer free breakfast and free lunch to all students attending schools on the national school lunch program through the entire 2021-2022 school year.
- Otica Elementary's parking lot was completed last summer at a cost of \$175,533. Newton Elementary's parking lot will be publicly bid this spring for this summer's paving project.
- The State approves a new budget every two years. The 2021-2022 school year marks the beginning of a new bi-annual budget. Currently, hearings in the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee are focusing on HB110, the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP). The FSFP is a rational, transparent and fair system for funding schools. This funding is based on per-student costs and where the student is educated. The base cost are 60% for direct classroom instruction (teachers), 15% for instructional and student support (guidance, co-curriculars), 20% for building leadership and operations and 5% for district leadership and accountability. If HB110 is approved, this will be the first funding formula since the 2018-2019 school year.
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act and the American Response Plan (ARP) Act provided the district with the Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER) I, II and III. A comprehensive plan for the use of these funds is being developed.



For more information or questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at
740-892-3897.



What's Happening at the Middle School ~ Mr. Wilhelm, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/3 – 5/7 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/19 – 6th Grade iPad turn in
- 5/20 – 7th Grade iPad turn in
- 5/21 – 8th Grade iPad turn in
- 5/26 – Students' Last Day of School

State Testing

After April 30th, we will have completed our state testing for this school year. It has been a new experience this year since each student had an iPad. The 7th and 8th grade students were able to use their own iPads for the testing and have had minimal issues. Since the 6th grade iPads do not have keyboards, we worked on setting them up in the computer labs and with additional iPads that had keyboards. Again, there has been minimal issues for them as well. We will conclude with the 8th grade science test on April 27th and 3 make-up days to follow if necessary.

Lost and Found

If your student has lost any items. Please have them check the LOST and FOUND. As the school year draws to an end these items will be [DONATED by May 7, 2021.](#)



Warm Weather

As the warm weather arrives, please remind the students to bring their own water bottle to have throughout the day. We now have two water bottle filling stations in the middle school.

Also, please make sure students are dressing properly and following the dress code that is in the handbook. Here is a brief overview of what is expected.

1. Hats, bandanas, headgear, bare midriffs, pants containing holes higher than five inches above the knee, sleepwear, including blankets and slippers, non-prescription sunglasses, spaghetti-strap tank tops (must be a minimum of two inches width), see-through garments, or revealing shirts or blouses, are **not** permitted.
2. Tight fitting shorts (spandex, or similarly snug-fitting-shorts, etc.) are prohibited.
3. Sleeveless tops should be closed armed, in good taste and have sides that cover the torso. Tops and bottoms must overlap at all times, including when arms are raised with no midriff showing.
4. Shorts, dresses and skirts may be no shorter than five inches above the knee. Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waistline.

Congratulations to the New Members of the National Honor Society

*Allie Burgess
Laura Brubaker
Tyler Chinn
Zachery Cyphers
Jay Figgins
Kami Humphrey
Rileigh Lewis
Brody McDaniel
Josie Mueller
Abby Paxton*

*Brianne Priest
Matt Reavley
Maddy Reed
Alyssa Sanderell
Logan Scarberry
Aiden Schmoll
Owen Storts
Riley Thompson
Riley Waggoner
Melodie Woodruff*

Current Members:

Hunter Billman, Silas Buckenberger, Sydni Cunningham, Beau Dunlap, Bella Ellis, Georgia Gamble, Matthew Geiger, Connor Green, Josh Higgins, Emily Hill, Sean McCutcheon, Trevor Newell, Brock Pfister, Jarrett Pfister, Shayla Wheeler.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Newton News

We have been super busy in Mrs. Keller's first grade. We have been learning about Earth Day and how to reduce, reuse and recycle. We made a pencil cup out of reusing soup cans and reusing scrap paper. We learned how crayons were made, then we made new crayons out of old crayons, plus learned about solids and liquids in the process. We created tie dye butterflies to hang in the hallway and made flowers to go with them. We also are recording data on seeds to see when they sprout. And we get to bring home our very own tree! First grade is a very busy place!



Newton News

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WOW!! It's hard to believe it's spring and the end of the year is approaching. What a year!

First of all, **THANK YOU** to the parents for your support, patience and understanding as we worked through the CV-19 guidelines.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the staff who came up with creative ideas so the students could have a somewhat normal school year.

And finally, the students - they rolled with the changes and were truly **AMAZING**.

I hope you have a safe, relaxing **summer**. *Michele Gorius, Principal*



First grade students with their 120-day school projects.



Mrs. Justice and helpers getting free seedlings ready for the Newton students.
Happy Earth Day!



Bentley is a first grader at Newton Elementary. He was diagnosed with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome at 20 weeks in utero. Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome is a Congenital Heart Defect. Bentley has been on a heart transplant list since December 15th and is awaiting a new heart. The Ohio State Patrol surprised Bentley and visited his classroom last week. They appointed Bentley as a Junior Trooper of the Ohio State Patrol. They also brought the whole class some gifts and answered questions!



~ Utica Elementary Update ~

Mr. Brett Ballinger, Principal

Check out our new **GAGA PIT** on the playground! So far, it has been a big hit at recess! Our students owe a big thank you to the following people for making it happen:

- The Utica Elementary PTO
- The Utica Elementary Student Government
- Mr. and Mrs. Heath (Community members)
- Lowe's of Mount Vernon
- Mr. Isch (OSU Field Student)
- Mr. Trost (5th grade teacher)



1,000th Day Celebration -

Fifth graders had a fun day of celebrating their **1000th day of school**. They wrote letters to the kindergarten classes giving them advice on how to survive the next 900 days. They also enjoyed writing letter to their future selves 1000 days from now. The teachers will keep these letters and send them to the high school when they are juniors. Finally, they created a **1000** link chain of memories.



FIELD DAY

The show must go on! We will be having our Field Day again this year on May 12th. COVID guidelines will be in place to allow our students to celebrate a great year safely.

Teacher Requests

Individual teacher requests (K-2) for the 2021-2022 school year, need to be submitted to our office by May 21st. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences, but requests are not guaranteed.

~ Utica Elementary Update ~

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2nd Grade Hands-On Learning

Students in Mrs. Morey's class have been busy learning and reviewing sight words while playing hockey, bowling, baseball, and even swatting flies. They also have been practicing their math facts while doing the limbo.

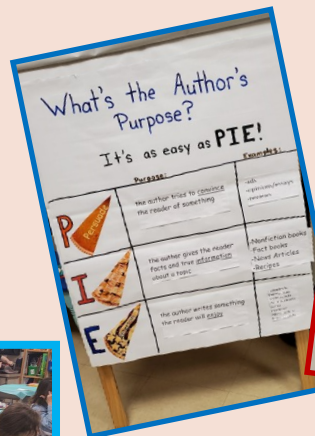
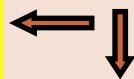


Mrs. Morey's class recently had a '**PIE day**' to learn and remember three main reasons an author can choose to write: to **persuade**, to **inform**, to **entertain**. Together, those three types of writing spell **PIE**!

Her students helped describe the difference between each of the 3 kinds of writing and shared examples of each. They helped complete an anchor chart. Then they reviewed various texts they have studied together in class and worked on identifying the author's main purpose for each using their **PIE** pans. Each student had to choose the correct pie to display in their pan as they reviewed various texts and the author's purpose for each.



Genre
Book
Bakery



Important Information from the Technology Department

In March we sold 78 Apple iPad 2's. We're thankful to be able to put technology in the hands of those in the community.

~ iPad COLLECTION DATES ~

6th Grade - May 19

7th Grade - May 20

8th Grade - May 21

9th - 11th Grades - Return after last exam

one of the following dates: May 24, 25, 26

Seniors - Return last day of exams - May 18

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Newton and Utica Elementary will be having a **"Jump Start"** program, for students who are eligible, August 2 - 12, 2021. This program will enhance and improve their skills to prepare them for the next grade level. **If you feel your student needs the additional services, please contact your student's school office.**

REMINDER - Immunization Requirements

The State of Ohio changed the immunization requirements for **7th** and **12th** grade students effective a few years ago. Please contact your child's pediatrician or your local health department as soon as possible, as proof of these immunizations is required for school attendance, and an updated immunization record needs to be on file with the school nurse. To request a waiver, please contact the building secretary or school nurse, Jennifer Wygle. jwygle@northfork.k12.oh.us

7th grade: Tdap vaccine (to protect from Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) and Meningococcal vaccine (to protect from Meningitis)

12th grade: Meningococcal vaccine (to protect from Meningitis)

If the student received a Meningitis vaccine before the age of 16 years, a second dose is required for school attendance in 12th grade. If student received the first dose of Meningitis vaccine at the age of 16 years or older, only one dose is required for school attendance in 12th grade.

Please forward any updated immunization records to **school nurse, Jennifer Wygle, RN BSN.**

State Agriscience Fair Results



Animal Systems:

Division 1

Emily O'Hara - **1st place**

Division 2

Melinda Wesley & Audrey Boeshart- **1st place**

Samantha Farley & Cheyenne Smith- **3rd place**

Ayonna Good & Jayden Rauch-**4th place**

Food Products & Processing:

Division 1

Bethany Glancy- **3rd place**

Division 2

Sarah Canterbury & Allison Baughman-**1st place**

Plant Systems

Division 2

Kyle Gilbert & AJ Shannon- **1st place**

Social Systems:

Division 4

Stephen Epps & Sarah Epps- **2nd place**



NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT *REVISED - Board Approved April 19, 2021*
2021 - 2022 CALENDAR
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Key: # School Day # End of Grading Period No School for Students

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES:

Aug 18	First Day for Students	Jan 17	Holiday / No School
Sep 6	Holiday / No School	Jan 18	No School - Staff PD
Sep 15	No School - Staff PD	Feb 7 - 17	Evening Conferences (2 - 1/2 Days)
Oct 20	End of 1st Grading Period (44 Days)	Feb 18 & 21	No School
Oct 21	No School - Staff PD	Feb 22	No School - Staff PD
Oct 22	No School - Records Day	Mar 23	Last Day Before Spring Break
Oct 26-Nov 5	Evening Conferences (2 - 1/2 Days)		End of 3rd Grading Period (43 Days)
Nov 2	No School - Staff PD	Mar 24	No School - Staff PD
Nov 12	No School	Mar 25	No School - Records Day
Nov 24-26	Holiday / No School	Apr 4	Return from Spring Break
Dec 8	No School - Staff PD	Apr 15	Holiday / No School
Dec 17	Last Day Before Winter Break	May 22	Senior Class Graduation
Jan 4	Return From Winter Break	May 26	Last Day for Students
Jan 13	End of 2nd Grading Period (42 Days)	May 27	End of 4th Grading Period (38 Days)
Jan 14	No School - Records Day		No School - Records Day

In order to meet the required number of hours of instruction, remote learning may be utilized when deemed necessary by the superintendent.