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Important Reminders:

- ◆ **May 16** Board Meeting
UHS
- ◆ **May 22** Graduation
- ◆ **May 26** Last Day for
Students
- ◆ **May 27** Staff Work Day
- ◆ **May 30** **Memorial Day**



- ◆ **June 27** Board Meeting
UHS
- ◆ **July 4** **Independence
Day**



- ◆ **July 18** Board Meeting
Utica Elem.
- ◆ **Aug. 15** Board Meeting
UHS
- ◆ **Aug. 17** **First Day of
School for
Students**

From the Superintendent ~

As we near the end of the 2021-22 school year, we want to thank everyone for the work needed to keep the buildings open and allowing us to educate your students. We would especially like to thank all of those who volunteered or took an active role in helping our students to be successful in their academics.

This school year was primarily focused on providing as much normalcy as possible. We believe our staff did everything they could to enhance the learning environment to ensure students had a year that could compare to those from the past.

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.

We look forward to continuing the collaboration we have built with a number of parents, businesses, and community members. It truly is a reality when we say it takes a village to raise a child. With all of your help 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 also would like to 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 2022!

Update from Utica Elementary

Mr. Brett Ballinger, Principal

As part of our **Leader in Me** program, many of our students have participated in service learning projects this school year. These projects have provided a fantastic learning experience for our students and we are very proud of their efforts.

Pop Tab Heroes!

UE's third grade team started a service learning project collecting pop tabs to donate to the **Ronald McDonald House** to help families in need. Thank you for all of your donations so far! Please continue to collect during the summer; the project will continue next year. Every little tab makes a difference!



Comic Relief

Ms. Runyon's first grade classroom worked together to brainstorm ideas for their Leader in Me service project. The students felt that their best trait was that they are funny and they felt that people in our community may need extra help having enough food in their homes. They decided together that the best way to help was to conduct a virtual-joke-a-thon! Classrooms and families paid a designated amount of non-perishable food items and received a ticket. The ticket allowed them to join the Zoom call where Ms. Runyon's class told their best jokes! Each student wore a number and delivered their two best jokes. The following week, everyone who tuned in got to vote for their favorite comedian by donating additional food items labeled with their favorite jokester's number! The winning kiddo got a special pizza lunch with Ms. Runyon. All donations went to the Utica Food Pantry.



Update from Utica Elementary (continued)



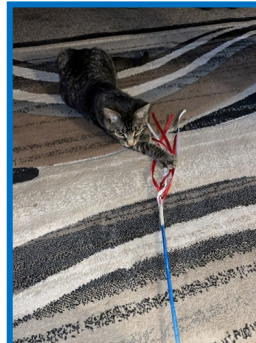
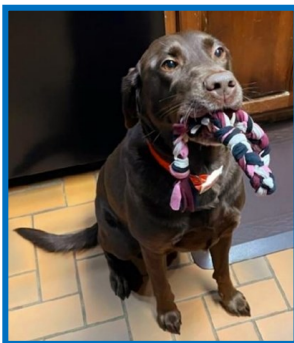
Animal Lovers and Nature Enthusiasts

Mrs. Morey's second-grade class has completed two projects so far this year for our community and they are in the process of completing their third one for May.

In January, her students designed and built various cat toy boxes and some cat wands. Fourteen of the cat toy boxes were sent home to families that requested them. Nineteen cat toy wands and some additional cat toy boxes were donated to Knox County's Humane Society. By the end of their first project, her class expressed that they would love to make toys for dogs next. They began the planning process for their next community project.



Her students began to collect donated materials needed for their second project. Once they collected enough materials, they began to learn how to braid and make knots. They worked together to help each other make several rope/throw toys for dogs. On Valentine's Day, Mrs. Morey's class was able to give away 17 of their hand-made rope/throw toys to families that requested them. Many more dog toys were handed out to others within the community. Her class was able to make a total of 41 rope/throw toys for dogs.



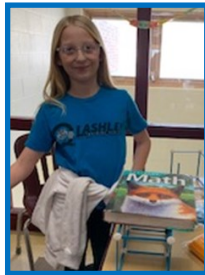
Update from Utica Elementary (continued)

Mrs. Morey's class is now working on their final class project. They will begin to work on creating a StoryWalk experience for not only the students at Utica Elementary, but also for the community to enjoy. During this StoryWalk experience, people participating will go on a little hike up a hill to read a children's book that will be broken down into one to two pages at a time with some student made questions and ways to make connections after each page. Their goal is to have this project completed and displayed for the community to enjoy sometime during the month of May. Their ultimate goal with their final project is to promote literacy and exercise in an engaging, fun way that families can enjoy doing together.

After School Engagement - Math Club, Science Club and our Student Lighthouse Team

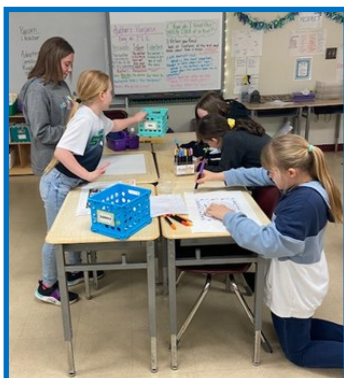
The Utica Elementary Math and Science Clubs for 4th and 5th grade students, are a monthly gathering of kids who enjoy elements of mathematics and science that we don't always get to examine during class.

Math Club - Each year they participate in puzzles, activities and the annual Pi Day celebration in March. This year, students did the planning for the final meeting and decided they wanted to build a structure with a variety of materials. The club is always full and always fun!



Science Club - Some of the fun activities in Science club this year included making tie-dye shirts and slime. A big hit was dissecting owl pellets.

Student Lighthouse Team - Our leadership team is comprised of third, fourth and fifth grade students. The Student Lighthouse Team members have been working on creating a positive environment within the school. They created surveys to find the three areas that students have the most concerns. They have created positivity signs and no bullying posters to hang in the hallways. Recently they helped run the stations at Literacy Night. They helped make copies, create the posters and put together items for the stations. Their next project, they would like to work on is the noise levels in the cafeteria.



What's Happening at UMS?

State Testing and Rewards

We kicked off Ohio State testing just before spring break, and it was completed on April 28th. During that time, we held 2 different pep rallies and offered prizes to help motivate our students. During the pep rallies, we had a staff-vs-students relay game, played educational Pictionary, and allowed the students to take shots at breaking pinatas to get free candy. The pinatas were made by our wonderful art teacher, Ms. Mowery. To finish our rewards for the students, any student that was able to meet three different criteria for all days of testing will get to go bowling during May. The criteria that were needed were to be present and on-time, have their iPad charged to at least 80%, and use at least half the allotted time to take focus on the test.

Students of the Month

A special shout out to our students of the month for March. These students have shown great work ethic in the classroom and set a good example of being a great person at UMS. There will be two more chances for students to earn student of the month to close out the school year.

6th Grade: Savannah Epps and Landon Smith

7th Grade: Aleena Smith and Oakley Willis

8th Grade: Vanessa Carter and Alex Young

Great work students!



Staff Member of the Month

Each month, our staff will nominate a person to be staff member of the month. It is a person that is going the extra mile to help the students and staff of UMS. Here is the winner for April.

April: Mrs. Rutan

Keep up the great work staff!



Summer School

Summer school will be May 31 – July 1 this year. This will be a chance for students to earn course recovery and if necessary, be able to move to the next grade.

The hours for summer school will be 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day. The cost is \$150. Students will be able to take up to two courses during this time. The choices are English, math, science, or social studies. The courses are grade level specific.

The link with more information and to sign up for summer school is on the school's website. If you have any questions, please call the middle school office.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Four students qualified to compete at STATE for the ag sales contest. These students took a test, completed an individual sales practicum and a team activity of creating a pre call plan. The products they sold were cherry and apple trees!

These students are:

Kenneth Davenport - 1st place

Audrey Boeshart - 3rd place

Tyson McElroy - 8th place

Melinda Wesley - 20th place. (She also participated in the FFA creed speaking contest and placed 3rd overall!)



Spring Art Show 2022 Winners

Best of Show: Shayla Wheeler

2-D 1st: Rileigh Lewis

2nd: Seth Miller

3rd: Maya Smith

3D 1st: Nevella Bralley

2nd: Kyndall Carr

3rd: Addisyn Coad

**Winners were selected by this year's Visual Art Composition Class.*

High School iPad Collection Dates

SENIORS - May 16th iPads must be returned for repurposing across the district. Reminder this is a part of the Senior Checklist for graduation approval.

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors - May 24th - 26th After your last exam, bring your iPad to the library.

Middle School iPad Collection Dates

6th Grade - May 19th Must turn in their iPad charger, and if they have a newer iPad case they must also turn in the black keyboard charger.

8th Grade - May 20th iPad returned only.

7th Grade - May 23rd iPad returned only.

Reminder to make sure your Apple Care Fee is paid and up to date!

Newton News

CANDY LAND ART SHOW & CONCERT

Friday, May 13th

Art Show:

Come visit the black light art show
9 am - 2:30 pm
Wear neon colors to glow!

Concert:

1:30 pm - Bring your own lawn chairs, located on the Newton playground



Here is what's happening in May at Newton ~

- May 6 Walk-A-Thon (A.M. shift: 3 - 5 Grades & P.M. shift: K - 2 Grades)
- May 13 Music & Art Show
- May 20 Fun Day (3rd & 4th grades mid morning; 5th grade late morning; KG early afternoon, and 1st & 2nd grade mid afternoon)
- May 26 5th Grade Walk Out (afternoon)

Please make sure to continue going through your student's home folder for more information in the coming weeks. Parents are welcome to join the above events if they wish and volunteers are also needed. Please contact the PTO if interested in volunteering.

Thank you from Big Brothers Big Sisters ~ Mrs. Emily Rowley

The North Fork Local School District raised \$3,605.86 for Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake Fundraiser on April 9th.

Five Utica High School students, Jacob Bartlett, Tyler Chinn, Madelyn Reed, Audrianna Wigle, and Kearsten Wright, had a team bowl at the event. They raised \$1,441.40. It is important to note that these students are also Big Brothers or Big Sisters to our Utica Elementary students.

Five North Fork staff members had a team, Jayme Blackstone, Amy Cree, Susan Fairbanks, Taylor Piatak, and Missie Woodard. They raised \$1,124.00.

Newton Elementary held a coin drive, and their students and staff members raised \$1,040.46. Mrs. Brown's 4th-grade class brought in the most money.

At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we are so thankful and overwhelmed by the generosity of the North Fork students and staff members. All of the money raised at the event will stay local to support the students in our programs.

Many high school and middle school staff members donated to the high school student's bowling team. Thank you for your continued support of our programs in the district!



THANK YOU

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2022 - 2023 CALENDAR
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Board approved 03/21/2022

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES:

Aug 17	First Day for Students	Jan 3	Return From Winter Break
Sep 5	No School - Holiday	Jan 16	No School - Holiday
Sep 21	No School - Staff Professional Day	Jan 17	No School - Staff Professional Day
Oct 19	End of 1st Grading Period (44 Days)	Feb 6 - 16	Evening Conferences (2 - 1/2 Days)
Oct 20	No School - Staff Professional Day	Feb 17	No School
Oct 21	No School - Records Day	Feb 20	No School - Holiday
Nov 7 - 17	Evening Conferences (2 - 1/2 Days)	Feb 21	No School - Staff Professional Day
Nov 8	No School - Staff Professional Day	Mar 8	End of 3rd Grading Period (42 Days)
Nov 18	No School	Mar 9	No School - Staff Professional Day
Nov 23	No School	Mar 10	No School - Records Day
Nov 24 - 25	No School - Holiday	Mar 31	Last Day Before Spring Break
Nov 28	No School - Staff Professional Day	Apr 10	Return from Spring Break
Dec 15	Last Day Before Winter Break & End of 2nd Grading Period (33 Days)	May 21	Senior Class Graduation
Dec 16	No School - Records Day	May 24	Last Day for Students & End of 4th Grading Period (48 Days)

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

167 Student Days @ 6.5 Hrs/Day = 1,085.50 Hrs/Year

Rooting for Ruby

North Fork staff members sponsored an ICE CREAM SOCIAL in support of one of our students. Thank you to everyone who supported this event!

