

NORTH FORK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NEWSLETTER



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Important Reminders:

- ◆ Oct. 30 - Nov. 9
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- ◆ Nov. 9, 10, 11 -
UHS Musical -
White Christmas
7:30 p.m. MS Gym
- ◆ Nov. 10 - No School
- ◆ Nov. 22 -27
Thanksgiving Break



- ◆ Dec. 6 - NO LATE
START
- ◆ Dec. 13 - NO LATE
START
- ◆ Dec. 13 - Two-Hour
EARLY DISMISSAL
- ◆ Dec. 20 - Last Day
Before Winter Break
- ◆ Jan. 3 - Return from
Winter Break
- ◆ Jan. 12 - No School
- ◆ Jan. 15 - No School

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From the Superintendent...

It's difficult to believe we have already completed the first quarter of the 2017-18 school year. The district has had a busy and productive nine weeks. Here are a just a few of the highlights:

Four Pillars of Success: We are well on our way to implementing the four pillars. Elementary buildings are focused on *The Leader in Me* working through book studies, and school visits. We will be having *The Leader in Me* representatives in the buildings to provide information about the program on December 13. Next Generation Learning has been focused on tracking what we are already doing and filling gaps where we may need to improve the use of technology. Literacy Collaborative has seen a strategic team meet with representatives of Literacy Collaborative to begin the discussion and needs assessment to implement the program. Career development continues to look at scheduling and student interests to plan for student growth.

Curriculum: We began the implementation of a new math program called *My Math*. The program aligns much better, than the former program, with the state standards and testing that we are required to provide. Professional development has been given to staff to help them with the implementation.

Facilities: The board of education at the October board meeting moved to get bids to replace the bus garage facility. The plan will be to build a new bus garage and demolish the old facility before the start of the next school year. Work will start sometime in the spring, if not earlier.

Reminders: We would like to remind all of our community members with students in the district to make sure their addresses and phone numbers are up to date. This helps the district to provide information to you quickly. With the upcoming winter weather, we encourage you to ensure your phone numbers are updated in the **One Call Now Alert System**.

North Fork Local Schools has kicked off yet another outstanding year. We are working to achieve our mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student in countless ways. The district could not achieve these many milestones without the strong partnership we share with our students, staff, and community. I want to thank each of you for doing your part to live our mission.

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

~ IMPORTANT NOTICE ~

There will be *NO LATE START* on Wednesday, December 6, or Wednesday, December 13. There will be a *TWO-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL* on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

Utica Elementary News ~ Mr. Brett Ballinger, Principal

Transition seems to be the theme of the year thus far. With the sixth grade move to the middle school behind us, we are now shifting our focus toward the Pillars to Success Mr. Hartley has laid out for our district. We are currently in the developmental stages of *The Leader in Me* and Literacy Collaborative. *The Leader in Me* is based on the *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Dr. Stephen Covey. We have decided to implement these habits into our **Redskin Ready** program at Utica Elementary. Being **Proactive** was the trait of this past month. On October 27, we had our **Redskin Ready** assembly. At this time we honored about twenty-five students that exhibited proactive behaviors. We also introduced our next habit, **Begin with the End in Mind**. Our focus will be on the importance of setting goals in the development of a plan for success.

We are constantly investigating ways to improve instruction within our buildings. One of the changes

made this year was the implementation of *My Math*. This is a new mathematics program that we feel will better allow us to meet the needs of our students. As we look to reshape our language arts curriculum, a committee of teachers have begun professional development on the Literacy Collaborative.

Our students have been working extremely hard on many creative and challenging art projects. There are multiple displays hanging around the building, representing students at each grade level. All of the displays will remain up for your enjoyment during parent-teacher conferences. Our largest art project has been the creation of our **rock garden**. Every individual in the building has painted a rock in their own image and placed it in the rock garden. We want to celebrate the many individual personalities within our school community.



Dates to Remember...

Nov. 1 and 8 Parent -Teacher Conferences

Nov. 3 Honor/Merit Roll Assemblies

Nov.10 No School

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

...Mrs. Susan J. Hatch, Elementary Guidance Counselor (shatch@northfork.k12.oh.us)

Elementary Character Education Classes

This year at North Fork Local Schools, we are all (students and staff) studying and practicing what it takes to find "**The Leader in Me**," a North Fork District initiative. Character education classes reinforcing our school rules, **Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe**, will be presented in the library each week during the first, second, and third nine weeks by Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Stout, and Mrs. Stevens. We will study the seven habits of a good leader: **#1 Be Proactive, #2 Begin with the End in Mind, #3 Put First Things First, #4 Think Win-Win, #5 Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood, #6 Synergize, and #7 Sharpen the Saw**. A huge **thank you** to librarians, Mrs. Bonnie Stout at Newton Elementary, and Mrs. Stacy Stevens at Utica Elementary, for your assistance with the Character Education lessons in the Library!

Mix-It-Up Day at Lunch

Newton and Utica Elementary joined schools all over the United States in "National Mix-It-Up Day at Lunch" on October 31, 2017. Our students and staff were encouraged to invite someone new to their lunch tables. It was lots of fun and we look forward to this special day next year. Thanks to Kambra Ridgeway, Utica Student Council, and Newton and Utica Character Ed. students for helping with this event.

Courageous Kids

Thank you to Ms. Sherri Weiner from Hospice of Central Ohio for leading our "Courageous Kids" counseling groups at both Newton and Utica Elementary this school year. If you need to talk to a grief counselor for your child/children before the groups start up again at school, you may contact Ms. Weiner: sweiner@hospiceofcentralohio.org, or call (740) 788-1400.



Newton News... Ms. Michele Gorius, Principal



Kindergarten and first grade included pumpkins and apples in their fall lessons. They sorted, made graphs, and measured to make applesauce, to name a few activities.



Second grade went to the Columbus Zoo. They learned about animal habitats, the continents where animals are located, predators, and prey. What a fun time!



Mrs. Crego does STEM activities with the fourth grade every Friday. Some of their fall activities have been to make a leaf weigh tower to support an apple on the top, and salt maps of the continents. STEM works on cooperation, reasoning, trial & error, science and experiment.



Honor's Assembly
November 3, 2017
Grade 3 11:00 a.m.
Grade 4 9:35 a.m.
Grade 5 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome to attend!



Parent-Teacher
Conferences
November 2 and 8, 2017
Please call the school if a
conference has not been
scheduled for your child.

Important Information From the Tech Department

- The district worked closely with Mitel to update our phone system. All updates have been completed and the system appears to be working well.
- This year, the district moved to online access for both interims and report cards. 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.
- The kindergarten and first-grade students are using Reading Eggs, a web based program that makes learning to read engaging for students. Please ask your child's teacher about login information if you would like your child to work on this program from home.
- The students in grades 2-12 are using Study Island, a web based program that grants students access to math, ELA, science, and social studies curriculum. This program is a great way for students to learn content and the necessary technology skills needed for the state testing. Please ask your child's teacher about login information if you would like your child to work on this program from home.

Tidbits From the Treasurer ~ Tonya Mickley

- The 5-year forecast can be found on our website, www.northfork.k12.oh.us, on the Treasurer's Office page.
- We are undergoing our financial audit of the FY 2017.
- We are gearing up for seeking bids for a new bus garage.
- For your convenience, you may make online fee payments through EZ Pay. You can pay school fees, add money to your student's lunch account, pay pay-to-participate fees and pay for class trips. The link and instructions may be found on the district's website, on the parent page.

~ Utica High School Drama Club ~

*The Utica High School Drama Club will present **White Christmas** on November 9, 10, and 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Utica Middle School gymnasium. Any veteran or currently-serving personnel will be admitted free to any of the shows.*

Tickets may be purchased at the door.



Please support the Drama Club and plan to attend!

Flu Season Precautions ~ Jenn Wygle, District Nurse

Flu season is among us! Make sure you are taking precautions to not spread germs. Washing your hands is the number one way to stay healthy and is the “do it yourself vaccine.”

How to wash your hands:

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.



Leaders for Learning Award

The Leaders for Learning Award was created by the Licking County Foundation in 1993 to promote excellence in education and honor exemplary teachers in our county. Since then, more than 300 Licking County teachers have been recognized as Leaders for Learning. This award allows teachers to apply for grants to help them further their professional development or purchase useful materials for their classrooms. Nominated teachers must believe that all students can and want to learn, they must have a mission to make a difference, be committed to lifelong professional development, and demonstrate outstanding skills and leadership in the classroom.

Mr. Mark Bowman nominated Mrs. Kim Stalling to receive the Leaders for Learning Award, saying that she is, “selfless in her endeavor to bring about individual excellence in her students.” Mrs. Stalling was presented with the award during her 4th period Advanced English II class on October 13th. When asked about how she felt receiving the award, Mrs. Stalling said, “How can something be both lovely and embarrassing at the same time? Well, it starts with a knock on one’s door on Friday, the 13th, right in the middle of a discussion about *Huck Finn*, followed by a crowd of people entering the classroom, several holding cameras, and one presenting a beautiful glass apple and reading a letter talking about someone I’m not sure I know. It was such an honor – one that required a tissue or two.”

Mrs. Stalling teaches Advanced English 9, English 11, and Advanced English 11. She has been teaching for over 23 years. This is her 20th year at Utica. Congratulations, Mrs. Stalling!



Thank You Hearts Beat With Hope!

North Fork has received two new AED's through a grant from Hearts Beat With Hope. The new AED's will be placed at Utica Middle School and Newton Elementary.



CONGRATULATIONS UHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM



**Licking County League, Cardinal Division, Co-Champions
District Runner-Up**

Messages From the Middle School... Mrs. Marcia Rutherford, Principal

Counselor Corner ~

“Say Something” week was the week of October 16-20. As part of this initiative, students and teachers discussed warning signs, signals and threats of potential violence and safety. We also discussed the importance of taking action by telling a trusted adult, “see something, say something”. This message will hope to reinforce to our students that it is okay to tell an adult. We know at times it can be difficult for adults to know how a child is feeling. Today, many teens and adolescents turn to print, video, and online channels to express themselves - their thoughts, feelings, fears, anxieties. Their friends and peers are the eyes and ears of our school and community and often are not sure what to do with this information. “Say Something” teaches all of this to your students. We encourage you to speak to your child about “Say Something” and have them share with you what they have learned. Not only will this conversation help you learn to recognize any signs in your own child’s expressions, but it also demonstrates to them that you also take these conversations seriously and can be one of the trusted adults your child turns to if they suspect someone may need help.

Seventh-grade ELA teacher, Mrs. Michelle Williams, recently was rewarded \$500 and 500 Bonus Points through the Scholastic Book Clubs and James Patterson Partnership Award. Out of over 82,000 participants, Mrs. Williams was one of 3,500 teachers chosen to receive this reward. Along with the rewards, Scholastic also sent a free book to every one of Mrs. Williams' seventh graders.

Mrs. McVey, eighth-grade science teacher, has been selected to participate in the SciDome Academy project at The Works in Newark. This is a year long professional development opportunity to work collaboratively with peers and NASA Glenn Research Center to develop and implement mission-inspired Earth and Space projects in the classroom. The new SciDome at The Works will open fall of 2018 to the public.

The Licking County Prosecutor presented a program to our 6 - 8 students on cyberbullying, sexting/texting and human trafficking on October 31.

“Mix it Up Day” was also on October 31. “Mix It Up at Lunch Day” is an international campaign that encourages students to identify, question, and cross social boundaries to embrace new friendships and experience tolerance and diversity.

Utica Middle School conferences will be held November 1, 2017, and November 6, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please see the Utica Middle School webpage for instructions and links to the Sign Up Genius. They are also posted on our Utica Middle School Facebook page. If you need further assistance, please phone the office at 740-892-2691.

In changing Utica Junior High to **Utica Middle School**, we changed our logo. Georgia Gamble, eighth grade, drew the winning design. The students were all given t-shirts with the new logo on the front and ‘Meet in the Middle’ on the back.

Way to go Georgia!



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2017-2018 Winter Sports Schedule



BOYS BASKETBALL

15-Nov	A	Mount Vernon HS (S)	6:00pm
21-Nov	H	Berne Union HS (S)	6:00pm (iv, V)
24-Nov	H	Loudonville (S)	6:30am/8am/9:30am
30-Nov	A	Cardington-Lincoln	4:45/6:15/7:45
2-Dec	H	Granville Christian Acad.	2:00pm
5-Dec	A	Highland HS	6:00/7:30pm
6-Dec	A	Heath HS	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
9-Dec	H	Licking Valley HS	3:00/4:30/6:00pm
13-Dec	H	Johnstown-Monroe	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
20-Dec	A	Licking Heights HS	7:30pm
28-Dec	H	Horizon Science Acad	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
30-Dec	A	Fairfield Christian Acad	6:00/7:30pm
6-Jan	H	Northridge HS	3:00/4:30/6:00pm
10-Jan	H	Lakewood HS	6:00/7:30pm
13-Jan	H	Elgin HS	3:00/4:30/6:00pm
15-Jan	A	Newark Catholic HS	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
19-Jan	A	Johnstown-Monroe	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
20-Jan	A	Fredericktown	6:00/7:30pm
23-Jan	A	Granville HS	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
26-Jan	H	Heath HS	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
30-Jan	A	Licking Valley HS	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
6-Feb	A	Watkins Memorial HS	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
9-Feb	A	Northridge HS	4:30/6:00/7:30pm
10-Feb	H	Granview Heights HS	3:00/4:30/6:00pm
16-Feb	H	Newark Catholic HS	4:30/6:00/7:30pm

GIRLS BASKETBALL

28-Nov	H	Fairfield Christian Acad.	6:00/7:30
1-Dec	A	Licking Valley HS	6:00/7:30
2-Dec	H	Granville Christian Acad.	3:30pm
5-Dec	A	Johnstown-Monroe HS	6:00/7:30
6-Dec	A	Cardington-Lincoln	6:00/7:30
8-Dec	H	Heath HS	6:00/7:30
12-Dec	H	Licking Heights HS	6:00/7:30
19-Dec	H	Northridge HS	6:00/7:30
20-Dec	A	Centerburg HS	6:00/7:30
27-Dec	A	Highland HS	6:00/7:30
28-Dec	A	Maysville HS	6:00/7:30
3-Jan	H	Worthington Christian	6:00/7:30
5-Jan	A	Lakewood HS	6:00/7:30
9-Jan	H	Newark Catholic HS	6:00/7:30
12-Jan	H	Johnstown-Monroe HS	6:00/7:30
17-Jan	H	Granville HS	6:00/7:30
23-Jan	H	Fredericktown	6:00/7:30
24-Jan	A	Heath HS	6:00/7:30
31-Jan	H	Watkins Memorial HS	6:00/7:30
1-Feb	A	River View HS	6:00/7:30
3-Feb	A	Northridge HS	4:30/6:00
8-Feb	A	Newark Catholic HS	6:00/7:30

WRESTLING

2-Dec	A	Granville Invitational	10:00am
9-Dec		TBA	
16-Dec	A	East Knox	4:00pm
6-Jan	A	Licking Valley Tourm.	10:00am
13-Jan	A	Tri-Valley Big Dawg Invite	10:00am
20-Jan	A	Jeff Amot Classic Tourn. @Amanda Clearcreek	10:00am
27-Jan	H	Utica Invitational	10:00am
6-Feb	A	Tri-Meet@East Knox	6:00pm
13-Feb	A	Granville Tri@	TBA
17-Feb	H	LCL Championship	10:00am

BOWLING

2-Dec	Utica Vs Licking Valley @ Park Lanes	1pm
5-Dec	Utica Vs Heath at Redskin Lanes	4pm
9-Dec	Tournament @ Columbus Square Bowling Palace	12:30pm
16-Dec	Utica Vs Lakewood at Redskin Lanes	1pm
19-Dec	Utica Vs Northridge at Redskin Lanes	4pm
6-Jan	Utica Vs Licking Valley at Redskin Lanes	1pm
9-Jan	Utica Vs Granville at Redskin Lanes	4pm
16-Jan	Utica Vs Granville at Park Lanes	4pm
20-Jan	Division 2 Preview Tourm. At HP Lanes Columbus	10am
23-Jan	Utica Vs Heath at Park Lanes	4pm
25-Jan	Utica Vs Lakewood at Village Lanes	4pm
5-Feb	Utica Vs Northridge at Redskin Lanes	4pm
10-Feb	Tournament and Awards all Teams bowl @ Park Time TBA	

Bowling- OHSAA Sectional Tournament- February 11th and 18th
Exact dates and Location TBA

Date Location Bold=League Game 9th/JV/V



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11-Dec	A	Newark Catholic	5:00/6:30
14-Dec	H	Northridge	5:00/6:30
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WRESTLING

9-Dec	A	Licking Valley Winter Classic	10:00am
16-Dec	A	Heath MS	10:00am
30-Dec	A	East Knox Invitational	10:00am
6-Jan	H	Redskin Duels	9:00am
13-Jan	A	West Jefferson	10:00am
20-Jan	A	Newark Catholic Tour	9:00am
10-Feb	A	LCL MS Champ.@Granville	9:00am

Remaining Schedule TBA

Date	Location	Boyd=League Game	TH/8TH
29-Jan	H	Licking Heights	5:00/6:30

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29-Jan	A	Licking Heights	5:00/6:30

Date	Location	Tournament	Time