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Important Reminders:

- ◆ Oct. 26 - Nov. 5
Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- ◆ Nov. 3 - No School
Staff PD
- ◆ Nov. 6 - No School
- ◆ Nov. 13-14 Fall Play
7:30 p.m. MS Gym
- ◆ Nov. 25 -27
Thanksgiving Break



- ◆ Dec. 9 - No School
Staff PD
- ◆ Dec. 18 - Last Day
Before Winter Break



- ◆ Jan. 4 - Return from Winter
Break
- ◆ Jan. 14 - End of second
grading period
- ◆ Jan. 15 - No School
Records Day
- ◆ Jan. 18 - Holiday
No School
- ◆ Jan. 19 - No School
Staff PD

From the Superintendent ~

I certainly can't believe we have made it through the first quarter of the 2020-2021 school year. I can safely say that my hopes of making it this far with the pandemic and all of the required procedures we have had to accomplish have been realized. I would like to express my many thanks to all who have made the start of the year so successful; our staff, parents, and most importantly the students for working together to keep kids in school. My hope is we continue our face to face instruction for as long as we are able. If we have to make a change, I am confident that our staff will be prepared for anything that comes their way.

The District has been faced with new procedures and different ways of doing things the first nine-weeks. Safety, health, and excellent instruction remain our top priority. As we move into the second quarter, we are focusing on our mission to facilitate maximum learning for every student. The District could not achieve improvement 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.

As we keep the school year and the upcoming activities in mind, we want to continue to stress our desire to provide a safe environment for all of our students. Please continue to stay vigilant by wearing masks, keeping six feet of social distancing, and washing hands/using hand sanitizer to keep our students and staff safe. The more we focus on these things the longer we will be able to stay in the buildings.

We have renewed our focus on reading and math. We are three years into the My Math program and we are showing great improvement with our students' achievement. This school year we are working with the Lucy Calkins writing program and are anticipating student achievement to show similar improvements. Our staff has been looking at data to pinpoint student strengths and weaknesses so that necessary adjustments in teaching and learning can be made. With our changes, you will be able to see that the quality of education in our district continues to move forward.

As fall starts to end, the snow and ice of winter will be beginning. The quickest way to be notified of school closings or emergencies is through the One Call Now system. We will also use the local television and radio stations and have emergency information posted on our webpage. If you have made a change in your address or phone numbers, please notify the building secretaries so these can be updated in our systems. This helps the district to provide information to you quickly.

Thank you all for letting us be a part of the education of your children and all of the support you have shown us.

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE NEWS

Mrs. Katherine Robinson
Mrs. Susan Hatch

Operation Christmas Child

This year Utica and Newton Elementary have an exciting opportunity to pack shoeboxes for children in need through **"Operation Christmas Child!"**

Many thanks to the students, parents, and staff who are in the process of packing approximately 200 shoeboxes! In addition, we thank Mrs. Donna Young (and her Aunt Juanita!) for donating many "Beanie Babies" for the project.

If your family is participating, please send your packed box to school with your child/children or drop off the packed box during school hours **by November 17, 2020.**

School staff in each building will see that the boxes are collected and mailed. For more information on **"Operation Christmas Child,"** please contact:

Utica Elementary – Missy Pfister mpfister@northfork.k12.oh.us
Newton Elementary – Susan Hatch shatch@northfork.k12.oh.us

Thank
You 



Courageous Kids

If your family has lost a loved one, Ms. Sheri Weiner of Hospice of Central Ohio is available for grief counseling free of charge for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. We are very thankful for the numerous North Fork students Ms. Weiner has helped over the last six school years. For more information please contact: Sheri Weiner at 740-788-1482 or sweiner@HospiceofCentralOhio.org.

Newton News

Michele Gorius, Principal

It's hard to believe we have been in school for the first nine weeks. Everyone has adapted and made changes to follow CV-19 guidelines. Some examples are hand sanitizing stations throughout the buildings, doors are propped open in the morning and afternoon to help eliminate contact with the doors, and numbered spaces in the lunchroom. The beautiful weather has permitted lessons outside and mask breaks.

The students and staff have done an **amazing job!!** Please continue to wear masks, stay home if you are ill, and maintain social distance.

Looking Ahead

November 3 – No School - Staff PD Day

November 4 & 5 – Parent Teacher conferences

November 6 – No School

November 25, 26, and 27 – No School Thanksgiving Break



Newton News

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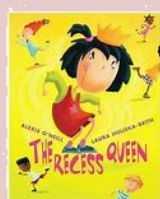


Thinking skills with Mrs. Hale in Mrs. Keller's class. The students are using their "Brain-focals"... just like bifocals for your eyes, but these glasses help you think!

Mrs. Hale is our new Gifted and Talented Coordinator.



In Mrs. Keller's class, they retold *The Recess Queen* and made Recess Queen and King hats.



Update from Utica Elementary - Mr. Brett Ballinger, Principal

Utica Elementary welcomes Brittany Bianco as the newest member of our amazing staff.

My name is Brittany Bianco and I teach kindergarten at Utica Elementary. I have been teaching for 12 years in both kindergarten and first grade. I have my Master's Degree in Literacy as well as my Reading Endorsement. After living in Cleveland for the past seven years, my family and I moved back to central Ohio this summer. My husband and I have a 2-year-old daughter who keeps us very busy. In my free time, I enjoy being outside, cooking and baking, and catching up with family and friends. I love children's literature and my favorite part about teaching is watching children learn how to read!



Picture Retakes

Utica Elementary will be having picture retakes on **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**. We would like to encourage all of our VLA students to come in to have their picture taken at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 740-892-2551.

Thinking Outside the Box

In order to provide appropriate social distancing requirements and needed mask breaks for our students, many of our staff members have taken advantage of our beautiful fall weather and conducted classroom instruction outside.

Fifth graders tackling multiplication and long division!



Update from Utica Elementary - Continued

The **Utica Elementary PTO** is working tirelessly to support our students and staff.

President-Teresa Marx

Vice President- Amanda Ray

Treasurer- Sara Howe

Our PTO helps facilitate various events throughout the year to enhance our community spirit. Their fundraising efforts go a long way to help purchase educational supports that make the school day a more valuable experience for the students of Utica Elementary. During September, our PTO purchased ice cream sandwiches for the entire school, to celebrate the efforts of everyone as we adjusted to the daily changes Covid-19 brought to our school routines. We recently concluded our Mum Buddies Sale, which raised over \$3,000 to support our students and staff. That money will be well spent on classroom resources and our new Gaga Pit on the playground. Gaga Ball will be an exciting new physical activity option for our students during recess or mask breaks. As a reward for participating in the mum sale, many of our students received a pizza party and ice cream. We are constantly searching for new volunteers to continue the successful ventures put in place by our PTO members. Regardless of the amount of time you can devote, any amount of volunteering is appreciated. To see more of our amazing activities, you can visit **Utica Elementary PTO on Facebook**.

Upcoming PTO Events

November 5

PTO Meeting in the Library

November 24

PTO Skating Party at Roll-A-Way Skating Center in Newark



Honoring Our Veterans Virtually - Amy K. Stoner

Newton Elementary will be holding their annual 4th and 5th grade **Veteran's Day** concert. Yes, this year it will look different but the "show must go on." Newton Elementary's 4th and 5th graders will be presenting three patriotic songs virtually. Mrs. Amy K. Stoner (elementary music teacher) along with Mrs. Jennifer Trost (UHS technology teacher) have joined forces to bring this project to life. Mrs. Natalie Miller (5th grade teacher) has also assisted in preparing a reading of "**Flander's Field.**"

Students from Newton designed the basic concept of the concert, while the UHS technology students will be recording and producing the concert. The concert will be available via a link that will be posted on the Newton Elementary website (<https://www.northfork.k12.oh.us/newtonelementaryhome.aspx>) once it is produced.

This is the first collaboration of this kind completed in the North Fork District. Using the principles of the **Leader in Me** initiative, students are able to show their talents and genius in ways not always apparent. Stay tuned for two more concerts this school year of this type. Newton Elementary will be presenting a "December Around the World" production in December and Utica Elementary will have their chance to shine in the spring. We hope that you enjoy these concerts and share them with others who love and support our students.

Utica High School - F.F.A. *By: 2020-2021 Reporter Georgia Gamble*

Utica FFA Attends Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference

The Utica FFA Officer Team participated in the annual Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference in the form of a zoom meeting on September 30th. Normally held at The Ohio State House, the event took place as a webinar due to COVID-19. Joining from all over the state of Ohio, there were around three hundred FFA participants. The meeting started with a 40-minute session where agricultural issues were discussed between Tony Seegers, Director of State Policy; Ty Higgins, Director of Media Relations; and Jenna Beadle, Director of State Policy, all from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. Following, Congressman Troy Balderson and State Senator Bob Peterson spoke about what FFA means to them. The meeting continued with participants breaking out into smaller groups. In these smaller workshops, FFA members played Pictionary, learned about advocacy and lobbying and shared their personal FFA stories.



Curriculum Updates - Mrs. Stephanie Kimpel

Hopefully, your child has shared with you at least one new digital tool that has been added to their classes or classroom during the first quarter. As we move into the second quarter, we continue to expand our digital and blended learning curriculum opportunities for students K-12 through federal and state grants. We are excited to add all of these new reading and math learning resources for your child.

Whether we remain face to face or move to remote learning, these resources ensure that your child's teacher can continue to provide the best learning environment this school year. All digital learning links will be available on the district website under the student tab.



Testing Update---

For the 2020-21 school year, we will follow guidance under the Ohio Department of Education's "Reset and Restart Plan" to provide optimal student learning experiences that ensure student health/wellness and safety, including social distancing and general hygiene. Our focus will continue to ensure equitable, equal learning in social-emotional health and general education coursework. As Ohio's students and educators work through the unique challenges of this school year, there are still many questions around state testing requirements — specifically, the Ohio State Tests (OSTs) and end-of-course (EOC) exams. These tests are required by federal and state law and, at this point, are still required for the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to provide updates regarding testing as we receive the information. **Thank you** for your understanding!

Transportation Update

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, we will *not* have in-town busing for elementary students in Utica this year.

Thank you!

Middle School News

Mr. Shawn Wilhelm, Principal

iPads are here!

Through grant money that the district received this year, UMS was able to become a 1-to-1 technology school for our students. Each student in the building now has an iPad that they can use in the classrooms and at home for educational purposes.

Sixth grade students are using older models to help them get adjusted to having the iPads. Seventh and eighth grade students each received a brand-new iPad. That iPad will follow them through until graduation or they leave the district. As of this publication, we are waiting on the delivery of the cases with keyboards.

Teachers have already begun using the iPads in class on a regular basis for quick assessments and communication with the students. The IT department has done a great job of getting these iPads out quickly to our students. However, there are still some glitches to work out as we basically double our iPad population between the high school and middle school. If your student has any issues with their iPad, please contact the school and we will work with them to fix the issue as soon as possible. Students will have random iPad checks from the IT department to make sure the device is being used for the correct purposes.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be 11/2 and 11/4 for the fall. They will be 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. each night. Due to regulations, all conferences must be scheduled in advance. No walk-ins will be accepted. Please call the middle school office to schedule your appointment. There are 3 options this year:

1. Normal Face-to-Face
2. Video Conference over Zoom
3. Telephone Conference

Choose the option that works best for you and let the office know which option you want when you schedule.

Book Fair Info

The UMS Book Fair will be November 9th - 13th during the school day. Students will explore the book fair one day and return another day to make purchases. More information concerning the schedule will be given to the students.

Redskin Rumble & Honor Roll Assembly Update

The Redskin Rumble is now called **UMS Unites**. Besides the new name, it will also have some new wrinkles and surprises for the students. They will have to wait until the first one on **Nov. 5** to see. Due to state regulations, we needed to change the honor roll assembly. It will now be **students and staff only** and during lunch time. We will post pictures (and possibly videos) on our Facebook page afterwards.

Free Lunches

Students are now able to get **free lunches** for the remainder of the school year. ***Extra food or drinks may be purchased.**

Technology Updates ~ Mrs. Heidi Williams, Mrs. Kimberley Watson

To date, grades 9-12 all have their iPads and cases distributed. Returning or new students are being worked on as we get notified. Middle School is officially 1:1 with iPads. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are so excited about having their own device! Our 7th and 8th graders are anxiously awaiting the arrival of cases. As this is new at the middle school, please be diligent with the devices and monitoring at home.

We are making lots of transitions and improvements throughout the district. Our hope is to filter more iPad carts to the elementary schools now that MS is 1:1, and replace some older computers as well. We are eager to see how these progressions forward will aid our students to become well rounded citizens in this digital world.

Technology Reminders

- Don't forget when off school Wi-Fi, you have to trigger the mobile log in screen to activate your internet. When the mobile log in appears use your basic username and 5-digit password.
- If email doesn't work check that your password is entered. Go to Settings – Passwords & Accounts / or Mail – check that your password is entered and saved. It will be your 5 digits with Nf-1 on the end (example – 12345Nf-1)
- It is not recommended that you save your passwords through Safari or Chrome. This can at times trigger log in errors.
- If you have issues loading a site, try clearing your history for the last hour and reload. Sometimes the error holds on a site and clearing the history can solve the issue.
- Be sure to take care of your iPads. No food or water too close, and for 7th and 8th grade keep your iPad in your box or personal case.
- If you are having issues with your device, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Watson are located by the library during the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for troubleshooting assistance.

Progress Book Reminders

- ⇒ Both interim reports and report cards are being posted online. 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.
- ⇒ In order to access interim reports and report cards online, school fees must be paid in full.

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Utica Middle School 2020-2021
 Winter Sports Schedule

BOYS BASKETBALL

7-Nov	H	Danville (S)	6:15pm (8th only)
19-Nov	H	East Knox	5pm/6:30pm
30-Nov	H	Northridge	5pm/6:15pm
3-Dec	H	Zanesville	5pm/6:15pm
7-Dec	H	Newark Catholic	5pm/6:15pm
10-Dec	A	Watkins	5pm/6:15pm
14-Dec	A	Lakewood	5pm/6:30pm
17-Dec	H	Heath	5pm/6:15pm
4-Jan	A	Johnstown-Morose	5pm/6:15pm
7-Jan	H	Licking Valley	5pm/6:15pm
11-Jan	A	Northridge	5pm/6:15pm
14-Jan	A	Licking Heights	5pm/6:15pm
19-Jan	A	Fredericktown	5pm/6:15pm
21-Jan	A	Newark Catholic	5pm/6:15pm
23-Jan	H	Granville	9am/10:15am
25-Jan	H	Lakewood	5pm/6:15pm
28-Jan	A	Heath	5pm/6:15pm
1-Feb	H	Johnstown-Morose	5pm/6:15pm

GIRLS BASKETBALL

7-Nov	A	Danville (S)	10am (8th Only)
30-Nov	A	Northridge	5pm/6:15pm
3-Dec	A	Zanesville	5pm/6:15pm
7-Dec	A	Newark Catholic	5pm/6:15pm
10-Dec	H	Watkins Memorial	5pm/6:15pm
14-Dec	H	Lakewood	5pm/6:15pm
17-Dec	A	Heath	5pm/6:15pm
4-Jan	H	Johnstown-Monroe	5pm/6:15pm
7-Jan	A	Licking Valley	5pm/6:15pm
11-Jan	H	Northridge	5pm/6:15pm
14-Jan	H	Licking Heights	5pm/6:15pm
19-Jan	H	Fredericktown	5pm/6:15pm
21-Jan	H	Newark Catholic	5pm/6:15pm
23-Jan	A	Granville	9am/10:15am
25-Jan	A	Lakewood	5pm/6:15pm
28-Jan	H	Heath	5pm/6:15pm
1-Feb	A	Johnstown-Monroe	5pm/6:15pm

Wrestling

12-Dec	A	Licking Valley	10:00 AM
19-Dec	A	Heath	10:00 AM
30-Dec	A	Watkins Memorial	9:00 AM
9-Jan	A	Newark Catholic	9:00 AM
16-Jan	H	BuckeyeValley	10:00 AM
4-Feb	A	Bloom-Carroll	6:00 PM
9-Feb	A	Granville	5:00 PM

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Utica High School 2020-2021
 Winter Sports Schedule

Boys Basketball		9th JV/V		Girls Basketball		9th JV/V	
9-Nov	H	Danville (S)	6pm (V-Only)	4-Nov	H	William V Fisher (S)	6pm (V-Only)
11-Nov	A	Centerburg (S)	6pm (JV and V)	16-Nov	A	Danville (S)	5:30pm (V-Only)
14-Nov	A	Mount Vernon (S)	9am (9th, JV, V)	18-Nov	A	Mount Vernon (S)	6:00/7:30pm
21-Nov	H	Crestview (S)	9am (V-Only)	24-Nov	A	St. Peters HS	6:00pm (V-Only)
25-Nov	A	Elgin	6pm/7:30pm (JV/V)	30-Nov	H	Mount Gilead	6:15/7:30pm
1-Dec	A	Mount Gilead	4:30/6:00/7:30	4-Dec	A	Northridge	6:00/7:15pm
4-Dec	H	Newark Catholic	4:45/6:00/7:15	5-Dec	A	Granville Christian	11am (V-Only)
5-Dec	H	Tree of Life	3:00/4:30/6:00	8-Dec	A	Zanesville	6:00/7:15pm
12-Dec	H	Northridge	3:30/4:45/6:00	12-Dec	A	Newark Catholic	1:00/2:15pm
16-Dec	H	Zanesville	4:45/6:00/7:15	15-Dec	H	Watkins Memorial	6:00/7:15pm
28-Dec	A	East Knox	6:00/7:30 (JV/V)	18-Dec	H	Lakewood (SN)	6:00/7:15pm
30-Dec	A	Highland	4:30/6:00/7:30	21-Dec	A	Fairfield Christian	6:00/7:30pm
6-Jan	A	Watkins	4:45/6:00/7:15	29-Dec	A	Fredericktown	6:00/7:30pm
9-Jan	A	Lakewood	3:30/4:45/6:00	5-Jan	A	Heath HS	6:00/7:15pm
12-Jan	H	Heath	4:45/6:00/7:15	8-Jan	H	Johnstown-Monroe	6:00/7:15pm
15-Jan	H	Johnstown-Monroe	4:45/6:00/7:15	13-Jan	A	Licking Valley	6:00/7:15pm
16-Jan	A	Granville Christian	6:00/7:30 (JV/V)	16-Jan	H	Northridge	4:45/6:00pm
19-Jan	H	Licking Valley	4:45/6:00/7:15	20-Jan	H	Licking Heights	6:00/7:15pm
22-Jan	A	Northridge	4:45/6:00/7:15	27-Jan	H	Newark Catholic	4:45/6:00pm
26-Jan	A	Licking Heights	4:45/6:00/7:15	30-Jan	A	Granville HS	6:00/7:15pm
29-Jan	A	Newark Catholic	4:45/6:00/7:15	30-Jan	A	Lakewood	4:45/6:00pm
2-Feb	H	Granville	4:45/6:00/7:15	3-Feb	H	Heath HS	6:00/7:15pm
5-Feb	H	Lakewood	4:45/6:00/7:15	6-Feb	A	Johnstown-Monroe	4:45/6:00pm
9-Feb	A	Heath	4:45/6:00/7:15	8-Feb	H	Centerburg	6:00/7:15pm
12-Feb	A	Johnstown-Monroe	4:45/6:00/7:15	10-Feb	H	Highland HS	6:00/7:15pm
13-Feb	H	Cardington-Lincoln	3:00/4:30/6:00				

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Wrestling			
5-Dec	A	Granville	9:30 AM
11-Dec	A	Barnesville Doan Ford Wrestling Inv.	4:30 PM
12-Dec	A	Barnesville Doan Ford Wrestling Inv.	10:00 AM
17-Dec	H	Licking Valley HS	6:00 PM
9-Jan	A	Licking Valley Varsity Inv.	10:00 AM
13-Jan	H	Northwest	6:00 PM
14-Jan	A	Highland Quad Meet	6:30 PM
23-Jan	A	Robin Drum Classic	10:00 AM
30-Jan	H	Heath	10:00 AM
4-Feb	A	Bloom-Carroll	6:00 PM
9-Feb	A	Youth MS Dual	4:30 PM
10-Feb	A	Super Tri	6:00 PM
17-Feb	H	Mifflin HS	6:00 PM

Bowling			
2-Dec	H	Heath (Boys V, Girls V, Boys JV)	3:30 PM
5-Dec	HP Lane 5	State Kick-Off Tournament (Boys V only)	
7-Dec	Park Lanes	Heath (All Teams)	5:45 PM
10-Dec	Park Lanes	Newark (Boys JV Only)	5:45 PM
15-Dec	Village Lanes	Lakewood (All Teams)	4:00 PM
16-Dec	H	Licking Valley (No JV)	3:30 PM
19-Dec	Park Lanes	Muckingham Univ. Invitational (No JV)	11:00 AM
21-Dec	Sunrise Lanes	Zanesville (All Teams)	4:00 PM
22-Dec	H	Northridge (No JV)	3:30 PM
5-Jan	H	Sheridan (All Teams)	3:30 PM
9-Jan	H	Zanesville (All Teams)	10:00 AM
11-Jan	Park Lanes	Licking Valley (No JV)	5:45 PM
13-Jan	H	Lakewood (All Teams)	3:30 PM
19-Jan	H	Newark (All Teams)	3:30 PM
21-Jan	Park Lanes	Granville (All Teams)	5:45 PM
26-Jan	Village Lanes	Sheridan (All Teams)	4:00 PM
27-Jan	H	Northridge (No JV)	3:30 PM
30-Jan	H	Granville (All Teams)	10:00 AM