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NEWSLETTER



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Important Reminders:

- ♦ May 18 - Board of Education Meeting
Utica Elementary
- ♦ May 20 - 21 Eighth Grade Trip to Cleveland
- ♦ May 25 - No School
- ♦ May 26 - 28 Sixth Grade Trip to Chicago
- ♦ May 28 - Last Day for Students
- ♦ May 31 - Senior Class Graduation
2:00 p.m. at C-TEC
- ♦ June 9 - Free Sports Physicals 5:00 - 6:30 (boys) **See page 9**
- ♦ June 10 - Free Sports Physicals 5:00 - 6:30 (girls) **See page 9**

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From the Superintendent...

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As we come to the end of the 2014-15 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. We would truly like to thank our voters for passing the renewal levy on May 5, 2015.

This school year was very interesting with the new computer based State testing we had to administer. Not only were we getting our systems up and running so that they could handle the sheer amount of information going back and forth, students had to be taught how to manipulate those programs so that their answers were recorded accurately.

We were also in discussion with C-TEC to bring a career class into our junior high for next year; that has been completed and we are happy to say we will have an additional staff member and class at no cost to the district. Our junior high students will be able to receive instruction on the many different career choices they could make for themselves.

In the upcoming months we will be getting new bleachers for the high school gymnasium with the use of grants and Bureau of Workers Compensation monies. Another project you may see being accomplished this summer is roof replacement for the high school gym and the junior high sections of the buildings. We will also be repairing and replacing some equipment and materials that we lost when we had the great flood of April 2015. Hopefully we will be getting the exterior of the District Administrative Office repaired bringing it up to acceptable standards for the district and community.

Please keep in mind the Parent Advisory we sent out on May 15, 2015 concerning the use of social media and how even the most innocent post can do harm to those we love and care about. We wish all of you a healthy and safe summer break.

Scott Hartley, Superintendent

Please use the link below to view the district's annual report.

<http://northfork.k12.oh.us/District/Annual%20District%20Report%20FY2014.pdf>

INVENTION CONVENTION 2015 - *Newton Elementary*



Congratulations to the following students who attended the Central Region Invention Convention competition at Columbus State Community College on Saturday, May 9:

Blake French, Michael Imbody, Lilli Jones, Sean McCutcheon, Rylee Neighbarger, Trevor Newell, Rylie Rutter, Pierce Stephens, Lexi Wentz, and Josh Yates.

All ten students presented to a set of judges and did an **EXCELLENT** job.

Honorable Mention goes to Michael Imbody and Rylie Rutter for their participation in a LIVE game show: *Dare 2 Invent*. Their team, including Mrs. Davis and Mr. Jeff McCutcheon, won the game show and prizes including pre-paid tickets to COSI!

Also, congratulations to those who placed in the sixth grade level of the competition:

Sean McCutcheon received a Superior Project Award for his project, Pen Pal. He also received a \$50 gift certificate.

Lilli Jones received a 1st Place Award for her project, Doggie In, Doggie Out. She also received a cash prize of \$500. In addition, Lilli was recognized as the first ever winner of the Ohio Inventors Choice Award. Lilli's win earned nearly \$2,000 for Newton Elementary!

The GRAND PRIZE WINNER of the day was Pierce Stephens! His project, Porta-fresh, is a portable water purification and desalinization system. Pierce received The Edison Award and a \$2500 scholarship. His project was the TOP project chosen from over 300 participants, first through eighth grade level, and from over 25 school districts around central Ohio. CONGRATULATIONS, Pierce!

All in all, our students won nearly \$5,000 total in prizes and cash through **Invention Convention 2015**. Congratulations, again, to all ten regional participants. North Fork was proudly represented by all of you!

Newton Elementary - Ms. Michele Gorius, Principal

WOW!! Where has the year gone?

On line testing for grades 3 - 6 has consumed the last few weeks. We are all ready to wind down the school year. Several fieldtrips are scheduled; PTO has a FUN DAY planned; Sixth Grade Graduation, to name a few...

May 18 **WALK-A-THON** Utica High School – 9:30 a.m. grades 3-6 & 1:00 p.m. grades K-2 (*volunteers needed*)

May 21 **Sixth Grade Graduation** 6:30 p.m. at Newton Elementary

May 22 **PTO FUN DAY** at Newton 9:30 a.m. grades 3-6 & 1:00 grades K-2 (*volunteers needed*)

See fliers that were sent home for more information.

The last day of school for students is Thursday, May 28. Teacher record's day is Friday, May 29. Therefore, Honor's Assembly will not be possible due to grades closing on Friday. Report cards may be picked up at the school starting Wednesday, June 3 until Tuesday, June 9. Hours of pick up are 9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Have a safe, happy summer. Remember to keep reading!



Utica Elementary School - *Mr. Randy Nielsen, Principal*

- ◆ Kindergarten Screening was held this past week and we are very excited for our new kindergarten students!
- ◆ THANK YOU to each and every one of our many volunteers! You are most appreciated!
- ◆ THANKS to Mrs. Robinson, Utica Elementary can now be followed on Facebook!
- ◆ As part of Earth Day, each Utica Elementary student was given a pine tree under a donation headed up by Mrs. Baker in the first grade.
- ◆ Recently Ms. Amy Stoner used the Treble Clef Grant to purchase iPads to be used for the music curriculum.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ May 15 Newton and Utica Elementary Band Concert
- ◆ May 19 Kindergarten Celebration at Utica Elementary
- ◆ May 21 Sixth Grade Graduation at Utica Elementary 8:00 p.m. (Newton Elementary 6:30 p.m.)
- ◆ May 26-28 Sixth Grade Chicago Trip
- ◆ May 27 Utica Elementary Choir Concert



Dom Tiberi from 10TV Visits UHS ~ Mrs. Marissa Johnson

Dom Tiberi from channel 10TV came to Utica High School on Wednesday, April 22, to talk to the students about the dangers of distracted driving. He gave his personal testimony of losing his daughter, Maria, nearly 2 years ago to distracted driving in hopes to spread awareness of being a safe driver and stressed the importance of making good driving habits. Utica High School was Dom Tiberi's 46th high school in central Ohio that he has visited giving **Maria's Message**. Many of our students, as well as staff and community members, took Maria's Pledge which states that they will keep their hands on the wheel, eyes on the road, and mind on their driving. The pledge came at an appropriate time, as Prom was scheduled for Saturday evening, April 25.

For more information regarding **Maria's Message**, please visit <http://www.10tv.com/content/pages/marias-message/index.html>.





Now Enrolling for Autumn 2015 740-349-1629

For Immediate Release:

*Dr. Nelson McCray, Superintendent of
The Licking County Educational Service Center,
recently announced that their preschool program...
Flying Colors Public Preschool received
a 5-STAR, Step-Up-To-Quality rating
for program quality, the highest rating awarded
by the State of Ohio, Department of Education.*

*The preschool provides evaluations and specialized early
education services to all eligible three, four and five year olds
within participating Licking County school districts.*

*Davelyn Ross, Director of Evaluations and Early Education,
encourages parents and caregivers to contact
Flying Colors Public Preschool early, for limited, reduced
or free tuition availability and for 2015 registration details.*

Information Contact:

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keberly@laca.org*

*Flying Colors Public Preschool
119 Union Street, Newark, OH 43055
740 349-1629*

Important Information From the Tech Department~ Mrs. Kimberley Watson

We are in the final days of online testing for this year. The majority of the technology issues we have seen during the EOY testing have been directly related to issues at PARCC. The technology department would like to thank the staff who assisted in making phone calls to PARCC to help resolve those issues so that our students could complete their tests.

The technology department has been working to install a new anti-virus software program on all district computers. At the present time, we have approximately 90% of the computer installs complete. The remaining installs must be finished by June 30th when our current anti-virus program license expires.

The students in our advanced technology class at the high school have been working on a project related to the Mac computers that were donated to North Fork and are currently housed in the junior/senior high school library. They have been working diligently to troubleshoot issues with these computers. After countless hours of research, setup, testing, and direction writing, the advanced technology students came up with a way to convert these computers to a Windows based format. They are currently in the process of teaching the other technology classes how to set the computers up for student and teacher use. This is a true example of student led instruction and peer teaching at its finest!

Friendly Reminders ~

Parents can access their student(s) grades online through Progress Book. If you do not have an account already created or if you are having trouble accessing your created account, please contact klwatson@uhs.laca.org for further assistance.

High school students are required to turn in their iPads at the end of the year so that the technology department can get them updated and ready to go for the 2015-2016 school year. Any unpurchased senior iPads will be wiped clean and setup for the incoming freshman class.

Any graduating senior who intends to purchase his/her iPad needs to do so through the high school office. Study Island is a research-based, online software program that the North Fork Local School District has available for students in grades 2-12. Students can access this program anywhere there is an internet connection. Parents, if you are looking for a way for your students to review curriculum over the summer, Study Island is a great option. Students already have a specific login for this program. If for some reason your student has forgotten his/her login, please contact klwatson@uhs.laca.org for assistance.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs. Mary Schraer, Newton Elementary second grade teacher, was awarded the ***Leaders for Learning Award*** from The Licking County Foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs. Schraer!



NEWS from Utica Junior High

Ms. Lori Green, Principal

The 2014-2015 school year has been filled with all kinds of learning opportunities....both INSIDE the building and OUTSIDE the building. Learning is not just contained to the four walls of a classroom, and we are privileged to provide multiple learning situations for UJHS students! Some of the learning opportunities we are providing for UJHS students are considered S.T.E.M. experiences. S.T.E.M. education includes Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics that are an important part of today's educational experience for students.

In the fall, our 7th grade students participated in Outdoor Education at Pilgrim Hills Camp in Brinkhaven, OH. In "Nature's Classroom", students experienced a variety of learning situations including nature conservation, team building skills, and respect for others. On May 27, those same 7th graders will be participating in a walking field trip to the north fork of the Licking River for a lesson on stream monitoring. Mr. Trost has worked with the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District to arrange this learning opportunity for our students. Additionally, all 7th grade teachers have collaborated to create cross-curricular activities for the students. What a great opportunity for students to enjoy the outdoors AND learn!!

Our 8th grade students have two unique learning opportunities coming up in May. On May 14, students will have the opportunity to participate in a "Reality Day" simulation. During their regularly scheduled US History class, students will visit various vendors to receive a "career", a salary, a family situation, bills, etc. While there is nothing like the real world experiences we adults face every day, this is a simulation that will help students be more aware of those challenges! On May 20-21, some of our 8th graders will be going on the class trip to Cleveland, OH. Their trip will include visits to the Great Lakes Science Center, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the USS Cod Submarine Memorial, and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History as well as others.

Junior High School is such an exciting time in a young person's life, and we are so excited to offer our students these outstanding learning experiences! If you'd like more information about these or other happenings at UJHS, please feel free to give our office a call at 740.892.2691.

Newton Elementary Student Council

Each month, Newton Elementary Student Council sponsors a theme day. For a \$1 donation, students dress up according to each month's theme. Half of the money raised stays at Newton to support school activities, the other half is donated to a local charity. So far this year, Newton Elementary has raised \$539.81 and donated \$269.88 to charities.



Wacky Day



Cowboy Day



PJ Day



Newton Elementary Kindergarten

As another year is wrapping up, Newton Elementary Kindergarten is celebrating with an ABC Countdown. Every day represents a letter of the alphabet and a corresponding activity. We started on April 22 with Awesome Art Day, followed by the Kindergarten teachers' favorite - *Beach Day*. We will conclude our countdown and school year with letter Z -- Zip up and Zoom out! We hope everyone had an awesome year!!



Licking Memorial Health Systems

Free Sports Physicals, Cardiac Screenings and ImPACT Concussion Screenings

North Fork Schools

Boys: Tuesday, June 9, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Girls: Wednesday, June 10, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Conducted at the Pediatric Office of Licking Memorial
Health Professionals, 1865 Tamarack Road, Newark

5:00 p.m. – Last name beginning with P-S
5:20 p.m. – Last name beginning with T-Z
5:40 p.m. – Last name beginning with A-E
6:00 p.m. – Last name beginning with F-J
6:20 p.m. – Last name beginning with K-O

Note: Electrocardiogram (EKG) screenings will be provided to athletes entering grades 7, 9 and 11, as well as students entering grade 8 who are new to the sports screening program. Echocardiogram screenings will be provided to athletes entering grades 9 and 11.

ImPACT baseline tests will be administered every other year to those athletes whose school does not perform testing, beginning at grade 7 through grade 12.

Please print and complete all necessary forms prior to arriving for your appointed time.

Your school-specific packet of information will be available online by May 1 at www.LMHealth.org > Community > Community Support > Sports Physicals and Screenings.

Please e-mail sportsphysicals@LMHealth.org, if you have any questions.



**Licking Memorial
Health Systems**

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REDSKIN PRIDE – DISTRICT WIDE

A BIG congratulations goes out to Lilli Jones, a sixth grade student from Newton Elementary, as the first ever Invention Convention Ohio Choice Inventor's Award recipient! Lilli raised \$673.67 of the \$3807.21 collected through the campaign. She was recognized on stage with a special award at each of the 3 regional competitions this spring. 50% of the proceeds collected will be donated to North Fork Local School District and 50% will go to support Invention Convention programs in 2016.

The Invention Convention program is a 501c3 organization offering STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) curriculum and assemblies to students and school districts throughout the state of Ohio at no charge. The mission is to foster curiosity, discovery, innovation, and problem-solving skills in students at all levels of education and in professionals through creation and presentation of original work.

It is the belief that students are the future and innovation is the result of creativity and imagination coupled with analytical, problem solving and critical thinking skills. The Ohio Choice Inventor's Award was an opportunity for school districts throughout the state of Ohio to nominate and highlight a few of their outstanding students who are using their problem solving skills to innovate and build a better tomorrow!

Congratulations Lilli!

THANK YOU to each and everyone who helped with Kindergarten Screening this year. We screened 102 future REDSKINS!

We truly appreciate you giving your time and talents to assist in our screening. Without all of you this would not be possible.



Have a safe summer!

First day of school - August 19, 2015