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UCMS NEWS

Week of May 15/22

Determination – deciding it is worth it to finish what you've started

Calendar

Tues Band & Choir Concerts 6:30 at UCHS Auditorium

Fri 8th Gr Kings Is trip
6th & 7th Awards Programs

Week of 5/22:

Mon Last student day
8th Gr Breakfast 8:30-10:30
6th Gr Field Trip
Summer Fest 1:00-3:00

Wed Music Dept Kings Is Trip

Menu

Mon Burgers, spudsters, baked beans, mixed fruit

Tues Ravioli, garlic bread, salad, corn, pineapple

Wed Chix strips, mash taters, green beans, roll, peaches

Thurs Grilled cheese, tomato soup, cottage cheese, mixed veggies, applesauce

Fri Pizza, broccoli, salad, cookie, fruit

Mon (last day) Chix nuggets, fries, asst veggies, fruit

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

6th/7th Honors & Awards Programs will be held Friday, May 19, 1:00 for the 7th grade and 2:00 for the 6th grade. If your student is receiving an honor or award, he/she will be given a note to let you know. In the past, we have had parents take off work to attend, only to find their student did not receive an award or honor..

The UCMS Art Show will be held Tuesday, May 16, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the middle school atrium.

Just a reminder to those (confirmed) parents chaperoning for Summer Fest to report to the middle school at 12:45p.m. on May 22nd to review protocol. Thank you in advance for all of the help!!!

Report Cards will be mailed on Thursday, May 25.

From the clinic... if your child has medication in the clinic, please pick it up on the last day of school or May 23-26 between the hours of 7:00 and 3:30. If you have questions, please contact the UCMS nurse, Laurie West.

7th & 8th Grade parents – Please check the end of this newsletter for info on 21st Century Scholars.

Classroom News:

Mrs. Felton – 6th Science – It is so hard to believe that this is the end of another school year! Students will be presenting their group Rube Goldberg machines midweek. The rest of the week will be filled with a few labs that I did not have time to do earlier this year. Students will also be finishing up the shadow lab. It has been my pleasure to have your child as my student this year. Hope everyone has a glorious summer!

Mrs. Dannaker – 6th LA – L.A. Thanks so much for all your hard work this year! We have learned so much, me included. Enjoy your summer, and come back ready to learn next year as seventh graders!

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math – It is hard to believe this year is about to come to an end!! I want to thank the parents for sharing their children with me. It really has been an honor to have each one of them in my room and watch them grow!! I know they each have big things ahead of them!!!! You will be missed!
Period 2 - We wrapped up a unit on Similar Figures this week. We will focus on a year end review next week that will give us a chance to work with a partner and watch movie clips!
Period 4 - We focused on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing integers this past week. We will move on to solving two-step equations with fractions, decimals and integers next week. We are ending the year working on some challenging 7th grade standards! Keep working until the end!!
Periods 3, 5, 6 - We discussed theoretical and experimental probability this week. It gave us a chance to work in groups and move around a bit. We will focus on a year end review next week that will have us watching movie clips!

Mr. Gulley – 6th PE/Health – Finish Physical Fitness Test 50, 600 and 1 mile run and play bounce ball and dodgeball

Mrs. Reister – 6th Social Studies – This week students have continued to “create their own country”. They are due Monday, May 15th. Students will be presenting their made up country next week.

Mrs. Persinger – 7th Art - Students will complete one final drawing using a favorite quote or lyric. Seventh period will glaze clay vessels. UCMS Art Show will be Tuesday, May 16th in the atrium from 5-8pm. Reminders were sent home with students who will have art on display at the show.

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts – This week, students took their test over Freak the Mighty, and began watching the movie. We will continue the movie next week followed by a comparison/contrast activity between the movie and the novel. In addition, we'll do some quick and furious grammar review with foldables to refer to in the coming years. HALA finished up Huckleberry Finn and is involved in some preparation for the novel test as well as some end-of-unit activities. They also will be adding some grammar review foldables to their LA composition notebooks.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – This week we have finished up with the fourth of the five major regions of Africa, West Africa. The students took a quiz over that region on Wednesday, May 10th. We will be finishing up our year with the region of North Africa and the students will have a quiz over that region on Friday, May 19th. Textbooks will be due back on Wednesday, May 17th. Be sure to keep up on parent connect! The end of the year is quickly approaching so please encourage your student to finish strong! Runners always sprint to the finish so make certain your student is doing the same.

Mrs. Graham - 7th Math – All 7th grade classes worked with similar figures and indirect measurement this week. We will continue this next week with a fun, creative end-of-the-year activity!

The Math-BLUE class studied the Pythagorean Theorem this week. Next week, we will do a quick review of similar figures and they, too, will end the year with the similar figure activity.

Mrs. Beiser – 7th Science – For the last two weeks of school, students will be looking closer at how specific organelles in the cell facilitate cellular processes. This week they will be focusing on the cell membrane, and it's role in moving cellular material. Class time will include a balloon lab, demonstrations, and you tube videos. The quiz for this portion of information will be on Thursday.

Mrs. Reece – 8th Language Arts – As we near the end of the school year, all classes are finishing up our class novels. Periods 2-6 will then move on to a group project, and period 7 will be doing a compare/contrast project. Please remember to check Parent-Connect so you can help your student finish strong this year!

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science - Students are wrapping up the year discussing environmental impacts in air, water, and land. We are discussing and learning positive impacts that we as husband can do for our planet. Students will wrap up the year with a chapter 9 test and the Kings Island packet! Keep up the hard work! It's been an amazing year!!!

Mrs. Harvey – 8th Business – Next week we will wrap up our unit on personal finance. We have covered many “real-life” topics regarding monthly spending and making sound financial decisions. We will wrap up the year with a Personal Finance quiz next week and looking at our keyboarding progress this quarter. It's been a pleasure working with the 8th grade this semester! Have a great summer!

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – PreAlgebra: Students are continuing to review and reinforce skills learned this year. Currently, they are practicing calculating 2D and 3D geometric measures.
Algebra: Students are continuing the quadratic equations unit. Ask them to recite the quadratic formula!

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies - We conclude the final unit of the year with a test on Thursday. Review guide objectives will be checked on Wednesday. Don't forget about the breakfast and awards ceremony on Monday, May 22nd!

Mrs. Allbright - Choir – The Last Choir Concert of the year will be Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30 pm. Students are to arrive at the high school choir room at 7:15. Students are to dress nicely in black and white.

Mr. Vogele – Band – The middle school spring band concert is next Tuesday, May 16th, in the HS auditorium. Students should report to the high school band room by 6:10 for a 6:30 start time. The program will not last longer than an hour, and the choirs will play beginning at 7:30.

Summer marching band information will be sent home by early next week, if not sooner. Commitment forms will be due by the end of the school year.

Ms. Bryant - Math and Language: We will wrap up the school year with some end of the year progress monitoring in both math and language next week.

Lifeskills: Close up book store, Mr.Randy will be in to see us next Tuesday to talk about stress management.

Reading 8: We will wrap up the Greek and Latin unit that we started last week. Then we will finish out the year reviewing text marking and close reading.

Reading 7: We will wrap up the Greek and Latin unit that we started last week. Then we will finish out the year reviewing text marking and close reading.

Reading 6: We will wrap up the Greek and Latin unit that we started last week. Then we will finish out the year reviewing text marking and close reading.



ATHLETICS



Mon Golf @ N Decatur 5:00

Fri Cheerleader Try-outs 3:30-5:30 in atrium

After the 8th grade breakfast, UCMS will have a computer lab open and staff available to help 8th grade parents needing assistance in signing up for the 21st Century Scholar Program. Earning the 21st Century Scholarship provides students up to four years of undergraduate tuition (based on need) at any participating public college or university in Indiana. If you attend a private college, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a four-year public college. More information is available at: <http://scholars.in.gov/>

Parents wishing to enroll their student will need the following:

- Student's Social Security Number, date of birth and address
- Student ID number (can get from school office)
- Parent or guardian's social security number, or individual taxpayer identification number if applicable
- Previous year gross income amounts for all members of the household (Example: if you are applying after December 31st, 2016, use 2016 amounts)
- A valid email address. Free email addresses are available at Yahoo!, Gmail, and Live

During the application process, parents will:

- Answer pre-enrollment questions
- Enter student contact information (address, phone, email, school information, and social security number)
- Agree to the 21st Century Scholar Pledge
- Enter income and information for parent or guardian
- Review and submit application

Parents will receive an email with an application summary and program enrollment information after the application is received. All applications to the 21st Century Scholars Program must be submitted before June 30th of the eligible student's 8th grade year.