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UCMS NEWS

Weeks of December 4

Gratitude: Letting others know you see how they've helped you

Calendar

Tues Band Concert @ H S Auditorium 7:00

Menu

Mon	Cheeseburgers, French fries, baked beans, fruit cups
Tues	Chicken chunks, mac & cheese, carrot, mixed fruits
Wed	Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, applesauce
Thurs	Baked potato bar, broccoli, cottage cheese, corn muffin, cookie, pineapple
Fri	Tenderloin, waffle fries, corn, peaches

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Yearbooks – UCMS Yearbooks for the 2017-2018 school year are now on sale. The cost is \$21.00 with checks payable to UCMS. Order deadline is March 9, 2018. Order forms were handed out to students this week or you may order online at YBPay.lifetouch.com with the yearbook ID Code: 8785218

Attendance – Please remember to notify the school office if your student is absent. This can be done by a phone call, e-mail or note upon returning. Without contact from a parent or guardian, the absence is considered unexcused.

Classroom News:

Mrs. Reece – 6th LA – This week, we concluded our poetry unit by reading “The Road Not Taken” and writing a personal essay to analyze the poem and make personal connections it. We move on to our nonfiction unit, beginning on Monday with a book talk with Mrs. Lang from the public library so she can share some of her favorite nonfiction reads! In this unit, we will focus closely on what counts as evidence to support our claims, and how the author establishes their tone and purpose for writing. Don't forget, book reports due after Christmas break, which is sneaking up on us!

Mrs. Reister – 6th Social Studies – This week we have been learning all about the Maya Civilization. Next week we will continue learning about the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas.

Mrs. Fields – 6th Math – We have all been working on finding the volume and surface area of right rectangular prisms with decimal side lengths. Most caught on very quickly! **Period 2** – We continued working with the big idea of percent of a number. We focused on tips, markups, commission and simple interest this week. A couple IXL lessons on the topic have been a bit challenging, but we are working through them!! **Period 3, 4, 5** – We spent time this week reviewing coordinate planes. We practiced plotting points on a coordinate plane and identifying ordered pairs and quadrants. We ended the week focusing on decimal and fractional points on a coordinate plane. It was a little tricky at first, but didn't prove to be more than we can handle.

Mrs. Dannaker – 6th Science – We will continue to study energy and its transformations next week. We will focus on Chapter 2 Lesson 2.

Miss Severance – 7th Language Arts – This week students did more work with predicate nouns and predicate adjectives. We also continued reading our novels. Next week, we will hopefully finish up our novels and prepare for a test over them.

Mr. Bruns – 7th Social Studies – We have continued to learn about Southeast Asia this week. We have been covering the early history of that region, how that plays into the colonial period and then how either capitalist or communist influences have impacted the countries of the region. Next week we will be finishing up with Southeast Asia and moving on to India and South Asia.

Mrs. Beiser – 7th Science – As we countdown to Christmas, students will be learning and applying Newton's Laws of Motion during class activities like making an egg car or spinning a penny in a balloon. Students will be doing a big project on the Laws of Motion in the movie Toy Story too! Keep track of your student's assignments on parent connect and their homework on canvas. Several students did not turn in their parachute lab or need to complete it due to absences. If you were absent before Thanksgiving break, please coordinate time to get the lab and test completed.

Mrs. Harvey – 7th Business – Next week is "Computer Science Week." All of the seventh graders will be participating in the "Hour of Code" initiative, which reaches tens of millions of students in over 180 countries across the globe. We will use www.code.org to participate in activities that use many different coding languages and familiar games to teach students how to code.

Mrs. Graham – 7th & 8th Math – We have started the countdown to the end of the first semester! It is imperative that all students stay focused and work their hardest to keep up. We have MUCH to cover and not much time to do it in! All students are working with inequalities as a warm up. We are using key words to help us understand and graph the inequalities. Look for a warm up quiz early next week!

The **Math-RED, YELLOW, and BLUE** classes are working with solving multi-step equations. We are working hard to get through solving 2-step equations, solving equations using the distributive property and solving equations with variables on both sides ... ALL before Winter Break!

The **Math-GREEN & ORANGE** classes are working this week with the distributive property. Next week we will begin solving equations.

Mr. Whalbring – 8th Language Arts – This week in eighth-grade English, we've been studying a few more Latin roots for Friday quiz. We've also been working on compare and contrast essays. Students have been picking topics, organizing ideas, reading examples, and doing some preliminary drafting. We'll be in the computer lab next week typing them up, and they'll be due Wednesday.

Ms. Estep – 8th Math – Students are reviewing prerequisite skills to ready themselves to solve linear equations. Algebra: Students are learning about functional relationships.

Mrs. Crumley – 8th Science – Students have started Chapter 5, chemical reactions. We are balancing equations and discussing how to determine proof of a chemical change. Look for a chapter 5 test on December 15th.

Mr. Gutzwiller – 8th Social Studies – We are now into our fourth unit of the year! In this unit, we will be hitting the "rewind" button and going back into the Revolutionary War period. However, it will not be to examine the battlefield. Rather, the focus will be on how we will experiment with building a strong, but limited national government. Students will be examining population trends and land ownership to determine what role states should have regarding representation. This will be an experiment and students will discover costly errors that could bring this new nation to a breaking point. Students will be role-playing the branches of government as the classroom will literally become a "web" of ideas and plans.

Mrs. Persinger – 8th Art – All classes will be introduced to the art of basketry this week. Each student will design the shape and choose their color scheme when creating their own basket. Coiling core and yarn will be used in this creation. Sketchbook assignment #6 will be due Friday, December 8th!

Mrs. Allbright – Choir – The choir concert is set for December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Students will need to arrive at 6:45 in the band room at the high school. Concert attire is choir shirts with jeans. There will be a small break for middle school to exit between the middle school and high school concerts. This is a required concert.

Mr. Voegel – Band – The Bands' Holiday Concert is next Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00pm in the HS auditorium. Students need to report to the HS band room by 6:45pm and stay for the duration of the program. We should be finished by 8:30pm. Dress code is blue or black denim jeans, a nice top (collared, buttons, patterns solid—no logos, t-shirts, hoodies, etc.), and closed-toe shoes. See the syllabus for more detail. A dress or skirt which covers the knees when seated is also appropriate.

The music dept. is looking for someone with a large truck or cargo vehicle to pick up our Warm Glow Candle fundraiser order in Connersville. Please contact me if you are available. Thank you!

Ms. Bryant - Math: We are working on multiplying fractions. We will take a test over this on Friday. We will then move onto dividing fractions.

Language: We began our Christmas unit this week. Next week we will learn about Hanukkah. We will have spelling/vocabulary words. Test will be on Friday.

Lifeskills: we began decorating for the winter holidays this week. We will start doing crafts as the holidays approach us. We will continue to work in the bookstore and work on our independent goals.

Reading 8: We will be working on Unit 9. Unit 9 test will be December 6. Please make sure that all missing work is turned in!

Enrichment 7: We will continue working on our PLATO courses.

Reading 6: We will begin working on text marking and close reading strategies to build our reading comprehension skills.

Mrs. Wiebe - 6th Grade Math: This week we've reviewed our operations with mixed numbers and begun talking about the coordinate plane.

7th Grade Math: We are still working on our algebra unit and are starting to work on solving equations.

ATHLETICS:

Mon 7/8BB @ Lincoln 6:00

Thurs 7/8BB – home – Seton 6:00

Sat 7/8BB – home – U C Inv 9:00