

# University Elementary April Newsletter



## IT'S ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE!

It's a phrase that most of us are familiar with, but do we really grasp what it means? "It's all downhill from here," suggests that the hard work is done and that it is going to be much easier from here on out. While I would like to think that all the hard work is behind us, as we make our way through the last grading period, this is not true.

We have just under two months of school left and it is going to be hard work each and every day leading up to the end of May. There are a variety of events coming up including Learning Festival, 6th Grade Promotion, Kindergarten Graduation, music programs, field trips, and of course, ILEARN. This doesn't even include the learning objectives our students still need to cover!

I am looking forward to these next two months as I want to see how much more your children can grow! I love stepping into classrooms, talking to kids at lunch or recess, and even seeing kids use the crosswalk in the mornings... your children have changed so much throughout the year. These next two months are going to be the capstone to their year.

My first eight months at University have been an adventure (a good one). I can't wait to see what new experiences lie around the next corner over this last quarter of the year.



~ Glen Hopkins  
Principal

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Apr. 9: 6th Grade to Leonard Springs
- Apr. 9: PTO Mtg. @ 6:30
- Apr. 11: 4th Grade to Griffey Lake
- Apr. 11: Kindergarten Animal Safari
- Apr. 17: ILEARN Parent Talk @ MCCSC CoLab @ 6:00
- Apr. 22: ILEARN Begins
- Apr. 22: Augie Talk Grades 2-6
- Apr. 23: 2nd Grade Music Program @ 6:00
- Apr. 22: PTO Skate Night @ 6:30
- Apr. 26: Honey Creek Field Trip (Sheets)
- Apr. 30: 6th Grade to Biz Town
- May 1: Honey Creek Field Trip (Harpring & Kopp)
- May 3: Honey Creek Field Trip (Cowden)

## ILEARN Begins April 22nd

ILEARN is the new state assessment that replaces ISTEP+. ILEARN will be given to students in grades 3-6 beginning April 22nd. The testing window is open through May 17th, but we don't anticipate needing that much time. Please refer to the ILEARN letter that was sent out in a separate email which includes specific dates of when your child's grade will be testing.



MCCSC will be hosting their monthly Parent Talk on Wednesday, April 17th beginning at 6:00 PM at the CoLab located at 553 E. Miller Dr. This month's Parent Talk is about Indiana's Learning Assessments. Topics discussed will include ILEARN, IAM, IREAD 3, Common Formative Assessments, Exact Path, and Pre/Post Tests. See Andrew Clappitt's email from 4/3/19 for additional information.

[Link to DOE ILEARN Family Information](#)



## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is an ongoing process. Please let your friends know that they can come by the office anytime to begin the process for the 2019-202 school year. Families will need the birth certificate, immunizations, and two proofs of residency. University will conduct Kindergarten Screeners on Monday, May 13th. Learn more at [www.mccsc.edu/kreg](http://www.mccsc.edu/kreg).

## Pennies for Patients

You may recall that the week leading up to Spring Break, our Kiwanis Kids organized their annual Pennies for Patients Coin Drive. Thanks to your generosity, along with your children, we were able to collect \$5,326.26 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! Congratulations to all of our students for helping to make an impact on our global society.



## Field Trips

As mentioned in the greeting on the first page, there are many field trips coming up for our students across the school these next two months. Please be sure to tune in closely to your child's classroom communication as these will not only come up quickly, but your child's classroom may be on a field trip a different day than one of their friends in another classroom (ex. 2nd grade and Honey Creek).



## Learning Festival - May 10th

Mark your calendars now, if you haven't done so already - the annual University Learning Festival is Friday, May 10th beginning at 5:30 PM. This is a culmination of all the work your children will have on display tied to their IB/PYP explorations. This is also a big event for our PTO as they work hard to prepare baskets, games, and dinner for everyone. Please review the goldenrod information paper that was sent home with your child from the PT, and look for additional information as the date draws nearer.



## 2019-2020 Intentions

There will be a half sheet of paper coming home with your child sometime over the next week (dependent on when your child's teacher sends out communication) for you to notify us of your family's plans for the 2019-2020 school year. University School has many families that move in and out each year as we are connected to many visiting scholars from around the world. We ask that all families fill out this half sheet of paper and return it to your child's teacher as this will assist us in planning for next year.

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