

University Elementary February Newsletter

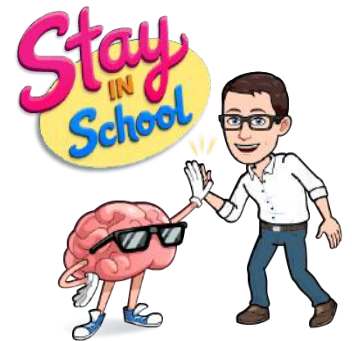


LET'S KEEP THIS TRAIN ROLLING!

January was a great month for our students and staff. I was so proud of everyone coming back from Winter Break with a "let's do this" attitude. Each January, I always talk with the staff about how January/February can seem long and difficult. I ask the staff to treat January like it is the first month of school - review/revise classroom expectations, practice procedures, make a point to make contact with families in a positive manner. I believe our staff has done a wonderful job throughout January of doing these things. I have observed so many examples of adults coming together for the purpose of helping support your children. I am confident that February will be a positive month for everyone thanks to the effort that your children are giving, and the structure the staff is providing.

Please take a some time this month to talk with your children about how school is going for them. Ask them about the expectations in the classrooms, how they transition to specials, the friends they are spending time with, and what some goals they may have moving forward. These conversations will go a long way in helping build that bridge between home and school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or my office. I do ask, out of respect for the classroom teachers, that you do make your first contact with them if there is a question or concern specifically about what is happening in the classroom. If you need something on a "University" scale, please give me a call or send me an email. I even welcome face-to-face conversations!



~ Glen Hopkins
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Feb. 4: Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Feb. 5: Robotics @ Grandview @ 5:00
- Feb. 6: Grade 5 Field Trip to MAC
- Feb. 12: Grade 2 Field Trip to MAC
- Feb. 12: Kindergarten Open House @ 6:30 PM
- Feb. 12: PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- Feb. 18: Presents' Day - School is In
- Feb. 18: Picture Day
- Feb. 21: 4th Grade Field Trip to MAC
- Feb. 22: Family Fitness Night @ 6:00
- Feb. 23: Robotics @ Trafalgar
- Feb. 25: 6th Grade to MAC
- Feb. 25: Pennies for Patients Begins

February 18th - School is In

Since we had a Snow Day (cold) on January 30th, we now need to make this date up. We WILL have school on Monday, February 18th. Please plan accordingly.

Kindergarten Registration and Open House

Kindergarten Registration is officially here! Help spread the word that you will need the birth certificate, immunizations, and two proofs of residency. Let your friends know to review the district map to ensure they are registering at the proper school. We will host an open house on Tuesday, February 12th from 6:30-7:30 PM. Learn more at www.mccsc.edu/kreg



Educator of the Year

We are proud to share that Miss Cerwinske, 6th Grade Teacher at University, was recently notified that she will be recognized by the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and Franklin Initiative as a Monroe County Educator of the year. Miss Cerwinske is one of four teachers being recognized from MCCSC during a dinner in early March. Congratulations to Miss Cerwinske on this award! You can read more about the Educator of the Year [via this link](#).



IREAD 3 and ILEARN Update

IREAD 3 is given to all 3rd grade students each Spring in Indiana. Our University 3rd graders will take this test during the week of March 18th.

ILEARN replaces ISTEP this year. All students in grades 3-6 will take this assessment beginning the week of April 22nd.

[Link to DOE IREAD 3 Family Information](#)

[Link to DOE ILEARN Family Information](#)



Mr. Hopkins will be hosting an information session on March 19th at 6:00 where he will talk in more depth about ILEARN.

Lilly Endowment Winner

Congratulations to Mrs. D'Eliso, our UES Librarian and IB Coordinator, for receiving a 2019 Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship! Mrs. D'Eliso is one of six MCCSC educators that will participate. She will travel to London to explore 30 of their museums to help advance our IB work at UES. Learn more about the Lilly Fellowship, Mrs. D'Eliso's plans for her time in London, as well as the plans of the rest of our MCCSC recipients [via this link](#).

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. Your child's teachers have a variety of lessons and activities planned that will honor the contributions of African Americans in U.S. History. Look for specific information from your child's teachers about what is happening in their classrooms.



UES Wins the Makers Challenge!

Congratulations to Mrs. Piekarsky's class, specifically a small group of girls, for winning the MCCSC Makers Challenge! These young ladies were honored at the Makers Challenge Showcase in January. You can read more about our UES students, as well as the winners from other MCCSC schools, [via this link](#).



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MCCSC GEMS Conference

The 3rd annual Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science (GEMS) will be held on Saturday, March 23rd at Bloomington North High School. Please register by March 8th. You can register and read more information about this wonderful event on our [MCCSC Resource Page](#).



Be Smart Conversation

Mark your calendars to join us on March 19th at 6:00 PM for a conversation about kids, guns, and safety. University Elementary is joining MCCSC in the Be Smart Campaign. We will be sharing videos and information from Be Smart to help keep our kids safe. You may find [additional information here](#).

Be

S Secure guns in your homes and vehicles

M Model responsible behavior

A Ask about unsecured guns in other homes

R Recognize the risks of teen suicide

T Tell your peers to be SMART



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