

University Elementary March Newsletter



PROUD TO BE UNIVERSITY

Before we go too far into this month's letter - let's address the Bitmoji to the right. My 7-year-old daughter thought it would be funny to edit my character, and I am starting to like it! (Plus, I'm not too sure I have figured out how to change it back yet.) So, enjoy a more "mature" Mr. Hopkins this month in your newsletter. Ok, back to business.

February, the shortest month in the year, lived up to its reputation. There were a few days when we all may have wondered when the day would end, but looking back, it went quickly. February was a good month where we saw so much growth from your children. Students learned about how the world works, how we organize ourselves, how we express ourselves, and how we share the planet. The work your children do each day is remarkable. Walking into their classrooms, there is a true feeling of excitement as students engage in activities that stretch beyond the classroom.



Periodically, I have the opportunity to visit with principals in the corporation and from around the state. I thoroughly enjoy representing our school and community. Just today, I ran into three principals from my hometown where I started my teaching career. When they asked what school I was in, I stood a little taller and told them, "University School." Whenever I tell other professionals that I work for our children, families, and staff at University School, I always get the same reaction from them - Wow! University School has a strong reputation for student success. It is an amazing feeling to represent our school each day.

Spring Break is just around the corner. As we prepare to take a break, I want to thank you all for welcoming me into the University Family. I am #Proud2beMCCSC and I am definitely #Proud2beUniversity!

~ Glen Hopkins
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Mar. 6: 6th Grade EOY Parent Planning Meeting @ 5:45
- Mar. 7: K Field Trip to WonderLab
- Mar. 8: End of 3rd Grading Period
- Mar. 11-15: Spring Break
- Mar. 18: School Resumes
- Mar. 19-21: IREAD 3
- Mar. 19: MCCSC ALPS Parent Mtg. @ 6:00 @ UES
- Mar. 19: BeSMART Presentation/PTO Meeting (ILEARN Info) @ 6:00
- Mar. 20: Tri-North Parent Night @ 6:00
- Mar. 26: PTO Skate Night @ 6:30
- Mar. 28: 5th Grade Immunizations
- Arp. 4: Bachelor Parent Night @ 6:30

Spring Break and Report Cards

The third grading period ends this Friday, March 8th. Didn't we just come back from Winter Break?! There will be no school March 11th-15th in observance of Spring Break. Please take the time to rest, refuel, and come back ready to knock out the last quarter of the year. Report Cards are scheduled to come home with your child on Friday, March 22nd.

Stay in the Loop

Did you know that since August 1, 2018, University Elementary has made over 250 posts on both Facebook and Twitter?! We work hard to keep you up to date on things via the Monday Minute, monthly newsletter, and IB Monthly, but if you are not following us on social media, you are missing out on the day-to-day happenings at school - where the magic really happens! See the bottom of the next two pages on how you can get fully in the loop on life at University School.



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 2019-2020 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

IREAD 3 and ILEARN Update

IREAD 3 is given to all 3rd grade students each Spring in Indiana. Our University 3rd graders will begin this assessment on Tuesday, March 19th. Please click on the video link for a brief overview.

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

[Link to IREAD 3 Overview Video](#)

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



[Link to DOE ILEARN Family Information](#)

Join Mr. Hopkins and Mrs. Esarey on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 (following BeSMART) where they will go over the new ILEARN assessment in greater detail. Mr. Hopkins will send out additional written information following the parent meeting.

Pennies for Patients

Pennies for Patients is going great! Our K Kids are collecting coins through March 8th to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This is a great way for our children to learn about how to help others outside our school and community. Isn't that what we are all about as an IB school - making an impact on our global community?! [Learn more here.](#)



MCCSC ALPS Applications



The MCCSC Office of High Ability Education has begun the Elementary ALPS Identification/ Application process for 2019-2020 for incoming fourth grade students. Application packets will be mailed to qualifying students on Friday, March 8, 2019. Any third grade student may apply for

the program. Application materials are due to the Office of High Ability Education on Friday, March 29, 2019. If you have questions about the application/ identification process, a parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 P.M. in the University School cafeteria. This meeting is open to any parent interested in the MCCSC elementary ALPS program. Information about the program may also be found on the MCCSC website at www.mccsc.edu under High Ability Program.

Dance Marathon and Riley Children's Hospital

March 25th-29th, University School will be collecting coins to support Bloomington High School's Dance Marathon as they raise funds for Riley Children's Hospital. I know we are coming off Pennies for Patients, so we are setting a simple goal: \$100 per grade level. That would be just over \$1 collected per student. When we hit our goal of \$700 raised by our school, every grade level will receive an extra recess. A simple way to make an big impact. Through this, we can show our students how we play a small part in a community (corporation) initiative. Thank you for your support.



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Email Mr. Hopkins at ghopkins@mccsc.edu

Email Mrs. Esarey at kesarey@mccsc.edu



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 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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