

University Elementary November Newsletter



YOUR CHILDREN: A BOOST OF ENERGY

Welcome to November! The leaves have officially changed colors the last couple weeks - and it is going to be a downhill run to Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and a new year!

Each day, Mrs. Esarey and I try to get out into the hallways and classrooms as much as possible to see your children in action. While there are times that we do get tied down in the office, getting into the classrooms gives both of us a little boost of energy. The conversations your children are engaging in with their peers and teachers - the questions that are being asked - the products that are on display - amazing things are happening at University School each day!



When your children come home each night, and you ask how their day was, don't settle for "fine." Ask some follow up questions about what they are reading, what they are talking about in their IB unit, or how they worked with their classmates during the day. When pushed a bit outside their canned answers, your children will share some amazing things with you.

~ Glen Hopkins
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Nov. 4: Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set your clocks back one hour
- Nov. 5-16: UES Food Drive
- Nov. 6: Election Day - No School
- Nov. 8: Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 8: Evacuation Drill
- Nov. 10: UES 4th and 5th Farmers' Market Performance @ 9:00
- Nov. 12: Veterans Day Program @ 9:30
- Nov. 13: PTO Meeting @ 6:30
- Nov. 19-23: Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 26: School Resumes
- Nov. 27: PTO Skate Night @ 6:30
- Dec. 5: Blood Drive @ UES @ 3:00

Election Day Tuesday - No School

Elections Day is this coming Tuesday, November 6th. There is no school for students on this date as many schools are used as a polling location. Please plan accordingly. Staff will be engaged in district-wide professional development on this date to strengthen instructional strategies.

Veterans Day

University School students and staff will recognize the men and women who serve our country during our Veterans Day Program that will be held on November 12th beginning at 9:30. This will take place in the cafeteria where Miss Bowen will be leading our students in various songs to recognize our veterans. If you have a veteran in your family that can join us, please have him/her arrive just after 9:00. We will have seating available for our veterans and their guests. Following the program, there will be light refreshments for our veterans and their family members, including the UES relative. Thank you to those who have served and continue to serve our country.



MCCSC Parent Talks

Throughout the year, MCCSC holds "Parent Talks" on different topics. This month, MCCSC will focus on "Serving Students with Dyslexia in Public Schools." Visit [this link](#) to read more about this event. This will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at the CoLab located at 553 E. Miller Dr. from 6:00-7:30.

Backpack Buddies

Our K-Club Kids has organized a food drive between November 5th-13th. Food collected will be used to help support our Backpack Buddies program here at University. This program helps many students across grade levels have healthy snacks and meals on the weekends. You should have received a form that was sent home with your child outlining the kinds of food that we are collecting. Thank you for any help you can provide our families across the school.

Evacuation Drill

We will be conducting an Evacuation Drill on Thursday, November 8th. This drill, like a fire drill, is to prepare students if/when we would have an actual need to evacuate the building. An example of is if we smell gas throughout the building and that we need to have investigated. For the safety of students, when we evacuate the school, we transition to the City Church. We are grateful to City Church for allowing us to use their space in the event of an emergency. If we were to have a true emergency, administration and possibly local agencies would provide support and instructions as we reunite students with their families. Please ask your child about our Evacuation Drill on November 8th. If you have any questions, please let Mr. Hopkins know.

Blood Drive

We will be hosting the Indiana Blood Center on December 5th for a blood drive on December 5th from 3:00-7:00. Additional information will come home at a later date. If you like to give blood - here is your chance!



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