

University Elementary February Newsletter



THAT WENT QUICKLY.... LET'S KEEP GOING!

January went by in a blink of an eye! Things happened so quickly, I didn't even realize that it was February and I owed you a newsletter until the middle of last week!

January was a great month as your children came back from Winter Break and jumped right back into their learning. Our teachers did just the same alongside all of our support staff. I anticipate that February will go just as quickly.



As we move forward into the second semester, we will have some key dates/events that you will want to be mindful of. As these events draw closer, I will be sending additional information out to families. Here are just a few that you that stick out at this time:

- Family Fitness Night: February 21
- Spring Break: March 16-20
- IREAD 3 Window: March 16-April 3 (Grade 3: Specific testing dates to come)
- ILEARN Window: April 20-May 15 (Grades 3-6: Specific testing dates to come)
- May 8: University Learning Festival
- Kindergarten Graduation: May 21
- 6th Grade Promotion: May 21

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Feb. 11: Class and Club Pictures
- Feb. 11: Kindergarten Open House @ 6:30
- Feb. 11: PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- Feb. 12: 5th Grade MAC Field Trip
- Feb. 12: MCCSC Parent Talk @ CoLab @ 6:00
- Feb. 13: Dine and Donate @ Aver's Pizza
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day
- Feb. 18: Presidents' Day - No School
- Feb. 19: African American Choral Ensemble @ 2:30 and 3:00
- Feb. 20: Killion/Grabczak Field Trip
- Feb. 25: PTO Skate Night @ 6:30
- Feb. 25: Dine and Donate @ Smokin' Jack's

There are many other important dates/events this semester, so be sure to check out the Monday Minutes, Social Media, emails, and teacher communication.

Let's keep things going strong during February!

~ Glen Hopkins
Principal

Kindergarten Open House

Kindergarten Open House is Tuesday, February 11th from 6:30-7:30 all across MCCSC. Families need to attend their home school for this event. At University, families will be able to register online following the event in our computer lab until 8:00. Children must be 5 years old by August 1st to enroll in kindergarten. Visit our [MCCSC website](#) for additional information including [required paperwork](#).



Picture Day

Tuesday, February 11th will be our Class Picture Day. All classes will have a group photo taken for the yearbook. In addition, we will be taking Club Pictures. Students will need to bring their Club attire to school. Finally, we will be taking individual pictures of students that have enrolled since we took retakes in November.



February Lifeline and Learner Profile

For the month of February, we will focus on the Lifeline of "Caring" and the Learner Profile of "Caring." Same word with a different spin!

- **Caring:** We show compassion and empathy towards others.
- **Caring:** We act to make a positive difference in the lives of other and the world.

Each month, teachers will nominate students from their classrooms that model these traits. Students will have their pictures taken and placed on the large bulletin board outside the gym where we hope to have a collage of our students by the end of the year.

Ultimately, all of our Lifelines fall under the umbrella of the Lifelong Guidelines, "*Do the Right Thing*" and "*Treat People Right.*"

Online Registration is Open!

Online registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! [Please visit our MCCSC website to complete the enrollment process for next year.](#)



Please remember, if you are at University School on a transfer, you must complete a new transfer request each school year. Transfer requests must be approved by the home school before Mr. Hopkins can consider any approvals. Please refer to the guidelines on the request form so you are aware of the process for approval.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. While we do engage in a variety of learning opportunities this month specific to Black History, our teachers are constantly pulling in material from around the world and across cultures to enrich the learning opportunities for your children. Please be on the lookout this month, and throughout the year, for specific learning tied to Black History.

One event this month that does traditionally take place at University School is when we welcome the African American Choral Ensemble. The choir will perform on Wednesday, February 19th at 2:00 (PK-2) and again at 2:45 (3-6). We welcome anyone that would like to join us for this enriching presentation.

Leading Light Award

Congratulations to our ENL teachers as they will be recognized with the Leading Light Award by the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce during their annual Educator of the Year Awards Dinner on March 5th. Our ENL program serves between 75-100 students each year where English may be their second, third, or even fourth language each day. The work they do is so valuable to our school and our families. Congratulations to all the teachers and staff across the building as this is truly a group effort.

UES Robotics to State!

In just our second year with a VexIQ Robotics Program, we have a 5th and a 6th grade team qualified for the state tournament at Lucas Oil Stadium on March 7th! Congratulations to all of our students that have done a great job designing, building, modifying, and driving their robots this year. [Check out this video](#) to see what the Teamwork Challenge looks like this year for our students.





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