

# University Elementary March Newsletter



## PLANNING AHEAD

March is an interesting month as Spring Break gives us a week off at one point, 3rd grade will take IREAD 3, 5th grade will travel to Bradford Woods, and of course, there's the letter from Dr. DeMuth earlier this week! Below are a few quick points on each of these topics, as well as a few more throughout this newsletter, to help you plan ahead.

~ Glen Hopkins  
Principal



## Spring Break

Spring Break will begin at 3:45 on Friday, March 13th. School will resume on Monday, March 23rd. We hope your children are able to take some time to rest and recharge!

## IREAD 3

Each year, 3rd grade students in Indiana are required to take an assessment called IREAD 3. University 3rd graders are scheduled to take this assessment on March 24th and 25th. This is a basic reading assessment required by the state to ensure that students have the basic foundations of reading in place to find success as they move forward in their school career. Mr. Hopkins will be sending a separate email to 3rd grade parents with additional information about this assessment. You may also learn more via the [Indiana Department of Education](#), which includes [sample items](#).

## Bradford Woods

5th Grade is scheduled to travel to Bradford Wood from March 25th-27th. 5th grade teachers have sent out information about this event. Students that take medication, please be on the lookout for a letter from the school nurse about how medication will need to be packaged for administration at Bradford Woods.

## Dr. DeMuth's Letter

On Monday, a letter was emailed out by the district from Dr. DeMuth outlining MCCSC's contingency plan for if there is an extended closure of school. [This letter is available on the MCCSC website in multiple languages](#). Please be sure to review this letter so you are informed of the plan we have formulated in collaboration with the Department of Education and the Monroe County Health Department. As Dr. DeMuth shared at the end of her letter, we appreciate your support in our continued effort to keep students and staff safe and secure.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Mar. 6: End of 3rd Grading Period
- Mar. 7: UES Community Garden Workday @ 10:30
- Mar. 7: UES Robotics to State Tournament @ Lucas Oil Stadium
- Mar. 10: PTO Meeting @ 6:00
- Mar. 16-20: Spring Break
- Mar. 23: School Resumes
- Mar. 24-25: IREAD 3
- Mar. 24: PTO Skate Night @ 6:30
- Mar. 25-27: Bradford Woods
- Mar. 25: TNMS 6th Grade Parent Night @ 6:00
- Mar. 28: MCCSC GEMS @ BHSN



## Kindergarten Registration

Children that are 5 years old by August 1, 2020 are eligible to register for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Families will need to register for their home school. Please help spread the word to register now as we will be sending out a sign-up for families to schedule a time for a kindergarten screener in May. Visit our [MCCSC website](#) for additional information including [required paperwork](#).

## March Lifeline and Learner Profile

For the month of March, we will focus on the Lifeline of "Integrity" and the Learner Profile of "Risk-Takers."

- **Integrity:** We do the right thing, even when nobody is watching.
- **Risk-Takers:** We share our ideas when we work with others, and we try new strategies when we work on our own. We are courageous when facing challenges or change.

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.



## End of the 3rd Grading Period

The end of the third grading period is this Friday, March 6th. Report cards are scheduled to come home with your child on Friday, March 13th. With Spring Break being the following week, be sure to sign off on the report card envelope and place it back in your child's backpack so it can make it back to school on the 23rd.

## Leading Light Award

Congratulations to our ENL teachers as they were 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. 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.



## Yena: Back to Washington

C-O-R-O-L-L-A-R-Y. The winning word. Yena will travel to Washington DC in May to participate in the

Scripps National Spelling Bee for the second year in a row, representing University School, MCCSC, Bloomington, and the southern region of Indiana following her win at the IU Spelling Bee. Yena

was Speller #17 and won in round 17! Check out our Facebook or Twitter account for pictures and videos of her win.



## Pennies for Patients

Pennies for Patients is a campaign that our University K-Kids are currently running through March 13th. Pennies for Patients supports the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The mission of LLS is: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and melanoma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Your child should have brought home an information letter last week. You can donate via the box they brought home or you may donate online. Our school goal is \$5,000.



## GEMS Conference

MCCSC is hosting their third annual GEMS Conference on March 28th for girls in 5th and 6th grade. [Register using this link.](#) Registrations closes March 13th.



## Spring Forward!

This Sunday, don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour as we "spring forward." When you wake up, it will feel like 8:00 AM, but it will actually be 9:00 AM! This is especially important come Monday morning as we need everyone here at school on time!



## Virtual Camp

It's never too early to look ahead to what is coming around the bend. Summer Break is just 10 short weeks away! If you are looking for a way for your child to stay sharp on their school skills, you may want to consider our MCCSC Summer School Virtual Camp. This is completely free and you can do it from home, the park, or the beach! If you are interested, simply [click on this link to sign up](#) for this wonderful opportunity that is being provided by our corporation.

## Girls Summer Robotics Camp (Wonderlab)

Mrs. Hatfield, a teacher at Binford Elementary, is teaching summer camp at Wonderlab this summer and her focus will be on working with girls going into 4th-6th grade that are interested in exploring the 2020-2021 VexIQ Robotics Game. There are a total of 20 spots available for this camp, so spots will fill up quickly. Please note, University School currently only has 5th and 6th grade robotics teams. Participation in the camp does not guarantee a place on either of these teams. [Visit the Wonderlab website for additional information.](#)



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